

GA EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (PROFESSION, BUSINESS AND TRADE) BYE-LAW, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Ga East Municipal Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936) this Bye-law is hereby made.

License

1. (a) A person shall not carry on any profession, occupation, trade or business in or upon any premises or land in the Municipality unless the Assembly has issued a license in respect of such premises.
- (b) A license granted under this Bye-law shall expire on the 31st December of the year it was issued.
- (c) A person who starts a business, profession or trade later than January in a year shall pay a commensurate rate (prorate).
- (d) A license granted under this Bye-law shall be displayed in a conspicuous part of the premises or land, and is not transferable.
- (e) The Assembly may close down any business or suspend its activities until the license fee is paid.

Fee

2. There shall be charged for every license a fee to be prescribed by the Assembly by resolution.

Liability to pay property rate

3. Any license granted shall be without prejudice to the payment of property rate the owner of a rateable property of a permanent or temporary nature is required to pay under any Bye-law for the time being in force.

Powers of entry

4. (a) An Officer or other person duly authorized by the Assembly may at all reasonable times enter any building, premises or land in the Municipality for the purpose of carrying out any inspection, enquiry or any other duties authorized by the Assembly.
- (b) A person shall not obstruct or otherwise interfere with any officer or other person authorized by the Assembly in the performance of any duties assigned to him under this Bye-Law.

Revocation of license

5. The Assembly may revoke or withdraw any license granted under this Bye-law, if any alterations are made to any premises or buildings for which the license was granted.

Winding up

6. (a) If for any reason a company winds up its business activity or suspends its operations, the company shall inform the Assembly immediately about such closure or suspension.
- (b) A company that fails to comply with the preceding Bye-Law 6(a) shall continue to receive bills from the Assembly for its fees for Business license.

Failure to pay business license fee

7. A person who fails to pay the Business license fee at the prescribed time shall pay the outstanding fee with interest at the current bank rate with effect from the day of default up to and including the day of the final payment of the fee.

Offence and penalty

8. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bye-law commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than 100 penalty units or in default to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

Application

9. This Bye-law shall be applicable within the area of authority of the Assembly.

Title

10. This Bye-law may be cited as Ga East Municipal Assembly (Profession, Business and Trade) Bye-law, 2016.

Interpretation

11. In these Bye-laws unless the context otherwise requires –
 - “Assembly” means Ga East Municipal Assembly.
 - “Business” means an economic system in which goods and services are exchanged for one another or money, on the basis of their perceived worth.
 - “Trade” means commercial transaction involving the sale and purchase of goods, service or information.
 - “Profession” means occupation, practice or vocation requiring mastery of a complex set of knowledge and skills through formal education and or practical experience.

Revocation

12. Any Bye-law on Profession, Business and Trade in force immediately before the coming into force of this Bye-law is hereby revoked.

Made at a meeting of the Ga East Municipal Assembly held on the 24th April, 2017

SIGNED
HONOURABLE JESSE NII NOI ANUM

SIGNED
ALHAJISHEHU AWUDU KADIRI

*Presiding Member
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*Municipal Co-ordinating Director
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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.