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Kwahu West Municipal Assembly (Use of Classroom by Religious Bodies) Bye-laws, 2018

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Kwahu West Municipal Assembly by section 181 (1) of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), these Bye-laws are hereby made.

1. Permit

No person, group of persons or any religious body shall use a classroom for the observance or celebration of a religious function within the area of administration of the Kwahu West Municipality unless approval from the Assembly has been obtained.

2. Period for Operation

- (1) A religious body which has been given approval by these Bye-laws to use a classroom shall benefit from such approval only for the period specified and under the condition as shall be determined by the Assembly.
 - (2) The conditions shall be as follows:-
- (a) The churches/bodies applying for school sites should be well established and shall be bodies interested in providing facilities for the enhancement of educational facilities in an area of administration of the Assembly.
- (b) They shall be financially sound and capable to undertake building projects for schools in accordance with specifications as the Assembly may direct.
- (c) They shall pay a fee stipulated per month to the Assembly in accordance with the fee fixing resolution of the Assembly.

3. Assembly's Contribution

- (1) The Assembly shall contribute workmen and technical advice when the need arises as a complement to the effort for the Churches/Body where the church or body has enough funds and has satisfied the conditions and in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph (3) of this Bye-law.
- (1) Bodies/Churches shall co-operate with the local communities so that the school shall become community school when created.

4. Site for New School

Private schools to be established shall not be sited near existing Assembly schools or other public schools in order that enrolment shall be maximized.

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5. Provision of Furniture

- (1) The Church/Body may provide furniture for newly established schools initiated by them.
- (2) The school so built shall be in the public system under the Assembly's education unit.
- (3) The Church/Body shall be represented on the school committee which shall be formed to run the school.
- (4) An agreement shall be executed between the church/body and the ASSEMBLY and vesting the property in the later.

6. Inspection of Premises

An officer duly authorized by the Assembly to conduct inspection may enter and inspect the conditions of the premises and may request any person/group of persons, church/religious body to produce its license for inspection as required by paragraph (1) of these Bye-laws.

7. Offence

A person or group of persons, church/religious body contravening any of the provisions for these Bye-laws commit an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 15 penalty units or in default to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

9. Interpretation

In these Bye-laws unless the context otherwise requires

"Classroom" means public schools including basic and second cycle schools other than private schools