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Circular Letter PL 06/2023

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Re: Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 273 of 2023)

I have been asked by Mr. Kieran O'Donnell, T.D., Minister of State for Planning and Local Government to advise that he has signed the above set of Regulations which have immediate effect. A copy of the Regulations is attached for information.

These new Regulations amend provisions in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended (the Principal Regulations), relating to the licensing of outdoor events.

Amendment to Article 186(1A) of the Principal Regulations

The regulations amend article 186 (1A) of the Principal Regulations by the substitution of “24 month” for “12 month” and by the substitution of “24 months” for “12 months”.

By way of explanation, the regulations amend the period during which a pre-application consultation meeting on a proposed event under article 184 must take place, involving the local authority concerned, the person who intends to make an application for an



event licence and the prescribed bodies. The regulations extend the current 12 month period prior to a proposed event during which a pre-application consultation meeting on same is required to be held to 24 months. In the case of a licence application for a number of events at a venue in a period not exceeding one year, the period during which a pre-application consultation meeting is required to be held is extended from 12 months prior to the holding of the first event to 24 months prior to the holding of the first event. These changes are being made to take account of the longer time horizons and pre-planning that is now being required of event promoters seeking to bring some of the larger international acts to Ireland, particularly in the case of acts planning to embark on European and world tours, some of which are now being planned up to 2 years in advance.

Any queries in relation to this Circular letter should be emailed to planning@housing.gov.ie.

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Attachment for information:

Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 273 of 2023)