

Section Twenty-five

Tema Metropolitan Assembly (Herbalists) Bye-Laws, 2017

IN exercise of the powers on the Tema Metropolitan Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936) hereby made this Bye-Law:

Title

1. This Bye-law may be cited as Tema Metropolitan Assembly (Herbalist) Bye-Laws, 2017.

License

2. A herbalist shall not practice within the area of authority of the Assembly unless the herbalist first-
 - (a) Registers with the Ghana Psychic and Traditional Healers Association; and
 - (b) Obtain a license from TMA's Medical Officer of Health and complies with conditions which the TMA has set under bye-law 3 below and any other conditions that may become necessary.

Duration of License

3. 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

4. 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

5.
 - (a) An officer from the Environmental Health Department of TMA duly authorised shall enter and inspect the sanitary conditions of an herbalist's premises periodically.
 - (b) The said officer shall also make unannounced visits to the premises of the herbalist for purposes of enforcing bye-law 4 (a) above,
 - (c) The said officer may request the herbalist to produce the license issued by the TMA for inspection,
 - (d) The TMA 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

6. The TMA 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

- 7. An herbalist whose license is revoked by virtue of the above bye-law shall apply for a restoration of the license after satisfying conditions imposed by the TMA in accordance with advice from the health department of the TMA

Penalty

- 8. (1) A person who breaches any of this Bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of not less than 120 penalty units or in default to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or both.
(2) 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

- 9. These Bye-laws shall apply within the area of authority of the TMA.

Revocation

- 10. Any Sanitation Bye-laws within the area of authority of the Assembly in existence immediately before the coming into force of these Bye-laws are hereby revoked

Made at a meeting of the Tema Metropolitan Assembly held on the

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*Presiding Member
Tema Metropolitan Assembly*

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*Metropolitan Co-ordinating Director
and Secretary of TMA*

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

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Regional Co-ordinating Director and Secretary to R.C.C.