Ministry of Housing

Ministerial Decision

No. 104/2013

Determining the Fees of Changing the Use of Agricultural Lands to Other Uses

Pursuant to the Law of Lands issued by the Royal Decree No.5/80,

And, the system of government lands entitlement issued by Royal Decree No.81/84;

And, the system of Land Registry issued by Royal Decree No.2/98;

And, Ministerial Decision No.15/1999 determining titling prices, rental rates, and registration fees of governmental lands;

And, Ministerial Decision No.21/2000 determining the fees of changing the use of lands;

And, Ministerial Decision No. 5/2006 determining the fees of changing the use of agricultural lands and providing basic services;

And, the Executive Regulations of agriculture system issued by Ministerial Decision 41/2010;

And, the Ministers Council resolution issued at its Session No.21/2012 on 11/1433 A.H, corresponding to 31/07/2012 A.D determining the fees of changing the use of agricultural lands to other uses;

And, the Ministry of Finance approval in its letter (No. Finance- T 7176/M.T.D/6/3/2013) dated 1/7/2013 A.D;

And in Pursuance of the Public Interest;

The following has been decreed;

Article 1:

The fees of changing the use of agricultural lands to other uses in all governorates of the Sultanate shall be fixed to 500bz per square meter.

Article 2:

Fees for establishing an additional residential unit on agricultural lands or separating additional existing houses from agricultural lands in all governorates of the Sultanate shall be fixed to 100bz per square meter.

Article 3:

The fees for establishing a residential unit in, or modifying existing ones, separating the existing house from or establishing service facilities on agricultural land for the first time shall be exempted.

Article 4:

Application fees for changing the use of agricultural lands shall not be collected if they were already collected by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as per the regulations effective at the time of payment.

Article 5:

Fees referred to in this Decision shall be collected by the Ministry of Housing.

Article 6:

All that contradicts with this Decision, or inconsistent with its provisions shall be cancelled.

Article 7:

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be effective from the day following the date of its publication.

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