



Public Health Act 1925

1925 CHAPTER 71 15 and 16 Geo 5

PART II

STREETS AND BUILDINGS

Street Bins, Drinking Fountains, Fire Alarms, &c.

13^{F1}

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 13 repealed by [Highways Act 1959 \(c. 25\)](#), [Sch. 25](#)

14 **Public drinking fountains, seats, &c. in streets.**

The local authority and any person with their consent and subject to such conditions as they may impose may, in proper and convenient situations in any street or public place, erect and maintain seats and drinking fountains for the use of the public and troughs for watering horses or cattle.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 S. 14 amended by [Trunk Roads Act 1936 \(1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6 c. 5\)](#), s. 3(2), [Sch. 3 Pt. III](#) and [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 28](#): modified by S.I. 1973/686, art. 3(1), [Sch. 3](#)
- C2 S. 14: functions of the Secretary of State for Transport as highway authority made exercisable by, or by employees of, such person (if any) as may be authorised in that behalf by the Secretary of State for Transport (25.7.1995) by S.I. 1995/1986, art. 2, [Sch. 3 para. 2](#)
- S. 14: functions of a local highway authority made exercisable by, or by employees of, such person as may be authorised in that behalf by the local highway authority whose function it is (23.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/2106, art. 2, [Sch. 3 para. 2](#)

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- C3** S. 14: functions made exercisable as specified (24.3.2009) by [The Contracting Out \(Highway Functions\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/721\)](#), arts. 1, 3, **Sch. 3 para. 2**
- C4** S. 14: functions made exercisable as specified (E.) (1.4.2015) by [The Delegation of Functions \(Strategic Highways Companies\) \(England\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/378\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3, **Sch. 3 para. 2**

15 ^{F2}

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 15 repealed by [Fire Brigades Act 1938 \(c. 72\)](#), **Sch. 3**

16 Main roads and premises of statutory undertakers.

(1) The powers conferred on the local authority by the foregoing sections of this Part of this Act shall not be exercised . . . ^{F3} so as to obstruct or render less convenient the access to or exit from any station or goods yard belonging to a railway company, or any premises belonging to other statutory undertakers and used for the purposes of their undertaking . . . ^{F4}

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Textual Amendments

F3 Words repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), **Sch. 30**

F4 Words repealed by [Highways Act 1959 \(c. 25\)](#), **Sch. 25**

F5 Ss. 16(2), 18(5), 19(3) repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), **Sch. 30**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 S. 16 extended by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c.29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16 para. 1(1)(i), Sch. 17 paras. 33, **35(1)**

Naming of Streets

17 Notice to urban authority before street is named.

- (1) Before any street is given a name, notice of the proposed name shall be sent to the urban authority by the person proposing to name the street.
- (2) The urban authority, within one month after the receipt of such notice, may, by notice in writing served on the person by whom notice of the proposed name of the street was sent, object to the proposed name.
- (3) It shall not be lawful to set up in any street an inscription of the name thereof—
 - (a) until the expiration of one month after notice of the proposed name has been sent to the urban authority under this section; and
 - (b) where the urban authority have objected to the proposed name, unless and until such objection has been withdrawn by the urban authority or overruled on appeal;

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and any person acting in contravention of this provision shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding [^{F6}level 1 on the standard scale] and to a daily penalty not exceeding [^{F7}£1].

- (4) Where the urban authority serve a notice of objection under this section, the person proposing to name the street may, within twenty-one days after the service of the notice, appeal against the objection to a petty sessional court.

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46
F7 Words substituted by virtue of [Decimal Currency Act 1969 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 10(1)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** Power to extend or exclude section 17 conferred by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 25](#)
C7 [S. 17](#) excluded (Greater London) by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#) Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 26

18 Alteration of name of street.

- (1) The urban authority by order may alter the name of any street, or part of a street, or may assign a name to any street, or part of a street, to which a name has not been given.
- (2) Not less than one month before making an order under this section, the urban authority shall cause notice of the intended order to be posted at each end of the street, or part of the street, or in some conspicuous position in the street or part affected.
- (3) Every such notice shall contain a statement that the intended order may be made by the urban authority on or at any time after the day named in the notice, and that an appeal will lie under this Act to a petty sessional court against the intended order at the instance of any person aggrieved.
- (4) Any person aggrieved by the intended order of the local authority may, within twenty-one days after the posting of the notice, appeal to a petty sessional court.

