

BERMUDA

HAMILTON (RATING) AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2016

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The Corporation of Hamilton, in exercise of the power conferred by sections 23 and 38 of the Municipalities Act 1923, with the approval of the minister responsible for municipalities and the Attorney-General, makes the following Ordinance:

Citation

1 This Ordinance, which amends the Hamilton (Rating) Ordinance 1972 (“the principal Ordinance”), may be cited as the Hamilton (Rating) Amendment Ordinance 2016.

Repeals and replaces paragraph 3

2 The principal Ordinance is amended by repealing paragraph 3 and substituting—

“Amount of Rates

3 (1) Subject to this Ordinance, an owner’s rate shall be charged, levied and collected in respect of every valuation unit within the municipal area of the City of Hamilton—

- (a) in the case of residential premises, in the amount specified in the second column of Schedule 2 in respect of any such portion of the annual rental value of the unit as falls within a corresponding band in the first column of that Schedule; and
- (b) in the case of business premises, in the amount of 5.2% of the annual rental value of the unit.

(2) Upon application by the owner a remission rate will apply to any valuation unit that is unoccupied for all or part during a rating period—

- (a) in the case of residential premises, in the amount of 30% of the rating charge for the unit; and
- (b) in the case of business premises, in the amount of 50% of the rating charge for the unit.”.

Amends paragraph 9

3 Paragraph 9 of the principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by inserting after sub-paragraph (1)(d)—

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“(da) by sending it by email addressed to that person (or, in the case of a body corporate, to an officer or employee of the body) at an email address provided by that person, in writing, to the Corporation; or”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (2), by deleting “or (d)” and substituting “(d) or (da)”.

Inserts Schedule 2

4 The principal Ordinance is amended by renaming the Schedule “Schedule 1” and, after that Schedule, inserting—

“SCHEDULE 2

(paragraph 3(1)(a))

RATES ON RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

ANNUAL RENTAL VALUE BAND	OWNER'S RATE	
1 (\$0 - \$25,000)	0.62%	
2 (\$25,001 - \$50,000)	1.24%	
3 (\$50,001 - \$75,000)	2.48%	
4 (\$75,000 +)	4.96%	”.

Effect

5 This Ordinance has effect in respect of the rate period commencing on 1 January 2016 and each subsequent rating period.

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Dated this 27th day of January 2016

Mayor / Secretary

Approved this 27th day of January 2016

Minister of Home Affairs

Approved this 1st day of February 2016

Attorney-General