

# Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 2011 asp 8

#### PART 2

#### DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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- (1) It is for the [F1First-tier Tribunal] to decide whether a property factor has failed to comply with a property factor enforcement order made by the [F2First-tier Tribunal].
- (2) Where the [F3First-tier Tribunal][F4decides] that a property factor has failed to comply with the property factor enforcement order, the [F3First-tier Tribunal] must serve notice of the failure on the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) The [F5First-tier Tribunal] may not decide that a property factor has failed to comply with a property factor enforcement order—
  - (a) unless the period within which the order requires any work to be executed has ended, or
  - (b) if the [F6First-tier Tribunal is] satisfied, on the submission of the property factor or otherwise—
    - (i) that the property factor is unable to comply with the order because of a lack of necessary rights (of access or otherwise) despite having taken reasonable steps for the purposes of acquiring those rights, or
    - (ii) that any action required by the order is likely to endanger any person.
- (4) Where the [F7First-tier Tribunal is] prevented by reason only of subsection (3)(b) from deciding that a property factor has failed to comply with a property factor enforcement order, the [F8First-tier Tribunal] must serve notice on the Scottish Ministers stating that [F9it considers] the property factor to be unable to comply with the property factor enforcement order.

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 Words in s. 23(1) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(a)(i) (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- Words in s. 23(1) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(a)(ii) (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- F3 Words in s. 23(2) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(b)(i) (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- F4 Word in s. 23(2) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(b)(ii) (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- Words in s. 23(3) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(c)(i) (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- Words in s. 23(3)(b) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(c)(ii) (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- F7 Words in s. 23(4) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(d)(i) (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- F8 Words in s. 23(4) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(d)(ii) (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- F9 Words in s. 23(4) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 11(d)(iii) (with sch. 1 para. 5)

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 23 in force at 1.10.2012, see s. 33(2)

## 24 Property factor enforcement order: offences

- (1) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a property factor enforcement order commits an offence.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a person has reasonable excuse for failing to comply with a property factor enforcement order if—
  - (a) the person is unable to comply with the order because of a lack of necessary rights (of access or otherwise) despite having taken reasonable steps for the purposes of acquiring those rights, or
  - (b) any action required by the order is likely to endanger any person.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not affect the generality of the defence of reasonable excuse.
- (4) A person cannot be guilty of an offence under subsection (1) unless the [F10First-tier Tribunal] which made the property factor enforcement order in question [F10 has] decided under section 23(1) that the property factor has failed to comply with it (but such a decision does not establish a presumption that the person has committed an offence under subsection (1)).

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(5) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

### **Textual Amendments**

**F10** Words in s. 24(4) substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/335), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 12 (with sch. 1 para. 5)

#### **Commencement Information**

I2 S. 24 in force at 1.10.2012, see s. 33(2)

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