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CHAPTER 73.**PROCESSIONS.**

An Ordinance to Regulate Processions in Public Streets or Roads. 9 of 1935.
6 of 1957.

[6TH JUNE, 1935.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Processions Ordinance, and shall apply to the Freetown Police District and to such other parts of the Colony and to such parts of the Protectorate as the Governor in Council may by Order declare. Short title
and
application.
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2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-
tion.
“ Commissioner of Police ” includes the principal officer of the Sierra Leone Police Force and any other person appointed by the Governor to give any permit or permission required to be given under this Ordinance. A notice of any such appointment shall be published in the *Gazette*.

* Not yet applied anywhere else.

Permits for processions.

3. (1) No person shall take part in any procession in any public street or road unless the Commissioner of Police shall have given a permit in writing therefor.

Conditions in permits.

(2) An application for a permit shall be made to the Commissioner of Police in writing and the Commissioner of Police shall have a discretion to grant or refuse such permit, and if he shall grant it, to prescribe the route which such procession shall take, the hours during which it shall move and to impose any conditions which he shall think fit to prevent the obstruction of traffic thereby.

Responsibility for observance of conditions.

(3) The permit shall be issued to the applicant by name, and the person so named shall be responsible for the due observance of all the conditions of the permit.

Cancellation of permit.

(4) The Commissioner of Police may at any time cancel or withdraw such permit.

Penalties.

(5) Any person who shall take part in any such procession, a permit for which has not been granted, or who shall take part in such procession, a permit for which has been granted, and shall contravene any of the provisions or conditions in such permit shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction thereof, to a fine not exceeding five pounds or to imprisonment, without hard labour, for a period not exceeding three months.

Exemptions.

(6) This section shall not apply to processions of the following nature—

- (1) Circumcision;
- (2) Funeral;
- (3) Marriage;
- (4) Scouts or Girl Guides;
- (5) Schools.

Provisions as to exempted processions.

4. (1) Every person taking part in any procession to which the provisions of the last preceding section do not apply shall keep to the left of the middle line of any road through which such procession shall pass and shall comply with any directions of the police in regard to the route which it shall follow.

Penalties.

(2) Any such person who shall contravene any of the provisions of the last preceding sub-section, or who shall in any way interfere with vehicular or foot traffic shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction thereof, to a fine not exceeding five pounds or to imprisonment, without hard labour, for a period not exceeding three months.

5. (1) The doing of any of the following things by any person taking part in a procession, except with the permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police, is hereby prohibited—

Prohibition
of certain
acts.

- (1) the carrying of a lighted torch;
- (2) the beating of any drum, the blowing of any horn, or the use of any musical or noisy instrument;
- (3) the carrying or bearing of weapons of offence.

(2) Any person who does any of the above acts contrary to the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction thereof, to a fine not exceeding forty shillings or to imprisonment, without hard labour, for a period not exceeding one month.

Penalties.

6. (1) The Governor in Council may from time to time by Order exempt from the operation of this Ordinance or any provisions thereof any general or particular class of persons subject to any terms or conditions which such Order may impose.

Power of
Governor in
Council to
exempt cer-
tain classes of
persons from
operation of
the
Ordinance.

(2) Any person to whom any such Order shall apply who fails or neglects to comply with any such terms or conditions or otherwise contravenes the terms of any such Order shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to the penalties provided in section 3 hereof.

Penalties.

7. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent a prosecution under any other Ordinance or law, but so that a person shall not be punished twice for the same offence.

Saving.