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THE PLACE-NAMES ORDINANCE 2020

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Enacted by the Commissioner,
Ben Merrick,
XX XXXX 2020

Ordinance No. 11 of 2020

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AN ORDINANCE to identify the official list of the names of places within the Territory and to provide for the status of names included in the list and for the modification of the list from time to time.

Citation and commencement.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Place-Names Ordinance 2020 and shall come into force on **XXXXXX**.

Interpretation.

2. (1) In this Ordinance –

“Gazetteer” means the gazetteer for the official list of place-names within the Territory;

“UK Antarctic Place-Names Committee” means the committee of that name established by the Government of the British Antarctic Territory.

(2) The “official list of place-names” –

(a) means the list described in section 3(1), and

(b) shall provide the only officially accepted and recognised name of any place in the Territory.

Establishment and modification of official list.

3. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the official list of place-names is the list established by the Gazetteer, including, in respect of each name so listed, the identification in the Gazetteer of the geographical position of the place so named.

(2) The Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, modify the official list of place-names in any one or more of the ways set out in subsection (3).

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the Commissioner may –

(a) add to the list the names of further places together with an identification of their respective geographical positions;

(b) delete from the list place-names previously included in it;

(c) amend or replace place-names included in the list;

(d) amend or replace the identification in the list of the respective geographical positions of places whose names are included in it.

(4) A modification made pursuant to subsection (3) may be expressed in any form which appears to the Commissioner to be expedient or convenient.

(5) In modifying the official list of place-names pursuant to subsection (3), the Commissioner may adopt any recommendation made to the Commissioner by the UK Antarctic Place-Names Committee.

Publication of
the Gazetteer.

4. (1) The Government of the British Antarctic Territory shall cause to be published the Gazetteer and update it to include any modifications made by the Commissioner pursuant to section 3(3).

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), “publish” may include provision of an electronic version of the Gazetteer on a website.
