
(CONTROL OF RESTAURANTS AND EATING-HOUSES) BYE-LAW, 2017

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), the following Bye-law is hereby made.

Title

I. This Bye-law may be cited as the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (Control of Restaurants and Eating-houses) Bye-law, 2017 and shall apply to the area of administration of the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (hereinafter called "the Assembly").

License

1. The owner or proprietor of any restaurant or eating-house shall obtain a license from the Assembly subject to such conditions as may be imposed.

Fees

2. There shall be paid, in respect of every license, such amount as specified by the Fee Fixing Resolution of the Assembly for any particular year.

Validity

3. Every license issued under this Bye-law shall be valid from the date of issue and shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year in which it is issued.

Renewal

4. Such license may be renewed for a period of six months or one year as the Assembly shall determine.

Separate Rooms to be Provided

6. Every restaurant or eating house shall be provided with:

1. a separate room which shall be used solely as a public eating room; and
2. a separate room which shall be used solely as a kitchen for cooking and provided for the preparation of food and liquid refreshments for use in the restaurant or eating house.

Requirements for Eating Room

7.(1) Any room used as a public eating room in any restaurant or eating-house shall be not less than 15 feet in

-length, 12 feet in width and 10 feet in height.

1. The floor of every public eating room shall be made of concrete or other impervious materials.
2. Every public eating room shall be provided with adequate lighting and ventilation and fly-proofed.

3. No living or sleeping room shall open directly into a public eating room.
4. In every public eating room, there shall be provided shelves or cupboards for the storage of plates and other utensils as well as suitable tables and chairs or benches.

Requirements for Kitchen

1. (1) Every kitchen in a restaurant or eating-house shall be of a type approved by the Assembly and in every such kitchen, suitable fly-proof storage for foodstuffs shall be provided together with one or more tables with nonabsorbent surface for the preparation and serving of food.
(2) In every such kitchen, an adequately covered receptacle for the disposal Of garbage shall be provided and maintained by the owner or proprietor.

Washing of Utensils

2. In every restaurant or eating-house, suitable arrangements shall be made by the owner or proprietor for the washing, with soap, of plates, bowls, cooking utensils, drinking cups and hand-towels.

Cleaning

10. Every restaurant or eating-house shall be kept clean at all times.

Certification by Medical Authority of. (1) Any person wishing to operate a restaurant or an eating-house, or anyone who is engaged in the preparation, handling, serving or otherwise deals with food prepared and served in any eating-house or restaurant shall first be certified to be free from any communicable disease by the appropriate medical authority.

- (2) Such certification shall be undertaken periodically as shall be directed by the appropriate medical authority.

Unfit Persons

12. No proprietor of a restaurant or eating-house shall allow any person suffering from any communicable disease to take part in the preparation or serving of food at the restaurant or eating-house.

Drainage

1. Suitable drainage of wastewater from the premises of a restaurant or eating-house shall be provided.

Nuisance

2. No animals or fowls or other items likely to cause a nuisance shall be kept on the compound of any restaurant or Eating-house.

Obstruction of Officer

1. No person shall obstruct or resist any officer or other person appointed by the Assembly who is acting or purporting to act in the performance of any duties relating to any of the provisions of this Bye-law in any restaurant or Eating house.

Revocation of License

2. The Assembly may withdraw any license issued under this Bye-law if any alteration is made to any premises subsequent to the grant of the license without the prior approval of the Assembly, or if the licensee flouts any of the conditions contained in the license or the provisions of this Bye-law, or for any other justifiable cause.

Offence and Penalty

3. A person who contravenes any provision of this Bye-law commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than 100 penalty units and not exceeding 250 penalty units, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both.

Interpretation

18. In this Bye-law, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Eating-house" or "Restaurant " means any premises where food is prepared or cooked or liquid refreshment is provided for sale to the public for consumption and includes drinking bars.

