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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 236B

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MADE UNDER SECTION 385(1), (2) AND (4) OF THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 1999 AND SECTION 236B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

The Mayor of London, acting on behalf of the Greater London Authority, hereby makes the following byelaws, which he considers are necessary for securing the proper management of Trafalgar Square, and the preservation of order and the prevention of abuses there.

1. Citation

These byelaws may be cited as the Trafalgar Square Byelaws 2012 ("the Byelaws").

2. Interpretation`

In the Byelaws-

"the Act" means the Greater London Authority Act 1999^a;

"the Authority" means the Greater London Authority;

"the Mayor" means the Mayor of London;

"the Square" means Trafalgar Square as defined in the Trafalgar Square Act 1844^b;

"amplified noise equipment" means any device that is designed or adapted for amplifying sound, including (but not limited to)-

(a) loudspeakers; and

(b) loudhailers;

"animal" means any animal or bird;

"authorised person" means a constable, or any person acting to enforce the Byelaws in accordance with an authorisation given by the Mayor under section 380 of the Act;

"the retention period" means the period of 28 days referred to in byelaw 7(2).

"sleeping equipment" means any sleeping bag, mattress or other similar item designed, or adapted, (solely or mainly) for the purpose of facilitating sleeping in a place.

^a 1999 c. 29.

^b 1844 c.60.

3. Acts prohibited within the Square

- (1) No person shall within the Square-
 - (a) do any act which pollutes or is likely to pollute water in any fountain or bathe in or otherwise enter any fountain or fountain bowl;
 - (b) fail to keep any animal of which he is in charge under control or on a lead;
 - (c) place any canoe, boat or inflatable object in any fountain or fountain bowl;
 - (d) use any kite, model aircraft, boat or any mechanically propelled or operated model;
 - (e) wash or dry any piece of clothing or fabric;
 - (f) fail to comply with a reasonable direction given by an authorised person to leave the Square;
 - (g) fail to remove any animal of which he is in charge from the Square after being required to do so by an authorised person;
 - (h) light a fire or barbeque, or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire;
 - (i) obstruct an authorised officer in performance of his duties.
- (2) An authorised person, a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service acting in the performance of his duty does not contravene Byelaw 3(1) by doing anything reasonably necessary for the performance of that duty.

4. Feeding of birds

- (1) No person other than a person acting at the direction of the Mayor shall within the Square—
 - (a) feed any bird (which shall include dropping or casting feeding stuff for birds); or
 - (b) distribute any feeding stuff for birds.
- (2) An authorised person, a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service acting in the performance of his duty does not contravene Byelaw 4(1) by doing anything reasonably necessary for the performance of that duty.

5. Acts within the Square for which written permission is required

- (1) Unless acting in accordance with permission given in writing by the Mayor, or any person authorised by the Mayor under section 380 of the Act to give such permission, no person shall within the Square-

- (a) attach any banner or article to, climb or interfere with any tree, plinth, plant box, seat, railing, fence, statue or other structure whether permanent or temporary;
- (b) interfere with any notice or sign;
- (c) exhibit any notice, advertisement or any other written or pictorial matter;
- (d) play or cause to be played a musical instrument;
- (e) operate any amplified noise equipment;
- (f) use any apparatus for the transmission, reception or reproduction of sound or speech, except apparatus designed and used as an aid to defective hearing, or apparatus used in a vehicle so as not to produce sound audible to a person outside that vehicle, or apparatus where the sound is received through headphones;
- (g) project any missile manually or by artificial means;
- (h) erect or keep erected –
 - (i) any tent, or
 - (ii) any other structure that is designed, or adapted, (solely or mainly) for the purpose of facilitating sleeping or staying in a place for any period;
- (i) use any tent or other such structure for the purpose of sleeping or staying in that area;
- (j) place or keep in place any sleeping equipment with a view to its use (whether or not by the person placing it or keeping it in place) for the purpose of sleeping overnight in that area;
- (k) use any sleeping equipment for the purpose of sleeping overnight in that area;
- (l) erect or cause to be erected any structure for the purpose of enclosing or restricting access to any part of the Square;
- (m) collect or solicit money or any other gift;
- (n) make or give a public speech or address;
- (o) organise or take part in any assembly, display, performance, representation, parade, procession, review or theatrical event;
- (p) take photographs or film or make any other recordings of visual images for the purpose of or in connection with a business, trade, profession or employment or any activity carried on by a person or body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate;
- (q) ride any animal on the Square;