[^{F8}(4A) In its application in relation to a street, or part of a street, in England, this section applies as if, in subsection (1), the words “may alter the name of any street, or part of a street, or” were omitted.

See [section 81](#) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 for provision about altering street names in England.]

^{F9}(5)

Textual Amendments

- F8** [S. 18\(4A\)](#) inserted (31.1.2024) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(r), [Sch. 5 para. 2](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/92, reg. 2(p)
F9 [Ss. 16\(2\), 18\(5\), 19\(3\)](#) repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 30](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C8** Power to extend or exclude section 18 conferred by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 25](#)

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C9 S. 18 excluded (Greater London) by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#) Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 26; modified by [S.I. 1973/686, art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)

19 Indication of name of street.

- (1) The urban authority shall cause the name of every street to be painted, or otherwise marked, in a conspicuous position on any house, building or erection in or near the street, and shall from time to time alter or renew such inscription of the name of any street, if and when the name of the street is altered or the inscription becomes illegible.
- (2) If any person . . . ^{F10}, pulls down . . . ^{F10} any inscription of the name of a street which has lawfully been set up, or sets up in any street any name different from the name lawfully given to the street, or places or affixes any notice or advertisement within twelve inches of any name of a street marked on a house, building, or erection in pursuance of this section, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding [^{F11}level 1 on the standard scale] and to a daily penalty not exceeding [^{F12}£1].
- (3) ^{F13}

Textual Amendments

- F10** Words repealed by [Criminal Damage Act 1971 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)
- F11** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 46](#)
- F12** Words substituted by virtue of [Decimal Currency Act 1969 \(c. 19\)](#), [s. 10\(1\)](#)
- F13** [Ss. 16\(2\), 18\(5\), 19\(3\)](#) repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 30](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** Power to extend or exclude section 19 conferred by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 25](#)
- C11** [S. 19](#) excluded (Greater London) by [ibid](#); [Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 26](#); modified by [S.I. 1973/686, art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F14** [S. 20](#) repealed by [Public Health Act 1936 \(c. 49\)](#), [Sch. 3, Pt. IV](#)

21, 22. ^{F15}

Textual Amendments

- F15** [Ss. 21—25, 27—35](#) repealed by [Highways Act 1959 \(c. 25\)](#), [Sch. 25](#)

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Obstructions, &c. to Persons using Streets

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Textual Amendments

F16 Ss. 21—25, 27—35 repealed by [Highways Act 1959 \(c. 25\)](#), [Sch. 25](#)

26 Byelaws as to wires, &c. connected with wireless installations.

(1) The local authority may make byelaws for the prevention of danger or obstruction to persons using any street or public place from posts, wires, tubes, aerials or any other apparatus, in connection with or for the purposes of wireless telegraphy or telephony installations, stretched or placed, whether before or after the commencement of this section, on or over any premises and liable to fall on to any street or public place.

In this section the expression “public place” includes any public park or garden, and any ground to which the public have or are permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise.

(2) Nothing in any byelaws made under this section shall extend to any apparatus belonging to any statutory undertakers.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C12 S. 26 extended by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(1)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 2\(4\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 17 paras. 33, 35\(1\)](#)

C13 Function of confirming byelaws or regulations made under s. 26 now exercisable by Secretary of State: S.R. & O. 1946/1757, (Rev. XV, p. 112: 1946 I, p. 1012), art. 3(1), Sch.

C14 S. 26 excluded by [S.I. 1973/686, art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

27— F17
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Textual Amendments

F17 Ss. 21—25, 27—35 repealed by [Highways Act 1959 \(c. 25\)](#), [Sch. 25](#)

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