## 2007 No. 2

## RATES

# The Rates (Payment by Owners by Agreement) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007

Made - -

8th January 2007

Coming into operation - 1st April 2007

*To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 7(3) of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland Act 2000* 

The Department of Finance and Personnel(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 22(4) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**b**):

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Rates (Payment by Owners by Agreement) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2007.

#### Amendment

**2.** In Article  $21(1)(\mathbf{c})$  of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (payment of rates by owners by agreement) for "10 per cent." there shall be substituted "15 per cent."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 8th January 2007



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<sup>(</sup>a) Formerly the Department of Finance; see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I.6) Article 3

<sup>(</sup>b) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28); Article 22(4) was inserted by Article 4 of the Local Government, Planning and Land (Northern Ireland Order (S.I. 1981/ 437 (N.I. 13)); see Article 2(2) of S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28) for the definition of "the Department"

<sup>(</sup>c) Article 21(1) was amended by Article 4 of the Rates (Amendment)(Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/3164 (N.I.22))

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

### (This note is not part of the Order)

Under Article 21(1) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 the owner of any hereditament the rent of which becomes payable or is collected at intervals shorter than quarterly may by agreement in writing with the Department of Finance and Personnel ("the Department") undertake to pay the rates chargeable in respect of the hereditament whether it is occupied or not. The Department may agree, where the owner so undertakes and pays over to the Department on or before the date or dates specified in the agreement the amounts payable by him thereunder, to make an allowance not exceeding 10 per cent. This Order increases the maximum amount of that allowance to 15 per cent.

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