

## **ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY (Control of Mills) Bye-laws, 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (ACT 936), this Bye-law is hereby made.

### **1. Building and Development Permit**

A person shall not operate a mill within the Assembly's area of authority without first obtaining a development permit for the site and a building permit from the Physical Planning Department of the Assembly.

### **2. Licence**

A person shall not operate a mill without a license from the Department of Physical Planning of the Assembly.

### **3. Fees**

- (a) The Assembly shall by a resolution fix the fees payable for the issuance of the license.
- (b) A permit issued by the Assembly shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue.

### **4. Dimension of Premises**

A person shall not use a room or structure as a mill if;

- (a) It is less than 4.2 meters long 3.6 meters wide and less than 3.6 meters high from the floor level; and
- (b) The floor is not made of concrete or other materials approved by the Assembly.
- (c) The walls are not fly- proofed.

### **5. Prohibition**

A person shall not use a room used as a mill as a living or bed room.

### **6. Times of Operation**

A mill shall be opened to the public only between the hours of 5.a.m and 7p.m

### **7. Prohibited Person**

(a) A proprietor or a person in charge of a mill shall not allow any person suffering from an infectious or contagious disease to operate the mill.

(b) For purposes of the foregoing Bye-Law, the Medical Officer of Assembly or a designated health facility shall examine the operator(s) and certify their health condition as suitable to operate the machine and the same shall form part of the conditions for granting the license.

## **8. Food Handler Certification**

(a) All food handlers shall be subjected to screening by service providers contracted or accredited by the Metro Public Health Department.

(b) All food handlers found fit to handle food shall be issued with valid health certificate by the Metro Public Health Department. This certificate shall be renewed upon expiry on yearly basis.

(c) Food handlers shall produce health certificate on demand by an authorized officer of the Assembly or its contracted or accredited service providers.

## **9. Monitoring and Enforcement**

The Metro Public Health and Physical Planning shall monitor and enforce this bye-law

## **10. Penalty**

A person who contravenes this Bye-law commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine, not more than one hundred penalty units or a term of imprisonment of not less than thirty days and not more than six months or to both; and in case of a continuing offence, is liable to a fine of not more than one penalty unit for each day that the offence continues. Fifty percent (50%) of the fine paid should be allotted to Accra Metropolitan Assembly

## **11. Interpretation**

In this Bye-law, unless the context otherwise requires-

"Assembly" means Accra Metropolitan Assembly.

"Mill" means any building or structure with machinery for grinding corn, pepper, cassava, groundnut and other foodstuff

"Food" means food stuffs, crop, meat, fish, fruits, (whether raw or processed), pastries, confectionary, water, beverage (non-alcoholic and alcoholic) that is for public consumption

## **12. Revocation**

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly control of mills Bye-law, 1995 is hereby revoked.

**Made at a meeting of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017**

**Presiding Member**

**Co-ordinating Director/Secretary**

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Approved by the Regional Co-ordinating Council, Greater Accra on behalf of the Minister of local Government and Rural Development.

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