22. Kwahu East District Assembly (Public Markets) Bye-Laws, 2020

1. Hours of operation

A market shall be opened to the public every day of the week from 5 O'clock in the morning to 7 O'clock in the evening.

2. Tenancy agreement with Assembly

The Assembly shall enter into a Tenancy Agreement with all successful applicants for a store in a market.

3. Allotment of stalls, spaces and stores

- (1) A stall, store or space shall be allotted to for sale of items or articles as the Assembly may from time to time direct.
- (2) Applications for the use of a stall, store or space shall be made to the Assembly.
- (3) The period of allotment shall as a rule, be on terms and conditions as the Assembly may determine.
- (4) The grant of a store, stall or space shall be made by the Assembly.

4. Discontinuance of occupancy

Where the rent of any store in a market is payable monthly the occupier of that store shall give notice of his intention to discontinue its use at least one month before the last day of the month for which rent has been paid, otherwise he shall be liable for rent for the succeeding month.

5. Notice of intention to discontinue

Where the rent of a stall in a market is payable quarterly, the occupier of that stall or store shall give notice of his intention to discontinue the use of the store or stall at least one month before the last day of the month, in addition to the period of the occupancy.

6. Rent

The rent for a stall in the markets shall be as specified by a Rent resolution of the Assembly which shall be published annually.

7. Payment in advance

Rent shall be paid in advance and where the rent is payable monthly or quarterly any part of the month or quarter shall count as entire month or quarter.

8. Receipt of rent paid

Whenever rent is paid an official receipt shall be issued in respect of the period for which it is paid.

9. Liability for ejection

- (1) The failure to produce a receipt on demand shall render the occupier liable for ejection from the stall.
- (2) The period for which rent has been paid shall run from and include the day of allotment and shall expire on the last day of the period for which rent has been paid.

10. Assembly under no liability for loss or damage

The Assembly shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the property of an occupier of a store or stall under any circumstance.

11. Insurance policy

Tenants at the markets shall take an insurance policy against fire, theft, burglary or other unforeseeable contingencies.

12. Sub-letting stores without consent

An occupier of a store or stall, in a market shall not sublet or share it, except with the written consent of the Assembly.

13. Sale restricted to allotted store etc.

- (1) A person shall not sell at any place in a market other than the store, space or stall allotted to that person.
- (2) A person shall not sell or purchase goods or stock goods at an unauthorized place near an established Market.

14. Only specified articles to be sold

An occupier of a store/stall, in a market shall not sell or expose for sale any goods other than those permitted to be sold at that area.

15. Cleaning of stores

- (1) An occupier of a store or stall, in a market shall be responsible for the cleanliness of it at all times.
- (2) Before leaving the market at the close of the day each occupier shall thoroughly clean the store or stall and its surroundings and the refuse placed in dustbins provided for the purpose.
- (3) Stains from oil, fat or other articles shall be thoroughly washed away by the occupier.

16. Articles of food to be raised from the ground

An occupier of a store or stall in a market shall not expose for sale bread, fish, prepared grain food or any other articles of food unless the items are placed on a table or on a support raised at least half a metre from the ground.

17. Food to be protected

An item which is likely to be used for human consumption in the state in which it is exposed for sale, shall be adequately protected from dust, flies or other insects.

18. Obstruction of access ways

A seller shall not sell or place any box, basket or other containers in any access way or avenue at a market.

19. Prohibited persons

The Assembly shall refuse a right of entry into a market to any person who has previously been guilty of misconduct in or around the market.

20. Designated areas for sale of goods in the market

A person shall not sell any article, animals or any other goods in any place in the market

unless the place has been designated by the Assembly for that purpose.

21. Children

A person in charge of a child in a market shall be responsible for the cleanliness and orderly conduct of the child and shall at the request of any authorized officer of the Assembly remove any nuisance the child may create.

22. No admittance of public at night

Only scheduled officers of the Assembly shall on any occasion be in the market at hours other than the stated times in paragraph 1 of these bye-laws.

23. Orders

- (1) A person using a market shall obey all reasonable directions, instructions and requests of the officers of the Assembly given for the preservation of cleanliness, order and regularity in the market or for facilitating the dispatch of business in the market.
- (2) The Assembly may suspend for such period as it may decide and determine the tenancy of any seller who willfully disobeys any of the provisions of these bye-laws.

24. Categorization of market

Markets in the Districtity shall be divided into categories and assigned facilities as the Assembly may determine.

25. Penalty

A person who contravenes these bye-laws commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than thirty penalty units or in default to a term of three months imprisonment or both