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Public Decency Regulations

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Translation of Saudi Laws



NOTE:

The translation of Saudi laws takes the following into consideration:

- Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
- Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
- Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
- The word “person” or “persons” and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them) refer to a natural and legal person.



Public Decency Regulations

Article 1

In these Regulations, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

1. **Regulations:** The Public Decency Regulations.
2. **Public Decency:** A set of behaviors and morals which reflect the values, principles, and identity of a society, and which are in line with the fundamental principles stated in the Basic Law of Governance.
3. **Public Place:** Any site which is accessible to the public, whether free of charge or for a fee, including marketplaces, shopping malls, hotels, restaurants, cafes, museums, theatres, cinemas, showrooms, exhibition halls, stadiums, arenas, clubs, medical and educational facilities, gardens, parks, beaches, roads, walkways, public transport, and the like.

Article 2

These Regulations shall apply to any person who visits a public place.

Article 3

A person who visits a public place must respect the culture, traditions, customs, and values prevalent in the Kingdom.

Article 4

No person shall appear in a public place wearing indecent clothing or clothing which bear images, shapes, signs, or phrases that violate public decency.

Article 5

No person shall write or draw, or carry out a similar act, on public property or the walls and components of a public place or on public transport, unless authorized by the relevant agency.

Article 6

No person shall verbally or physically offend, harm, intimidate, or endanger the visitors of a public place.

Article 7

The Minister of Interior shall, in coordination with the chairman of the board of directors of the General Authority for Tourism and National Heritage and other relevant agencies, determine the administrative agencies responsible for enforcing these Regulations and the appropriate methods for imposing penalties. The Minister of Interior may, in accordance with rules issued thereby, delegate the enforcement duties, or part thereof, to licensed private security companies.



Article 8

Subject to the violation classification table stipulated in Article 9 of these Regulations, a fine not exceeding five thousand riyals shall be imposed on any person who violates the provisions of these Regulations. The fine shall be doubled if the violation is repeated within one year from the date of committing the first violation.

Article 9

The Ministry of Interior shall, in coordination with the General Authority for Tourism and National Heritage and other relevant agencies, classify violations and determine their corresponding fines pursuant to a table issued by the Minister of Interior.

Article 10

These Regulations shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force 30 days following the date of publication.