



Public Health Act 1925

1925 CHAPTER 71 15 and 16 Geo 5

PART II

STREETS AND BUILDINGS

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 - (b) where the urban authority have objected to the proposed name, unless and until such objection has been withdrawn by the urban authority or overruled on appeal;and any person acting in contravention of this provision shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding [^{F1}level 1 on the standard scale] and to a daily penalty not exceeding [^{F2}£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

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Decimal Currency Act 1969 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 10(1)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Power to extend or exclude section 17 conferred by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 25](#)
- C2 [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.
- [^{F3}(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.]

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Textual Amendments

- F3 [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)
- F4 [Ss. 16\(2\), 18\(5\), 19\(3\)](#) repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 30](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3 Power to extend or exclude section 18 conferred by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 25](#)
- C4 [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 . . . ^{F5}, pulls down . . . ^{F5} 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

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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 [^{F6}level 1 on the standard scale] and to a daily penalty not exceeding [^{F7}£1].

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Words repealed by Criminal Damage Act 1971 (c. 48), Sch. Pt. I
- 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)
- F8** Ss. 16(2), 18(5), 19(3) repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Sch. 30

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** Power to extend or exclude section 19 conferred by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 25
- C6** 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

- F9** S. 20 repealed by Public Health Act 1936 (c. 49), Sch. 3, Pt. IV

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Textual Amendments

- F10** Ss. 21—25, 27—35 repealed by Highways Act 1959 (c. 25), Sch. 25

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