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(MEAT) ORDINANCE, 2006.

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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (KAMPALA CITY COUNCIL) (MEAT) ORDINANCE 2006.

(Under Sections 38, 40 and 41 and paragraphs 1 (i) and 26 of Part 3 of the Second Schedule of the Local Governments Act, Cap 243)

An Ordinance to provide for the licensing, control and regulation of slaughterhouses and butcher’s shops and for other connected matters.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kampala as follows:

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Local Governments (Kampala City Council) (Meat) Ordinance, 2006.

Citation and commencement

(2) This Ordinance shall come into force three months from the date of its publication.

2. (1) This Ordinance applies to slaughterhouses and butcher’s shops within the jurisdiction of the Council.

Application.

(2) From the commencement of this Ordinance, the Public Health (Meat) Rules shall cease to apply to Kampala City.

3. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

“Act” means the Local Governments Act;

“authorised officer” means a medical officer of health, a veterinary officer or any person appointed by the Council for the purposes of this Ordinance;

“authorised worker” means a person lawfully employed in a slaughter house;

“butcher’s shop” means any place where raw meat is sold;

“City” means Kampala City;

“Council” means the Kampala City Council;

“court” means a magistrate’s court

“currency point” has the meaning assigned to it in the Third Schedule;

“meat” means the carcass or any part of a slaughtered animal or bird and includes the organs and viscera of the animal or bird;

“slaughterhouse” means any place set apart and authorised by the Council for the slaughtering of animals and birds.

PART II—SLAUGHTERING OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS.

Animals or birds to be slaughtered in slaughterhouses.

4. (1) A person shall not slaughter any animal or bird intended for sale to the public or intended for public consumption, except in a licenced slaughterhouse.

(2) A person shall not, within the boundaries of the Council, slaughter an animal or bird in a slaughterhouse except with the permission of the Council.

Time of taking animals or birds for slaughter.

5. Every person having custody of an animal or bird intended for slaughter in a slaughterhouse shall deliver the animal or bird to a slaughterhouse or a place appointed by the Council for the slaughter of animals or bird not later than twelve hours prior to the slaughtering of the animal or bird.

6. The Council shall determine the fees payable for the slaughter of animals or birds in a slaughterhouse from time to time.

Slaughter fees.

7. An owner of a slaughterhouse shall not allow permit any animal or bird other than an animal or bird intended for slaughter in a slaughterhouse.

Animals or birds prohibited in slaughterhouse.

8. (1) An authorised officer may at any time examine an animal or bird intended for slaughter in a slaughterhouse and may forbid the slaughtering of the animal or bird if he or she is of the opinion that the animal or bird is diseased.

Examination of animals or birds and carcasses.

(2) An authorised officer may at any time detain any meat in a slaughterhouse for examination by a medical officer of health or a veterinary officer; and where the medical officer of health or veterinary officer is of the opinion that the meat is unfit for human consumption, the authorised officer may order the destruction of the meat.

(3) The owner of an animal, bird or carcass declared by the medical officer or veterinary officer to be unfit for human consumption shall not be compensated for the destruction of his or her animal, bird or carcass.

(4) A person who contravenes this paragraph commits an offence.

9. (1) The Council may approve and authorise the use of marks of inspection as evidence that the meat embossed with such marks is fit for human consumption.

Marking of meat.

(2) All meat that has been inspected and approved as meat fit for human consumption in a slaughterhouse shall be stamped with the mark referred to in subparagraph (1).

(3) Only an authorised officer shall apply the mark referred to in subparagraph (1) to meat.

(4) A person shall not remove any meat, which has not been marked from a slaughterhouse, except on the orders of an authorised officer.

(5) A person shall not, offer any meat for sale for human consumption, which has not been inspected and marked as provided for under this paragraph.

Animals
slaughtered
outside
Council's
jurisdiction.

10. (1) Any person who desires to bring any meat to a butcher's shop within the Council's area of jurisdiction shall obtain the prior written permission of the Council to do so.

