

TITLE 34: (SLAUGHTER HOUSE) BY-LAWS 2017

In exercise of the power conferred on the Offinso Municipal Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act 936 of 2016, the following By-laws are hereby made.

1. *Citation*

These By-laws may be cited as the Offinso Municipal Assembly (Slaughter house) By-laws of 2017.

2. *Livestock passing through any village*

(a) All Bovine, sheep/goats, and donkeys (hereinafter referred to as livestock) being driven on a route passing through or near any of the towns or villages named within the area of authority of the Assembly, which are at nightfall or near any such town or village shall be confined during the night in a kraal by the Assembly for the purpose.

(b) No person shall be allowed to site kraal within the town or among group of people.

(c) The person in charge of any cattle so confined shall pay for the use of kraal to the person appointed by the Assembly to receive the same fees per cattle per day/night as fixed by the resolution of the Assembly.

(d) While in the kraal the owner or the person in charge of the animal shall be responsible for its security, proper care, feeding and watering provided that the slaughter house may arrange for feeding of animals, while in the kraal and recover the expenses from the owner.

3. *Penalty*

Any driver or other person who alone or with others, in-charge of such cattle and fails to ensure that the cattle are so confined shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine between **100-250 penalty units** payable to Offinso Municipal Assembly or in default of payment to imprisonment for not less than twelve (12) months or both.

4. *Animals for human consumption*

(a) All bovine, sheep/goats, and donkeys (hereinafter referred to as livestock) meant for human consumption must be sent to abattoir or slaughter house or slab set aside in towns or villages named

within the area of authority of the Assembly for inspection by the Environmental health officer and Veterinary officer in charge before they are slaughtered for the purpose.

(b) No person shall be allowed to site an abattoir or slaughter house or slab, or slaughter bovine, sheep/goats, and donkeys (hereinafter referred to as livestock) within towns or villages named within the area of authority of the Assembly without the proper authorization of the Assembly on the advice of the Municipal Environmental Health Officer.

(c) Every slaughter house shall pay a fee to be fixed by a special resolution of the Assembly for the issuance of a permit to operate a slaughter house,

(d) The OMA before issuing the permit shall be guided by the expert advice from the Veterinary Officer and the Environmental Health Officer of the OMA.

5. *Operation manual*

(a) The Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers shall fix at conspicuous place in the slaughter house a notice showing: -

(i) The hours of working of the slaughter house.

(ii) The fees payable and

(iii) Any other directions that the slaughter house may see fit to issue.

(b) A copy of these By-Laws and a list of the registered slaughter-men shall be hanged at a conspicuous place in the slaughter-house to enable all persons working therein to know these by-laws.

6. *Prohibitions*

(a) A person infected with tuberculosis, or any other infectious or contagious disease shall not enter the slaughter house. The Environmental Health Officers and Veterinary shall require any person using the slaughter-house to submit to a medical screening and receive certificate which shall be issued before working in the slaughter house.

(b) No person other than the Municipal staff on duty, inspecting officers, butchers slaughter-men and their assistants or servants shall enter the slaughter house premises during the process of slaughtering, flaying or cutting up of carcasses.

(c) Any person transgressing the provisions of By-Laws 6a (i) and 6b shall be removed from the slaughter house summarily under the directions of the Environmental Health Officer.

(d) No person shall rub or cause to be rubbed the inner sides of the skins upon the ground within any portion of the slaughter house. Hides and skins shall not be dragged within the slaughter house premises except on the hairy sides.

7. *Inspection of animals*

(a) . Every animal intended for slaughter shall be brought to the Lairage and presented for inspection to the Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers.

(b) The Veterinary Public Health Officer shall not approve an animal for slaughter, if: -

(i) It is less than 15 months old.

(ii) It is in a febrile condition or is excessively old.

(iii) It is pregnant or is with un-weaned young.

(iv) It is deceased or in a dying condition provided that an animal which has met with an accident, but is otherwise healthy may be approved.

(v) It shows symptoms of having been treated cruelly by over-trucking, over-driving, or other acts.

(vi) A dog or

(vii) Any animal not meant for slaughter or for the slaughter of which the slaughter house is not provided.

(c) Animals approved for slaughter shall be branded or marked with a distinctive mark on the ears, hoofs or horns and admitted to the waiting yard, provided that no animal shall be admitted to the lairage, if the prescribed fee has not been paid.

(d) Animal found to be affected by any zoonotic disease or which are reasonably suspected of being so affected shall, if the Veterinary and Environmental Officers so directs, to be quarantined forthwith **Approved animals**.

(e) Any animal brought into the slaughterhouse in contravention of these By-Laws shall be summarily removed under the orders of the Environmental Officers and Veterinary. An animal rejected for slaughter shall not be brought again to the slaughter house.

8. *Maintenance of register*

The Environmental Health and Veterinary Officers shall maintain a register in which he shall record: -

- (i) The age, class, sex and a brief description of each animal presented for slaughter.
- (ii) Name and address of the owner of the animal.
- (iii) Result of ante-mortem inspection.
- (iv) Result of post mortem inspection and
- (v) Fees recovered.

9. *Collection fees*

Slaughter house fee will be collected from the owners or person in charge of for all the animals to be slaughtered after inspection has been completed. The fee will be fixed by the OMA from time to time.

