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Kwahu West Municipal Assembly (Abatement of Noise) Bye-law, 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. Place for sale of Records

No place within the area of authority of the Kwahu West Municipal Assembly (hereafter referred to as "the Assembly") shall be used for the sale of gramophone recorded music unless the place has been inspected, approved and licensed by the Assembly.

2. License

(1) An application for a license under these Bye- laws shall be made in writing to the Assembly.

(2) A license may be issued subject to such conditions as the Assembly may prescribe.

(3) A license shall be an annual license and shall take effect from the day on which it is issued and shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year in which it is issued.

3. Withdrawal of License

The Assembly may withdraw a license issued under these Bye-laws where the owner of the premises"

(a) After the issue of the license makes an unauthorized alteration to any sound-proofed room designed for listening or

(b) Is convicted of any offence under these Bye-laws.

4. In any premises used for the sale of gramophone records of other recorded music there shall be provided for listening a separate and sound -proofed room quipped with such instruments and gadgets as to eliminate any loud noise or nuisance to the public.

5. Nuisance in public, restaurants, etc

(1) No person shall or cause to be played recorded music in public for the purpose of advertisement in such a manner as to cause annoyance, disturbance, or nuisance to the public.

(2) Where recorded music is provided in a night club, restaurants, drinking bar, hotel or other places of refreshment or entertainment, the music shall be so provided as to be heard only within the confines of the place.

6. Music at Religious Service or Institution

(1) No person conducting religious service shall play any music or allow any music to be played at the services so loudly as to cause annoyance, disturbance or nuisance to residents in the area.

(2) Where music is played in a religious institution, the music shall be so provided as to be heard only within the confines of the institution.

(3) No person conducting a religious service shall without permission in writing from the Assembly play any music or allow any music to be played at the service before 6.00 a.m. or after 6.00 p.m. on any day except the days

specified in the schedule to these Bye-laws.

7. Any person who contravenes any of these Bye-laws or any condition attached to a license here under shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 50 penalty units or in default of payment of the fine to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months.

8. These Bye-law shall apply within the area of authority of the Assembly.

SCHEDULE

i. Good Friday
ii. Holy Saturday
iii. Easter Sunday
iv. Christmas Eve
v. Christmas Day
vi. New Year's Eve
vii. New Year's Day
viii. Local Festival Day