

**TOWN COUNCILS ACT**  
**(CHAPTER 329A, SECTIONS 24 AND 49)**

**TOWN COUNCIL OF TAMPINES**  
**(COMMON PROPERTY AND OPEN SPACES) BY-LAWS**

**Citation**

1. These By-laws may be cited as the Town Council of Tampines (Common Property and Open Spaces) By-laws.

**Definitions**

2. (1) In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires –

“common property” and “open space” mean any common property and any open space, respectively, within the Town of Tampines;

“housing estate” means a housing estate of the Board within the Town of Tampines;

“park” means to bring a vehicle to a stationary position and cause it to remain for any purpose;

“parking place” has the same meaning as in the Parking Places Act (Cap. 214);

“sign” includes all signals, warning sign posts, direction posts, banners and advertisements;

“vehicle” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, intended or adapted for use on the road;

“bicycle” means a two-wheeled pedal cycle constructed or adapted for use as a means of conveyance;

“power-assisted bicycle” means a bicycle that is equipped with a motor and may be propelled by muscular power or by the motor with which it is equipped or by both and as defined and specified in the Road Traffic (Power Assisted Bicycles – Approval) Rules 2004.

“bicycle path” means a path specifically designated for the use of cyclist.

“footway” means any part of the common property or open space, except where it is part of any building and its surrounding apron, specifically designated to be used or intended to be used as a means of access.

(2) Nothing in these By-laws shall prohibit officers or employees of the Town Council or any person authorised by the Town Council from doing any act that is reasonably necessary or expedient in the enforcement of these By-laws.

### **Unlawful parking and usage of bicycles**

3. (1) No person shall –
- (a) park any vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle on any common property or in any open space except in a parking place or with the prior written permission of the Town Council;
  - (b) use, ride or drive on any common property or in any open space any vehicle other than a perambulator, a child’s toy vehicle used

solely by a child or a wheel-chair used solely for the conveyance of persons suffering from some physical defect or disability except with the prior written permission of the Town Council; or

(c) repair, paint, spray, test or service or cause or permit to be repaired, painted, sprayed, tested or serviced any vehicle on any common property or in any open space.

(2) Paragraph (1) (c) shall not apply to such repairs as may be reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be removed from the common property or open space.

(3) Usage of Bicycles –

(a) No bicycle shall be driven or ridden on the common property or open space except on bicycle paths and footways.

(b) No bicycle shall be ridden or propelled otherwise than in an orderly manner and with due regard for the safety of others.

(c) No person shall ride, propel or use a bicycle in such a manner that is likely to endanger the life of any person or is likely to cause injury or annoyance to any other person.

(d) The rider of a bicycle shall obey all notices, lines or signs exhibited regarding such usage.

(e) The rider of a bicycle shall give way to pedestrian on footways at all times.

- (f) No bicycle shall be ridden adjacent to another bicycle proceeding abreast in the same direction except when overtaking such other bicycle.
- (g) Every bicycle shall be ridden close to the left hand edge of the bicycle path or footways and in such manner as not to obstruct bicycles moving at a faster speed.
- (h) No bicycle shall be used to carry at one time more persons than the number for which it is designed.
- (i) No person shall be carried as a pillion passenger on a bicycle unless the bicycle is designed such as to be provided with a seat for a pillion passenger.
- (j) A child below the age of 12 years may be carried on a properly constructed seat or carrier affixed to a bicycle.
- (k) Every bicycle shall, during the hours of darkness, carry a lamp showing to the front a white light visible from a reasonable distance and carry a lamp or a red reflector showing to the rear a red light or a red reflector visible from a reasonable distance.
- (4) No power-assisted bicycles shall be driven or ridden on the common property or in any open space.

**Power to detain or remove vehicles or bicycles**

- 4. (1) Where a vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle is parked on any

common property or in any open space in contravention of any by-law, the secretary or an officer authorised by the Town Council may –

- (a) detain the vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle by any means and, if the vehicle or bicycle or power-assisted bicycle is detained, shall give notice in writing of the detention to the owner or person who had lawful possession of the vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle when it was detained that he may, on payment of the expenses incurred by the Town Council in respect of such detention, claim possession of the vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle within 7 days of such notice being served on him; and
  - (b) if such owner or person fails to claim possession of the vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle within the period specified in subparagraph (a), remove or cause the vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle to be removed to a place of reasonable safety.
- (2) Where any vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle is removed under paragraph (1) (b) to a place of reasonable safety, the secretary shall, with all reasonable despatch, give notice in writing of the removal to the owner or person who had lawful possession of the vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle when it was removed that he may, on payment of the expenses incurred by the Town Council in respect of such removal, claim possession of the vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle within 30 days of such removal.
- (3) Where the Town Council has detained or removed or caused the

detention or removal of any vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle to a place of reasonable safety under paragraph (1), the owner or person who had lawful possession of the vehicle, bicycle or power-assisted bicycle when it was detained or removed shall –

(a) in the case of detention, within the period specified in paragraph (1) (a); or

(b) in the case of removal, within the period specified in paragraph (2),

pay all expenses incurred by the Town Council in respect of such detention or removal, as the case may be.