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**PLANNING AND SUBDIVISION (EXTENSION TO
THE FAMILY ISLANDS) ORDER, 2024**

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PLANNING AND SUBDIVISION ACT

(CH. 255)

PLANNING AND SUBDIVISION (EXTENSION TO THE FAMILY ISLANDS) ORDER, 2024

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(1) of the Planning and Subdivision Act (*Ch. 255*) (the “Act”) makes the following Order —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) This Order shall be cited as the Planning and Subdivision (Extension to the Family Islands) Order, 2024.
- (2) This Order shall come into operation on the 18th December , 2024.

2. Application of Act.

The Planning and Subdivision Act (*Ch. 255*) with the exception of sections 15-21 inclusive, shall extend to the Family Islands specified in the *Schedule*.

3. Powers of local committees.

- (1) Every town planning board appointed under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 2024 (*No. 59 of 2024*) shall have and exercise within the district for which it is appointed, all the powers and discharge all the responsibilities of the Town Planning Committee appointed under section 5 of the Planning and Subdivision Act (*Ch. 255*) to approve or refuse the erection of —
 - (a) any building or group of buildings having —
 - (i) a single storey;
 - (ii) the combined floor area does not exceed one thousand two hundred square feet; or
 - (iii) the combined floor area does not exceed three thousand square feet where there is a government engineering officer of or above the grade of a District Works Controller who has confirmed to the town planning board, that the combined floor area does not exceed three thousand square feet; and
 - (b) the building or group of buildings is not intended to be constructed for —
 - (i) any industrial purpose;

- (ii) use as a garage, service station, shop, club, bar-room or place of public entertainment; or
- (iii) any special use or purpose notified by the Minister to the town planning board as being a use or purpose requiring consideration by the Town Planning Committee under the Planning and Subdivision Act (*Ch. 255*).

4. Revocation of S.I. No. 59 of 2012.

The Planning and Subdivision (Extension to Family Islands) Order (S.I. 59 of 2012) is revoked.

5. Revocation of S.I. No. 73 of 1965.

The Town Planning (Extension to Out Islands) Order (*S.I. 73 of 1965*) is revoked.

SCHEDULE

(paragraph 2)

Abaco (including cays)

Grand Bahama and Cays (excluding the Port Area of Grand Bahama)

Sweeting's Cay

Biminis'

The Berry Islands

Eleuthera (including cays)

Spanish Wells,

Harbour Island,

Current Island,

Andros (including cays)

Exuma (including cays)

Cat Island

San Salvador

Long Island

Rum Cay
The Ragged Island Chain
Crooked Island and Long Cay
Acklins
Mayaguana
Inagua

Made this 18th day of December, 2024

Signed
CLAY SWEETING
MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR FAMILY ISLAND AFFAIRS