

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL**  
**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982**

**BYELAWS**

for the

**REGULATION OF THE CLEANING OF COMMON PROPERTY**

By virtue and in terms of Section 92 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Inverclyde Council hereby make the following byelaws:-

**1. STAIRS**

- (a) The occupiers of every dwellinghouse or other premises having entrance by a common stair shall, in weekly rotation, beginning with the occupier first on the left hand side of any relative landing, cause the adjacent landing and the stair immediately below the said dwellinghouse or other premises to be kept clean by being washed at least once in each week and swept at least once on two separate days in each week.
- (b) If one or more dwellinghouse(s) or other premises on one floor or storey is or are unoccupied, the cleaning of the relative landing and stair shall devolve upon the remaining occupier or occupiers responsible for same. If all dwellinghouses or other premises of a floor or storey be unoccupied, the occupiers of the floors or storeys above shall, in weekly rotation, cause the landing and stairs below, leading to such empty floor or storey, to be kept clean and washed downwards to the next dwellinghouse or other premises which shall be occupied; and if the top floor or storey be unoccupied, then the stair and landing leading thereto shall be kept clean by the occupiers of the floor or storey below such top floor or storey.
- (c) All the sweepings arising or resulting from the above actions shall be deposited by the relative occupier in a refuse bin or other suitable container.

**2. BASEMENTS**

- (a) The occupiers of every dwellinghouse or other premises in a sunk or basement floor or storey shall, in weekly rotation, beginning with the occupier first on the left hand side of any relative sunk or basement floor or storey cause the common stair and passage from the floor or storey immediately above them to be kept clean by being washed at least once in each week and swept at least once on two separate days in each week and shall also, in weekly rotation, cleanse any common ground or passage and common ground leading to any area or backgreen.

- (b) If one or more dwellinghouse or other premises in a sunk or basement floor or storey is or are unoccupied, the cleaning of stair and passage shall devolve upon the remaining occupier or occupiers responsible for same. In the event of all the dwellinghouses or other premises in a sunk basement floor or storey being unoccupied, or, otherwise, if no person is bound as above to sweep and wash such stair, passage and area, then each occupier in the property shall, in weekly rotation, keep clean the said stair, passage and area by washing at least once in each week and sweeping at least once on two separate days in each week.
- (c) All sweepings arising or resulting from the above action shall be deposited by the relative occupier in a refuse bin or other suitable container.

### 3. CLOSURES

- (a) The occupiers of every dwellinghouse or other premises having entrance from a close or common passage shall, in weekly rotation, beginning with the occupier first on the left hand side of any relative close or passage, cause such close or passage to be kept clean by being washed at least once in each week and swept at least once on two separate days in each week.
- (b) The occupiers of any dwellinghouse or other premises entering from the front of the property or from the back thereof and who use the said close or passage, or who have the right to use it, shall, in weekly rotation, beginning with the occupier first on the left hand side of such subjects cause such close or passage to be kept clean by being washed at least once in each week and swept at least once on two separate days in each week.
- (c) In the event of no occupier having entrance to a dwellinghouse or other premises from such close or common passage, or, otherwise, if no person is bound as above to sweep and wash such close or passage, then each occupier in the property shall, in weekly rotation, keep clean the said close or common passage by washing at least once in each week and sweeping at least once on two separate days in each week.
- (d) All the sweepings arising or resulting from the above actions shall be deposited by the relative occupier in a refuse bin or other suitable container.

### 4. WATER CLOSETS

Every water closet which is used in common shall be cleaned daily and the compartment in which the closet is contained washed out at least twice a week by the occupiers who use the said water closet such cleansing and washing to be carried out in weekly rotation.

## 5. **PASSAGES AND PATHS**

- (a) All common passages and areas leading to cellars pertaining to dwellinghouse(s) or other premises shall be kept clean in weekly rotation by the occupiers of the dwellinghouse(s) or other premises having a right to use these passages and areas.
- (b) All common paths or other areas leading to dwellinghouses or other premises shall be kept clean in weekly rotation by the occupiers of the dwellinghouse(s) or other premises having the right to use the common paths or areas.
- (c) All sweepings arising or resulting from the above actions shall be deposited by the relative occupier in a refuse bin or other suitable container.

## 6. **OTHER AREAS**

- (a) All backgreens, basements, private courts or other similar areas shall be kept clean, in weekly rotation by those occupiers who use or have a right to use the said areas.
- (b) All sweepings or litter or other waste material arising or resulting from these actions shall be deposited by the relative occupier in a refuse bin or other suitable container.

## 7. **GENERAL**

Without prejudice to the forgoing provisions where any dwellinghouse or other premises in unoccupied, the cleaning of the appropriate common areas shall devolve upon the remaining occupier or occupiers responsible for the same. Occupiers temporarily absent shall make provision with respect to their turn in the weekly rotation.

## 8. **PENALTY**

Any person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes any of the forgoing byelaws shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

## 9. **COMMENCEMENT**

These byelaws shall come into operation on expiry of one calendar month from the date of the confirmation thereof in terms of Section 202 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

## 10. **INTERPRETATION**

"Common Property" means common stairs, passages, water closets, backgreens or basements or other similar areas or private courts.

Occupier in relation to common property means the occupier or occupiers of lands (including dwellinghouses) or premises having a right of access by, or a right in common to, the common property.

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"Unoccupied" shall not include periods of temporary absence of the occupier.

"Week" means the period between midnight on Saturday night and midnight on the succeeding Saturday night and "weekly" shall be construed accordingly.

"Kept clean" and "swept" mean respectively kept clean and swept to the satisfaction of the relevant officer specified in writing by The Inverclyde council from time to time or any person duly authorised by him or his successors in office to act on his behalf and the expressions "cleaned" and "swept" shall be construed accordingly.