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CHAPTER 174

CENSUS ORDINANCE

(Ordinances 8 of 1970 and 10 of 1990)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF A CENSUS IN
THE ISLANDS FROM TIME TO TIME AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

[18 September 1970]

Commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Census Ordinance.

Short title

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation

“census” in relation to a census order means the census to which
the census order relates;

“census date” means the date in respect to which the particulars
contained in the various forms and returns relate;

“census officer” shall include the Controller of Census, supervi-
sors and enumerators;

“form” means a form under this Ordinance and includes
Schedules;

“premises” includes any house or part of a house dwelling on
wheels, any land and any vessel or aircraft;

“regulations” means the regulations made under this Ordinance.

3. The Governor may by order published in the *Gazette*
direct that a census of the inhabitants of the Islands, or any part
thereof, be taken in the Islands on an appointed date, which date
shall not be less than thirty days from the date of the said order.
Such order is hereafter in this Ordinance referred to as a census
order.

Census order and
date for census

4. For the purpose of taking a census the Islands shall be
divided into such districts as the Governor shall determine in the
census order.

Division of
Islands into
districts

5. On the publication of the census order the Governor
may—

Appointment of
census officers
and preparation
of forms

(a) appoint a Controller of Census to make such
arrangements and do all such things as are neces-
sary for the taking and compilation of the census;

- (b) appoint supervisors, enumerators and other officers to assist the Controller of Census in the several districts into which the Islands may be divided;
- (c) cause to be prepared, printed and issued any forms and instructions as he may deem necessary for the proper carrying out of the census;
- (d) add to or alter such forms and instructions.

Remuneration and terms of service of census officers

6. The remuneration and other terms and conditions of service of census officers shall be such as the Governor shall determine.

Distribution of schedules to enumerators

7. The Controller of Census shall cause a sufficient number of forms to be supplied to each enumerator within the respective districts into which the Islands shall be divided to enable each enumerator to fulfil his duties properly and to cause every premises within his district to be properly enumerated.

Furnishing information required in forms, etc

8. Every person from whom particulars shall be required pursuant to this Ordinance or any regulations shall, to the best of his knowledge, supply in accordance with the instructions, if any, contained in or accompanying or having reference to any form or other document, the particulars specified in that form or other document.

Enumerators to collect information

9. Each enumerator shall visit every premises in, or, to his knowledge temporarily in, his district and shall complete or cause to be completed a form or forms supplied under the provisions of section 7.

Enumerators to have access

10. Where a census order has been published the occupier or person in charge of any premises shall allow any census officer such access to the premises as is reasonably necessary for the discharge of his duties in connection with the taking of the census.

Schedules to be transmitted to Controller of Census

11. Every enumerator shall without delay transmit via the supervisor of his district all the forms collected by him to the Controller of Census and shall sign a declaration to the effect that he has truly and faithfully performed the duties required of him under this Ordinance and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the particulars contained in the forms transmitted by him are correct.

Hospitals, prisons, etc

12. The superintendent, keeper or person in charge of every hospital, prison or other public institution in which inmates reside shall be bound so far as may be practicable to conform to such

instructions as shall be sent to him in pursuance of this Ordinance for obtaining the forms with respect to such inmates required by this Ordinance or the regulations.

13. The Controller of Census shall, subject to such instructions as he may receive from the Governor, examine or cause all forms to be carefully examined and shall satisfy himself how far the enumerators or other persons employed have duly performed the duties required of them in pursuance of this Ordinance or the regulations, and shall cause any inaccuracies which he shall discover in such forms to be corrected, so far as may be possible.

Controller of
Census to
examine forms

14. Census officers or other persons employed in the execution of this Ordinance may ask all such questions as shall be directed in any instructions to be prepared by the Controller of Census which shall be necessary for obtaining the information requested in the forms required by this Ordinance.

Authority to
census officers to
ask questions

15. Any person who, in connection with any census which has been ordered in pursuance of the provisions of this Ordinance—

General offences

- (a) refuses to give information as prescribed;
- (b) gives information which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true;
- (c) refuses, in contravention of the provisions of section 10 of this Ordinance to allow any census officer to have access to premises;
- (d) wilfully restricts, obstructs or hampers any census officer in the discharge of his duties; or
- (e) refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of any regulation,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall for each such offence be liable on conviction to a fine of \$2,500. (*Amended by Ord. 10 of 1990*)

16. Any Supervisor, enumerator or other census officer who, in connection with any census ordered to be taken in pursuance of the provisions of this Ordinance—

Offences by
census officers

- (a) without reasonable excuse, the burden of proof of which shall be upon him, refuses or neglects or fails to comply with any instructions given to him by the Controller of Census, whether or not such instructions come direct from the Controller of Census or via a Supervisor, enumerator or other census officer;

- (b) wilfully asks of any person any offensive or improper question;
- (c) knowingly makes any false return;
- (d) without authority destroys, does away with, secretes, defaces, injures or alters any forms or other documents relating to the census;
- (e) asks, receives or takes from any person any payment or reward other than his lawful remuneration; or
- (f) except in the course of his duty wilfully discloses any information which has come to his knowledge in his capacity as a census officer, shall be guilty of an offence and shall, for each such offence, be liable on conviction to a fine of \$2,500. (*Amended by Ord. 10 of 1990*)

Abstracts of
forms for
Governor

17. The Controller of Census shall cause the statistics and other particulars collected pursuant to this Ordinance to be compiled and tabulated and shall cause such statistics and particulars and abstracts thereof or extracts therefrom to be laid before the Governor as soon as possible after completion of the census.

Information as to
individuals not to
be divulged

18. (1) No report, summary or statistics or other publication under this Ordinance shall contain any of the particulars comprised in any individual return so arranged as to enable any person to identify any particulars so published as being particulars relating to any individual.

(2) Any person knowingly arranging or having knowingly arranged any particulars in contravention of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to a fine of \$2,500. (*Amended by Ord. 10 of 1990*)

Regulations

19. The Governor may, at any time, make regulations generally for more fully and effectually carrying into effect the objects of this Ordinance.

CENSUS ORDER

(Legal Notice 18 of 1990)

1. This Order may be cited as the Census Order 1990. Short title
2. A census of the inhabitants of the Islands shall be taken in the Islands on 31 May 1990. Census to be taken
3. For the purpose of taking the census referred to in paragraph 2, the Islands shall be divided into the Enumeration Districts set out in the Schedule. Division of Islands into Districts

SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 3)

ISLAND		ENUMERATION DISTRICT	
Grand Turk	01	Back Salina North	001
		Back Salina South	002
		Town	003
		Over Back	004
		West Road	005
Salt Cay	02	North	001
		South	002
South Caicos	03	North	001
		South	002
Middle Caicos	04	Conch Bar	001
		Bambarra	002
		Lorimers	003
North Caicos	05	Sandy Point	001
		Kew	002
		Whitby	003
		Bottle Creek	004
		Bottle Creek	005
Providenciales	06	Blue Hills	001
		The Bight	002
		Five Cays	003

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