- (r) interfere with, remove or displace any stone, paving slab or tree;
 - (s) cause or permit any animal or bird of which he is in charge to chase, worry or injure any animal or bird;
 - (t) engage in any organised form of sport or physical exercise which causes a disturbance to any other person using the square;
 - (u) unless in an emergency, cause any vehicle to wait, or leave any vehicle unattended;
 - (v) use any pedal cycle, roller skate, ice skate, scooter, roller blade, skate board or other foot-propelled device;
 - (w) tow or leave any caravan or trailer.
- (2) It is immaterial for the purposes of the acts within the Square for which written permission is required-
- (a) in the case of an activity within Byelaw 5(1)(h) and 5(1)(i) of keeping a tent or similar structure erected or using a tent or similar structure, whether the tent or structure was first erected before or after the coming into force of this Byelaw;
 - (b) in the case of an activity with Byelaw 5(1)(j) or 5(1)(k) of keeping in place any sleeping equipment or using any such equipment, whether the sleeping equipment was first placed before or after the coming into force of this Byelaw.

6. Trading

- (1) Unless acting in accordance with the terms of a written licence issued by the Mayor, or any person authorised by the Mayor under section 380 of the Act to issue such a licence, no person shall within the Square-
- (a) carry on any trade or business;
 - (b) sell or hire anything, or offer anything for sale or hire;
 - (c) expose or have in his possession anything for the purpose of sale or hire within the Square;
 - (d) use language which publicly intimates that any article, commodity, facility or service can be obtained within the Square or elsewhere.
- (2) Byelaw 6(1) is a trading byelaw for the purposes of section 385 of the Act.

7. Seizure

- (1) An authorised person may seize and retain anything of a non-perishable nature that is on the Square if it appears to that authorised person that an item is being, or has been, used in connection with the breach of Byelaws 5(1)(e),(h),(i),(j),(k) or 6(1).

- (2) An item seized under Byelaw 7(1) must be returned to the person from whom it was seized-
 - (a) no later than the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the item was seized, or
 - (b) if proceedings are commenced against the person for an offence under section 385 of the Act for breach of Byelaws 5(1)(e),(h),(i),(j),(k) or 6(1) before the return of the item under Byelaw 7(2)(a), at the conclusion of those proceedings.
- (3) If it is not possible to return an item under Byelaw 7(2) because the name or address of the person from whom it was seized is not known-
 - (a) the item may be returned to any person appearing to have rights in the property who has come forward to claim it, or
 - (b) if there is no such person, the item may be disposed of or destroyed at any time after the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which the item was seized.
- (4) Byelaw 7(2)(b) and 7(3) do not apply if a court makes an order under Byelaw 8(1) for the forfeiture of the item.
- (5) The references in Byelaw 7(1) to an item that is “on” the Square include references to an item that is in the possession of a person who is on the Square.

8. Court power of forfeiture

- (1) A court which convicts a person of an offence under section 385 of the Act for breach of Byelaw 5(1)(e),(h),(i),(j),(k) or 6(1) may make an order providing for the forfeiture of any item seized under Byelaw 7(1) that was used in the commission of the offence.
- (2) The power of the court to make an order under Byelaw 8(1) is in addition to the court’s power to impose a fine under section 385(3) of the Act.

9. Name and address

Where an authorised person has reasonable ground for belief that a person has contravened any one or more of the Byelaws, that person shall give on demand his name and address to that authorised person.

10. Coming into operation of the Byelaws and revocation of previous Byelaws

- (1) The Byelaws will come into operation on the date fixed by the confirming authority in accordance with the provisions of section 236(7) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- (2) When the Byelaws come into operation, the Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Byelaws 2000 (as amended by the Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Garden (Amendment No.1) Byelaws 2002) made by Mayor of London

and confirmed by Secretary of State on 12 September 2000, shall be revoked in so far as any of their provisions relate to the Square. This revocation is without prejudice to the validity of anything done under previous Byelaws or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the date of the coming into operation of the Byelaws.

The Common Seal of the Greater London Authority was affixed to the Byelaws this 25th day of January 2012.

The Common Seal of the }
Greater London Authority was }
hereunto affixed in the presence of:- }

Mayor of London **Boris Johnson**

The foregoing Byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on 30th March 2012 .

**Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State**

Name: John Penrose MP

Title: Minister for Tourism and Heritage

Date: 27th March 2012

Addem:

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 385 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 provides that:

“A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any byelaw under this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction-

- (a) If the byelaw is a trading byelaw, to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, or
- (b) In any other case, to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.”