

**ST HELENA****A BILL****FOR****AN ORDINANCE**

to amend the Burial Grounds Ordinance, 1895, to further regulate the use of disused burial grounds.

Enacted by the Governor of St Helena with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of St Helena.

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Burial Grounds (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.

Use of disused burial grounds

2. Section 9(2) of the Burial Grounds Ordinance, 1895, is amended by deleting the words “a Secretary of State” in paragraph (d) and substituting “the Governor in Council”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

Section 9 of the Burial Grounds Ordinance, 1895, makes provision for circumstances where a disused burial ground can be laid out, altered or embellished. Specific provision is made for the Council Committee to give directions where any disused burial ground, which has not been a churchyard, may be used for various purposes and includes any purpose which the Council Committee, with the approval of a Secretary of State, from time to time declares to be a public purpose. This provision is amended to provide that the Council Committee can declare this other purpose with the approval of the Governor in Council and that the Secretary of State approval is no longer required.