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## VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR RATING PURPOSES (VALIDATION) ACT 2007

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Bharrat Jagdeo. President. 31st December, 2007.

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AN ACT to declare and validate the valuation of property in the City of Georgetown for rating purposes.

A.D. 2007

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Valuation of Property for Rating Purposes (Validation) Act 2007 and shall be deemed to have come in to force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1996.

Interpretation

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -
  - "City Council" means the municipal council in and for the City of Georgetown;

Order No. 39 of 1995. Cap. 28:04.

- (b) "Order" means the Valuation for Rating Purposes (Preparation of Valuation List) (City of Georgetown) Order 1996 made by the Minister under Section 4 of the Valuation for Rating Purposes Act and published in the Gazette on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1995;
- (c) "rate" means any rate which many be levied by the local authority pursuant to any law;
- (d) "valuation list" means the draft valuation list for the City of Georgetown prepared by the Chief Valuation Officer in pursuance of the Order and handed over to the City Council, Georgetown on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1996.

Declaration of rate of valuation of property. Cap. 28:04. 3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Valuation for Rating Purposes Act or any other law, order, agreement, deed, list or other instrument, it is declared that on and from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1997, the rate of valuation of property in the City of Georgetown for rating and all other purposes shall be and shall be deemed to have been the rates assessed and mentioned in the valuation list as if they were duly settled and published in accordance with law and the valuation list shall continue to be the valuation list until a new valuation list is prepared and settled in accordance with the provisions of the Valuation for Rating Purposes Act.

Cap. 28:04.

Validating provisions.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law, order, contract, deed or other instrument, anything done or any action taken or purported to have been done or taken by the City Council or any authority in levying or collecting rates for the City of Georgetown in accordance with the rates specified in the valuation list shall be and shall be deemed to have at all material times been as valid and effective for all purposes.

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- (2) All actions of the City Council in collecting the rates for the City of Georgetown on the strength of the valuation list are validated and declared to have been lawful.
- (3) Any part of the rates as has not yet been paid to the City Council in accordance with the valuation list is declared to be lawfully payable and capable of being collected as if it had always been lawfully payable.
- (4) All actions of the City Council in imposing additional charges on the rates remaining unpaid are validated and declared to have been lawful.
- (5) All moneys received by the City Council in payment of the rates and the additional charges are declared to have been lawfully receivable by the City Council.

Passed by the National Assembly on the 27th December, 2007.

S. E. Isaacs, Clerk of the National Assembly.

(BILL No. 29/2007)