

Ashaiman Municipal Assembly (Herbalists) Bye-law, 2017

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Ashaiman Municipal Assembly by section 181 subsection 1 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936) this Bye –Law is hereby made:

License

1. A herbalist shall not practice within the area of authority of the ASHMA unless the herbalist first-
 - (a) Registers with the Ghana Psychic and Traditional Healers Association; and
 - (b) Obtains a license from ASHMA’s Medical Officer of Health and complies with conditions which the ASHMA has set under paragraph 3 below and any other conditions that may become necessary.

Duration of License

2. A license issued under this Bye- law shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year in which it was issued.

Sanitary Conditions of herbalist’s premises

3. A herbalist shall-
 - (a) Keep his premises and surroundings clean;
 - (b) Remove all filth from the premises from time to time and as often as may be necessary to maintain the premises in a state of cleanliness.
 - (c) Keep his stock under hygienic conditions;
 - (d) Take all reasonable precautions in cases of infectious and contagious diseases; and
 - (e) Refer cases beyond his competence to a hospital with reasonable dispatch.

Inspection of premises

4.
 - (a) An officer from the Environmental Health Unit of ASHMA duly authorised shall enter and inspect the sanitary conditions of a herbalist’s premises periodically.
 - (b) The said officer shall also make unannounced visits to the premises of the herbalist for purposes of enforcing paragraph 4 (a) of this Bye-law.
 - (c)The said officer may request the herbalist to produce the license issued by the ASHMA for inspection,
 - (d) The ASHMA may in a year, in conjunction with the Traditional Healers Association and the Foods and Drugs Authority organise seminars for the herbalist on the need to keep clean surroundings and better health practices.

Revocation

5. The ASHMA shall revoke the license of a herbalist under the following conditions;
 - a. Where a herbalist is convicted on two or more occasions of an offence involving dishonest or improper conduct as a herbalist, or
 - b. Where the herbalist repeatedly fails to keep and maintain good sanitary conditions in his premises.

Restoration

6. A herbalist whose license is revoked by virtue of paragraph 5 of this the Bye-law shall apply for a restoration of the license after satisfying conditions imposed by the ASHMA in accordance with advice from the Health Department of the ASHMA.

Penalty

7. (a) A person who breaches any of this Bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of between 100-250 penalty units or in default to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months or to both.
(b) For each day that the commission of the offence continues after notification of conviction, a further one penalty unit shall be imposed on the offender.

Application

8. This Bye-laws shall apply within the area of authority of the Assembly.

Title

9. This Bye-law may be cited as Ashaiman Municipal Assembly (Herbalists) Bye-law, 2017.

Revocation

10. Any (Herbalists) Bye-law in existence immediately before the coming into effect of this Bye-law is hereby revoked.

Made at a meeting of the Ashaiman Municipal Assembly held on the

SIGNED
Presiding Member
Ashaiman Municipal Assembly

SIGNED
Municipal Co-ordinating Director
and Secretary of ASHMA

Approved by the Regional Co-ordinating Council, Greater Accra on behalf of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

Regional Minister

**Regional Coordinating
Director**