

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE (No. 3) 1972

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No. 26 of 1972

An Ordinance to amend the *Local Government Ordinance* 1954 as amended to provide for the Temporary Closing of Roads

[Assented to 12 July, 1972]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Local Government Ordinance (No. 3) 1972*. Short title and citation

(2.) The *Local Government Ordinance* 1954 as amended is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as the *Local Government Ordinance* 1954-1972.

2. After section 313 of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:—

“313A.—(1.) The clerk of a Council may, in an emergency, temporarily close a road or part of a road vested in the Council against all vehicles and other traffic where— Temporary closing of roads

(a) the road or part of the road has become impassable by reason of damage or an obstruction;

(b) a dangerous situation has occurred on that road or part of the road; or

(c) by reason of the emergency, repairs, alterations or other road works are or are about to be carried out on that road or part of the road, or on an adjoining road or part of an adjoining road.

(2.) The clerk may so temporarily close a road or part of a road by causing fences or barriers to be erected on or across the road or part of the road and a notice indicating the temporary closing to be displayed in a conspicuous place on the road.

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(3.) Where a road is closed under this section the clerk shall, if practicable, cause a notice of the temporary closing to be published in a newspaper published and circulating in the municipality.

(4.) A person who, without the permission of the clerk, uses a road while it is closed under this section is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Fifty dollars.

(5.) A closure of a road under this section is lifted at the expiration of seven days unless the Council of the municipality approves the closure within that time.

(6.) The clerk shall lift a closure of a road under this section as soon as practicable after the cause for the closure has ceased to exist.

(7.) A road that has been closed under this section may not be again closed under this section because of the continued existence of the same cause for which it was first closed.

(8.) No closure under this section shall continue for a period in excess of twenty-one days.”