10. *Inspection of slaughter materials*

The Environmental Health and Veterinary Officers may inspect the instruments and appliances of every slaughter-man and may prohibit the use of any instrument or appliance by a slaughter-man, if in his opinion such instrument or appliance is not in proper working condition.

11. *Place of slaughter*

The Environmental and Veterinary Officers shall assign a place to each slaughter-man for slaughtering and no animal shall be slaughtered by a slaughter man at any other place than the place assigned to him.

12. *Slaughter animals*

- (a) Every animal shall be slaughtered immediately over the drain and no of blood shall be allowed to flow upon the floor. No animal shall be slaughtered in public view, or in view of another animal.
- (b) Slaughtered animals shall be disemboweled as soon as possible after slaughter, to the satisfaction of the Environmental and Veterinary Officers.
- (c) That the offal of the slaughtered animals shall not be washed into the drain or allowed to drop on the floor but shall be emptied into receptacles provided for the purpose by the slaughter house.
- (d) All carcasses shall after flaying and the cleaning be presented to the Public Health Officers for inspection.

(e) Veterinary and Environmental Officers, shall have his own knives, wipe and instruments for examining carcasses and parts and organs thereof. Knives and other instruments that have been used for cutting or examining any diseased organ, gland or tissue shall not again be used for any purpose until they have been properly disinfected.

13. *Burial of carcass*

The Environmental and Veterinary Officers may cause to be buried or destroyed any carcass or part of a carcass found to be blown or **stuffed**.

14. *Condemned meat*

All meat examined and condemned shall be destroyed, buried or otherwise disposed of under the orders of the Public Health Officers.

15. *Passed meat*

All carcasses which have been examined and passed by the Environmental Health and Veterinary Officers as fit for human consumption shall be marked “Examined and Passed” along with an identifying mark for the meat.

16. *Removal of Carcass*

(a) No person shall remove any carcass from the slaughter house premises until it has been duly examined and passed by the Environmental Health and Veterinary Officers.

(b) No person shall remove or cause to be removed from the premises of the slaughter house any carcass or meat except in a clean receptacle and covered in such a manner as to be screened from public view and adequately protected against flies and dust.

(c) If any carcass or meat is removed in a vehicle the conveyance shall be such that the meat is well ventilated but at the same time invisible. The carcasses shall be hanged on hooks and not dumped on the floor of the vehicle.

17. *Conveyance of meat*

Every person who conveys or causes to be conveyed meat from the slaughter house:

- (a) Shall cause to be kept clean the inside and covering of the vehicle, the receptacle in which the meat is placed and such parts or any slings or other implements or apparatus used for loading or unloading as come into act with meat or its covering.
- (b) If the vehicle is open at the top, back or sides shall cause the meat to be adequately screened and protected by means of a clean cloth or other suitable material and
- (c) Shall not permit any live animal or any other article to be conveyed in the vehicle at the same time as meat
- (d) Every person engaged in the handling or transport of meat shall take such precautions as are necessary to prevent the meat from coming into contact with the ground of being otherwise or subject to contamination.
- (e) Shall put on protective clothing during working hours and shall keep such clothing clean to start each day's work.

18. *Operating period*

All Abattoir, Slaughter House or Slab within the jurisdiction of the Assembly shall be open to the public only within the time frame stipulated or prescribed by the Assembly.

19. *Penalty*

Any person contravening or failing to comply with any of these by-laws shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction by a Court be liable to a fine between **100-250 penalty units** payable to Offinso Municipal Assembly or in default, to imprisonment, for a term not less than twelve (12) months.

20. *Revocation*

Any By-law on **Slaughter house** in existence within the area of authority of the Assembly before the coming into force of these Bye-laws is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

In this by-law, **OMA** means Offinso Municipal Assembly, **slaughter House** means Abattoir, slaughter houses and slabs

OFFINSO MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY [SLAUGHTER HOUSE] BYE-LAW

(LICENCE FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF SHEEP, GOAT, etc., at place other than the Municipal Assembly Slaughter House or other approved place).

License is hereby granted to.....of
.....for the slaughtering of sheep, goat, etc.,
at..... This
license is valid up to the..... day of.....20.....

Fee ¢.....

Date.....

MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

1. Any nuisance caused by the slaughtering must be abated by the person responsible without delay whether or not notice is given to such person.
2. No flesh of any animal which has not been slaughtered under this license shall be sold as food for human consumption.
3. The OFFINSO MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (Slaughter House) Bye-Law, must be complied with.

Section Two

OFFINSO MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY [SLAUGHTER HOUSE] BYE-LAW

(LICENCE FOR BUTCHER)

License is hereby granted to.....

of.....as a butcher for the slaughter of animals in the OFFINSO

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY Slaughter House or at any other approved place within the OFFINSO

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY area. This license is valid up to the..... day of

.....20.... Fee GH¢.....

Date.....

MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

Section Three

LICENSE FOR BUTCHER’S ASSISTANT

License is hereby granted to..... of

..... as a butcher’s assistant for the year ending 31st December, 20.... This license is

valid up to the day of20..... Fee GH¢

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Date.....

MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER