

No.1 of 1967

A N O R D I N A N C E  
Relating to Police Offences.

(Assented to : 23rd February, 1967.)

Be it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Territory of Nauru, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Nauru Act 1965 as follows:..

POLICE OFFENCES ORDINANCE 1967

Short Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Police Offences Ordinance 1967.

Definitions.

2. In this Ordinance unless the contrary intention appears -

"Constable" means any Constable, Sergeant, Sub-Inspector, Inspector or the Director of Police of the Nauru Police Force;

"Public place" or "place of public resort" includes -

(a) every place to which free access is permitted to the public with the express or tacit consent of the owner or occupier;

(b) every place to which the public are admitted on payment of money, the test of the admission being the payment of the money only; and

(c) every road, street, footway, court, alley or thoroughfare which the public is allowed to use, notwithstanding that the road, street, footway, court, alley or thoroughfare may be formed on private property.

Provided that nothing in this definition shall be held to divest the owners of the property of their rights or property

therein, or of their power to resume the property for use, occupation or sale.

Being found drunk in a public place.

3. A person found drunk in or on any public place shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : Four dollars.

Being found drunk and disorderly in a public place.

4. A person found drunk and disorderly in or on any public place shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : Six dollars.

Fighting or riotous or indecent, etc., conduct.

5. Every person who is guilty -

(a) of any riotous, offensive, disorderly or indecent behaviour, or of fighting, or of using obscene language, in or within the hearing or view of any person in any road, street, thoroughfare, or public place; or

(b) of disturbing the public peace; or

(c) of any riotous, offensive, disorderly or indecent behaviour in any police station; or

(d) of offensive behaviour in or about a dwelling house, dressing-room, training-shed or clubhouse,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : Ten dollars or imprisonment one month.

Apprehension of offenders.

6.-(1.) Any constable may arrest without warrant any person whom he finds committing an offence under this Ordinance.

(2.) Where a person is arrested under this section he shall be brought before a magistrate as soon as practicable after he is so taken into custody and if it is not practicable to bring him before a magistrate within twenty-four

hours after his arrest he shall be discharged.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall affect any powers of arrest existing by virtue of the institutions, customs and usages of the Nauruan community.