(2) The Council or an authorised officer to whom an application is made under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may require such meat to be brought to a suitable place for examination or to be identified as having been examined at the time of slaughter by the marks, seals, brands or labels recognised by the Council as authentic.

(3) Any person found in possession of or conveying meat obtained outside the Council area of jurisdiction for the purpose of sale or public consumption, without the permission referred to in subparagraph (1), commits an offence.

(4) This paragraph shall not apply to meat lawfully imported into Uganda that has been slaughtered in a slaughterhouse recognised by the Council.

Appoint-
ment of
slaughter
persons.

11. The Council may appoint a person to slaughter animals or birds and may determine the terms and conditions of his or her appointment.

Entry into
slaughter-
house
prohibited.

12. A person shall not enter any slaughterhouse in the Council's area of jurisdiction without the permission of the Council except that an authorised worker shall be permitted to enter during working hours.

Fixing of
hours.

13. The Council may fix the hours for the slaughter of animals or birds.

14. (1) Any person who conveys or causes to be conveyed any meat in a vehicle shall—

- (a) first register with the Council as an authorised transporter of meat;
- (b) cause the inside and the covering of the vehicle, the receptacles for meat and any apparatus likely to come into contact with the meat used for loading and unloading, to be kept in a clean condition; and
- (c) not permit any person or any live animal, bird or any material or thing to be conveyed in the body of the vehicle together with the meat.

(2) An authorised transporter of meat, for public consumption, shall be approved by the Council and shall bear the recognised label of the Council known as the Kampala City Meat Transporter (KCMT).

(3) A person shall not convey any meat, intended for sale as food for human consumption, in any vehicle unless the Council has in writing approved the vehicle for that purpose.

(4) The Council may refuse to approve any vehicle which is not covered, and which has no proper provision for preventing the meat from getting contaminated.

(5) If the Council is of the opinion that any vehicle approved under sub paragraph (1) is not being maintained in a satisfactory condition, the Council may direct that the vehicle be discontinued from conveying meat.

(6) A person engaged in the handling or transportation of meat shall—

- (a) not permit any part of the meat to come into contact with the ground; and

(b) take all precautions necessary to prevent the exposure of meat to contamination.

(7) An employer of any person engaged in the handling or transporting of meat shall cause the person when handling or transporting meat, to wear a clean and washable head covering and an overall.

(8) Any authorised officer may at any time inspect any vehicle used for carrying meat to ascertain whether the provisions of this Ordinance are being complied with.

PART III—LICENCES AND PERMITS

Butcher's
shop to be
licenced

15. (1) No premises shall be used as a butcher's shop unless they are licenced by the Council in the form prescribed in the First Schedule to this Ordinance.

(2) A licence issued under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be annual and shall expire at the end of the financial year of the Council.

(3) A licence issued under this paragraph shall not be transferable.

Application
for a permit
and licence.

16. (1) An artisanal butcher shall apply for an urban agricultural permit under paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Local Governments (Kampala City Council) (Urban Agriculture) Ordinance.

(2) An application for a butcher's licence under this paragraph shall be made to the Council in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule to this Ordinance.

(3) The Council shall not issue a butcher's licence referred to in paragraph 15 unless the applicant produces a certificate from a medical officer of health stating that the premises in respect of which the licence is required meet the requirements under this Ordinance.

17. (1) A butcher's shop licenced under this Ordinance shall comply with the following requirements—

Require-
ments to be
fulfilled in a
butcher's
shop.

- (a) the construction, situation, lighting, ventilation, drainage, sanitary accommodation and state of repair of the premises shall be maintained in a good sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Council to prevent any contamination of the meat;
- (b) have a sufficient and accessible supply of clean and wholesome water on the premises and if so required by a medical officer of health, shall be boiled or otherwise sterilised and stored in a clean covered receptacle;
- (c) have adequate facilities for the sufficient supply of boiling water for the purposes of cleaning and any other purposes;
- (d) provide sufficient accommodation and facilities for employees to wash and clean themselves and their protective clothing;
- (e) contain sufficient portable receptacles of a size and shape approved by the Council, fitted with proper lids, in which all refuse and meat trimmings not intended for sale shall be placed;
- (f) ensure that no part of a butcher's shop is used, or is connected to a living or sleeping room;
- (g) that the premises have a dressing room or cupboard or similar facility for employees to store their overalls and head coverings in a clean and sanitary condition, which shall not be used for

any other purpose;

(h) have a fly proof repository of a size and design approved by the Council, for the storage of any meat not required for immediate sale which not be used for any other purpose; and

(i) that no cellar or basement is used for any other purpose apart from that of a butcher's shop.

