

OBSERVANCE OF LAW ORDINANCE 1921-1958.*

An Ordinance relating to Observance of Law in the Northern Territory.

Short title.
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amended:
No. 17, 1938,
s. 4.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Observance of Law Ordinance 1921-1958*.*

Definitions.
Amended by
No. 1, 1930,
s. 2.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Chairman” means the person for the time being presiding over, or in charge of the conduct of the proceedings of, a public meeting;

“Officer of the Police Force” or “Officer of Police” means any member of the Police Force of North Australia.

Misbehaviour
at a public
meeting.
Amended by
N. 1, 1930,
s. 3.

3. Any person who, in, at, or near any place where a public meeting is being held—

(a) behaves in a riotous, disorderly, indecent, offensive, threatening or insulting manner;

(b) uses any threatening, abusive or insulting words;
or

(c) in any way whatsoever, except by lawful authority (proof whereof shall lie upon him) obstructs or interferes with any of the proceedings of the meeting or the Chairman in the conduct of the meeting,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Twenty pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

* The *Observance of Law Ordinance 1921-1958* comprises the *Observance of Law Ordinance 1921* as amended. Particulars of the Principal Ordinance and of the amending Ordinances are set out in the following table:—

Ordinance.	Number and Year.	Date notified in Commonwealth Gazette.	Date of Assent by Administrator.	Date of Commencement.
<i>Observance of Law Ordinance 1921</i>	No. 13, 1921	21st October, 1921	..	21st October, 1921
<i>Observance of Law Ordinance 1930</i>	No. 1, 1930	16th January, 1930	..	16th January, 1930
<i>Observance of Law Ordinance (No. 2) 1930</i>	No. 8, 1930	7th July, 1930	..	7th July, 1930
<i>Observance of Law Ordinance 1958</i>	No. 22, 1958	..	14th November, 1958	14th November, 1958

4.—(1.) Where in the opinion of the Chairman, any person, in, at, or near the place where a public meeting is being held— Powers of chairman of public meeting.

- (a) behaves in a riotous, disorderly, indecent, offensive, threatening or insulting manner;
- (b) uses any threatening, abusive, or insulting words; or
- (c) in any way whatever, except by lawful authority (proof whereof shall lie upon him) obstructs or interferes with any of the proceedings at the meeting or with the chairman in the conduct of the meeting,

the Chairman may verbally direct any officer of the Police Force, or the police generally, to remove the person from the place and the neighbourhood thereof.

(2.) Upon a direction being given under the last preceding sub-section, it shall be the duty of any officer of police to whom it is addressed or who is present at, in or near the place, to remove the person in accordance with the direction.

(3.) Any person who obstructs or interferes with any officer of police in the performance of his duty under this section, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Fifty pounds or imprisonment for six months.

5. Proceedings in respect of any offence under the last two preceding sections may be instituted by any person. Institution of proceedings.

*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Section 6 repealed by No. 8, 1930, s. 2.
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Section 7 repealed by N. 22, 1958, s. 2.
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Section 8 repealed by No. 22, 1958, s. 2.
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Section 9 repealed by No. 22, 1958, s. 2.
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Section 10 repealed by N. 22, 1958, s. 2.

Victimization
as to
employment
and delivery
of goods.

11. Any person who, by threats, intimidation, violence, force or any physical act, interferes with the right of any person—

- (a) to carry on his lawful occupation;
- (b) to obtain or accept or continue in employment; or
- (c) to obtain any goods or services or the delivery of any goods,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Fifty pounds or imprisonment for six months.