

I. Kwahu East District Assembly (Entertainment Licence) Bye-Laws, 2020

1. Entertainment Licenses

- (1) A person shall not organise any form of entertainment within the jurisdiction of the Assembly without first obtaining a license for that purpose and on the payment of a fee as the Assembly may determine.
- (2) Despite sub-section (1) of this paragraph a fee shall not be required for
 - (i) An entertainment devoted to charity;
 - (ii) Free entertainment
- (3) A license issued under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall
 - (i) Not be transferable;
 - (ii) Be valid only for the day and or year in which it is issued.

2. Activities for which licenses shall be obtained

The Assembly shall issue a license for

- (a) Concerts, theatrical performances, video shows, cinemas, fairs, circuses, dances, discotheques and other entertainments to which money or reward is given; and
- (b) Billiards, horse racing, soccer and lawn tennis unless these activities are being devoted to charity or are organised for free.

3. Hours of operation

- (1) A license issued under these bye-laws shall permit an activity for which the license was issued to take place at the specified time on the license.
- (2) The Assembly may by a resolution grant an exception from the payment of fees as it may consider appropriate.

4. Right of entry

- (1) An officer of the Assembly duly authorized has the right of entry to any premises of entertainment for the purposes of inspection.
- (2) A person shall not obstruct or prevent any officer acting under subparagraph (1) of paragraph 4 of these bye-laws.

5. Power to revoke license

The Assembly may revoke an entertainment license if the licensee is convicted of an offence against any provision of these bye-laws.

6. Penalty

A person who contravenes any provision of these bye-laws commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten penalty units or to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months or both.

25. Kwahu East District Assembly (Abatement of Noise) Bye-Laws, 2020

1. Place for sale of Records and other recorded items.

A person shall not use any place for the sale of records or other recorded items unless the place has been inspected, approved and licensed by the Assembly.

2. Application for Licence

- (1) An application for a license shall be made in writing to the Assembly.
- (2) A license may be issued subject to conditions as may be prescribed by the Assembly.

3. Duration of validity of license

- (1) A license issued under paragraph 2 shall be an annual one and be effective from the date on which it is issued.
- (2) The license so issued shall expire on the 31st of December of the year in which it is issued.

4. Withdrawal of license

- (1) The Assembly may withdraw a license issued under these bye-laws where the owner of the premises
 - (a) Makes an unauthorized alteration to any sound-proof design for listening; or
 - (b) Is convicted of an offence under these bye-laws or any existing bye-laws or laws still in force.

- (2) A person shall not make noise within the jurisdiction of the Assembly beyond
- (a) 55 dB in residential areas between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm, and 45 dB between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am,
 - (b) 35 dB in Educational and Health institutions and facilities, between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm, and 30 dB between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am,
 - (c) 55 dB in commercial areas or light industrial areas, between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm, and 48 dB between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am;
 - (d) 55 dB In industrial areas, place of entertainment or public Assembly and place of worship like churches and mosques, between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm, and 50 dB between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am,
 - (e) 65 dB in predominantly commercial areas, between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm, and 60 dB between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am,
 - (g) 70 dB in predominantly heavy industrial areas, between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm, and 65 dB between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.

5. Music played in entertainment Centres

- (1) A proprietor or person in charge of a night club, restaurant or drinking bar or other place of refreshment or entertainment, church or worship centre shall not play music at the place so as to cause a nuisance to the public or residents in the area.
- (2) Any music played in any place must be heard only within the confines of that place and within permissible noise level.

6. Music that can be played up to midnight

A person may play music at a reasonable pitch up to midnight when

- (a) A wake is being kept; or
- (b) A party or a public function permitted by the Assembly is being organized.

7. Religious institutions

- (1) A person conducting a religious service shall not play or cause to be played music beyond the recommended pitch in regulation 4 (2) and 7.

- (2) A person may play music in an institution or in an entertainment hall or make an address through a public address system so as to be heard only within the confines of the institution or entertainment hall within the permissible noise level.
- (3) A person conducting a religious service where music is to be played before 6 am or after 12.00 pm shall seek permission from the Assembly in writing.

8. Community Information Centres

- (1) A proprietor or person in charge of a Community Information Centre shall not play music or advertisement of any kind so as to cause nuisance to the public or residents in the area.
- (2) A proprietor or person in charge of a Community Information Centre shall operate between the hours of 5:30 to 7:00 in the morning and 7:00 to 8:00 in the evening.
- (3) A proprietor or person in charge of a Community Information Centre shall strictly limit his/her operations to only their core activity of making announcements
- (4) There shall be no partisan political discussions or campaigns at information centres.
- (5) There shall be no talk shows or social discussions at information centres.
- (6) There shall be no religious preaching or discussions at information centres.
- (7) The volume of the amplifier shall be limited to the appropriate noise level as indicated in article 4 (2) of this bylaws.
- (8) Crime related announcement from an information centre shall be backed by a police extract form.
- (9) Announcements on the sale of drugs or medicine of any kind shall be backed by a certificate from Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) in respect of the particular drug or medicine.
- (10) There shall be no linkage of community information centres to radio or Frequency Modulation (FM) studios/stations.

9. Penalty

- (1) A person who contravenes any provision of these bye-laws commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than twenty-five penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months or both.
- (2) In the case of a continuing offence, the offender is liable to forfeiting his/her permit from the Assembly.