

**[English translation of the Rangoon Corporation Ordinance.]**

**THE RANGOON CORPORATION ORDINANCE, 1942.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 1942**

**(19th SEPTEMBER 1942).**

**[ Amendment: 18.06.1989 ]**

AN ORDINANCE Providing for a Machinery of Civic Administration in Rangoon.

WHEREAS circumstances exist which render it necessary for the Myanmar Government to take action for the purpose of restoring the normal civic administration of the City of Rangoon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Prime Minister of the Government with the sanction of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Nippon Army in Myanmar promulgates the following Ordinance:-

1. (i) This Ordinance may be called “**The Rangoon Corporation Ordinance, 1942.**”

(ii) It shall come into force at once.

2. The Municipal Corporation of the City of Rangoon (hereinafter called the “Corporation”) shall be under the control of the Government.

3. The Government shall have revisory power over any act, decision or order of the Corporation; and the Corporation shall carry out such instructions or orders as may, from time to time, be issued to it by the Government.

4. There shall be a City Council whose functions shall be advisory. It shall consist of not more than twenty non-official members and not more than four official members chosen for their special or technical knowledge all of whom shall be appointed by the Government.

5. There shall be a Mayor as the Head of the Corporation who shall be appointed by the Prime Minister with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. He shall have such personal staff as may be approved by the Government. A sum of Rs. 6,000 (Rupees six thousand only) shall be allotted annually as the Mayor’s Sumptuary Allowance for the proper discharge of his social and public obligations.

6. The Mayor shall be responsible for the proper administration of the Corporation

7. There shall be a Chief Corporation Officer, a Secretary to the Corporation and an Assistant Secretary to the Corporation. The Chief Corporation Officer shall exercise administrative and executive functions.

8. Any dispute regarding the respective functions of the Mayor and the Chief Corporation Officer shall be referred to the Government whose decision shall be final.

9. The Government shall directly appoint all Heads of Departments and other officials of the Corporation whose functions are, in the opinion of the Government, of special public importance. The Government shall notify beforehand the posts which are considered to be of special public importance for the purpose of this section.

10. The Government shall appoint from among the members of the City Council an Appointment Committee of the Corporation which shall make recommendations for appointments in the Corporation other than those mentioned in section 9. The Mayor shall, ex-officio, be the Chairman of the Appointment Committee and the Chief Corporation Officer shall, ex-officio, be a member of the said Committee.
11. All appointments made by the Corporation shall be subject to confirmation by Government. The power to appoint includes the power to dismiss or suspend or inflict any lesser punishment.
12. The language of the Corporation shall be Myanmar.

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13. All Public Utility Services in the City of Rangoon, including markets, supply of electrical energy and passenger transport, shall, as far as practicable, be undertaken by the Corporation.
14. The Corporation shall, for the restoration of the normal civic life in Rangoon, take possession of all properties other than enemy properties within the City Area of Rangoon whose legal owners have evacuated Myanmar with the British Forces in the present Great East Asia War, and which thereby are, in the view of the Corporation, likely to be-
- (a) either a source of danger to the public of Rangoon, or
  - (b) detrimental to the interests of the City of Rangoon or of the Corporation.

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15. The Education Board of the Corporation shall advise the Government in all matters pertaining to Education within the Corporation Area.
16. The Corporation shall take over the management of all public properties and organizations situated in the City of Rangoon which the Government may, from time to time, transfer to it.
17. The Mayor shall, as far as practicable, preside over all Committee meetings.
18. The Corporation shall constitute as many Standing Committees and Departments as it shall deem necessary.
19. All monies belonging to the Corporation shall be forthwith paid into the Bank approved by the Government, and every payment shall be made upon a cheque signed by the Officers of the Corporation appointed for that purpose by the Government.
20. This Ordinance supersedes all provisions of the City of Rangoon Municipal Act, 1922 (Myanmar Act VI of 1922, as subsequently amended) in so far as they are inconsistent with or are repugnant to it.

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BA MAW,  
Prime Minister.

RANGOON, 19th September 1942.