(2) Where a butcher's shop sells meat of different animals or birds, the licensee of the butcher's shop shall ensure that there are facilities to adequately separate and clearly label the meat of the different animals or birds.

(3) The licensee of premises where meat is sold shall ensure that the premises are at a reasonable distance, as shall be determined by the Council, from a toilet, garbage refuse skips, an open drainage channel, hair dressing areas or other premises where other items other than meat are sold.

(4) A butcher who contravenes this paragraph commits an offence

(5) For the purposes of subparagraph (1) the words "sufficient" or "adequate" shall mean sufficient or adequate in the opinion of the Council.

Require-
ments to be
met by
licencee.

18. Every licensee of a butcher's shop shall—

(a) observe all due cleanliness to the satisfaction of the Council in regard to his or her premises and all articles, apparatus and utensils kept in the butcher's shop;

(b) cause the inside walls and ceiling of the butcher's shop to be surfaced to the satisfaction of the Council and to be treated with limewash or other suitable material approved by the Council and shall so resurface and treat the walls and ceilings

at such intervals as in the opinion of the Council may be necessary to maintain cleanliness and freedom from the risk of contamination of any meat kept in the butcher's shop;

- (c) not permit any gut scrapping, tripe cleaning or domestic washing to be carried out in his or her premises;
- (d) not suffer any refuse, filth or meat trimmings not intended for sale to be deposited or accumulated in his or her premises except in special receptacles provided for that purpose;
- (e) take all necessary precautions to guard against any meat kept in his or her premises being contaminated by flies;
- (f) ensure that meat is properly placed to prevent it from getting contaminated.

19. Every licensee of a butcher's shop shall, without delay, inform a medical officer of health of the occurrence or suspected occurrence of any infectious disease among any of his or her employees and shall comply with any directions which the medical officer of health shall give for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease.

Licensee to give information of infectious disease.

20. A licensee of a butcher's shop shall not permit any live animal or bird to be kept in his or her butcher's shop.

Live animals and birds prohibited.

21. A butcher's shop shall not be used for the carrying on of any other trade or process without the written approval of the Council.

Butcher's shop not to be used for other purposes.

22. (1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Ordinance commits an offence is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two currency points or to a term of

Offences and penalties.

imprisonment not exceeding two months or both.

(2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), the Court may in addition to or in substitution for any penalty that it may impose, revoke or suspend for such time as court may deem fit, any licence granted to such person under this Ordinance.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Paragraph 15(1)

The Republic of Uganda

BUTCHER’S LICENCE

(The Local Governments (Kampala City Council) (Meat) Ordinance, 2006)

Licence No.

Name of Licensee

Premises situate at are hereby licensed to operate as a butcher’s shop.

Date of issue

This licence expires on day of, 20...

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Town Clerk.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Paragraph 16(2)

The Republic of Uganda

APPLICATION FOR BUTCHER'S LICENCE

(The Local Governments (Kampala City Council) (Meat) Ordinance,
2006)

Date :

To: Town Clerk
Kampala City Council

I/We, the undersigned, hereby make application for a Butcher's
Licence for premises situated at

.....
Signature of Applicant.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Paragraphs 3 and 22

CURRENCY POINT

One currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand shillings

PASSED by the City Council of Kampala on 30th day of April, 2004

I HEREBY SIGNIFY my hand this 11th day of May, 2005.

Cross References

Local Governments Act, Cap. 243

Local Governments (Kampala City Council) (Urban Agriculture)
Ordinance, No. 5 of 2006.

Public Health (Meat) Rules, S.I. No. 281-18.

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