

CITY OF LAGOS ACT, 1963



1963, No. V

AN ACT TO CONFER THE STATUS OF A CITY UPON THE TOWN OF LAGOS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

[1st October, 1963]

Commence-
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria
in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same
as follows :—

1.—(1) The town of Lagos as delimited in the Schedule to this
Act shall for all purposes be and be referred to as a city. Accordingly,
references in the Lagos Local Government Act, 1959 (in this Act
referred to as “the Act of 1959”)—

Town of
Lagos to
be a city.
Ordinances
of 1959
p. D199.

(a) to “town” and cognate expressions other than to the town
clerk, shall be read as references to “city”; and

(b) to “the Lagos Town Council” shall be read as references to
“the Lagos City Council” under which new name the Council shall
continue to be a body corporate.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt,—

(a) any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing imme-
diately before the coming into operation of this Act by or against the
town council may thereafter be continued or enforced by or against
the city council as it might have been against the town council if this
Act had not been passed;

(b) in any enactment referring to Lagos as a town or township,
the reference shall be construed as a reference to Lagos as a city save
where necessary otherwise to give effect to the application of any of
the Acts as applied with modifications in the Fifth Schedule to the
Act of 1959 ;

(c) in the application of the Dogs Act to the city of Lagos, the
provisions of that Act as published in the 1958 edition of the Laws
of the Federation and Lagos shall without modification have effect
instead of those in the Dogs Ordinance as applied in the Sixth
Schedule to the Act of 1959.

Cap. 55.

Cap. 52
(1948
Edition).

Existing
offices etc.,
to continue.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Act nothing herein shall be construed to affect adversely any office in existence under the Act of 1959, and any such office accordingly shall continue in being; and the respective terms of office of the president, chairman, traditional members and councillors and of persons appointed to any office shall have effect as if this Act had not been passed.

Vesting of
property in
the city
council.

3. Property of any description vested by any means in the Lagos Town Council shall, without further assurance than this section, vest in the Lagos City Council; and registration in any proper case may be effected without payment of any fee.

Short title,
etc., appli-
cation and
commence-
ment.

4.—(1) This Act may be cited as the City of Lagos Act, 1963, and this Act and the Act of 1959 may be cited together as the Lagos Local Government Acts, 1959 and 1963.

(2) This Act shall apply to the Federal territory and shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1963.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 1(1)

W.R.
Gazette 1953
p. B349.

Acts of 1961
No. 57.

The limits of Lagos referred to in section three of the Act of 1959 are as shown on a plan marked No. L.3002, signed by the Governor of the Western Region on the 6th day of December, 1949, and deposited in the office of the Director of Federal Surveys at Lagos and more particularly described in Order in Council No. 7 of 1953, made under the Lagos Local Government Law 1953 of the Western Region (which Law under the authority of section 55 of the Lagos Local Government (Amendment) Ordinance 1959 is now published and known as the Lagos Local Government Act, 1959).