
(CONTROL OF MILLS) BYE-LAW, 2017

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), the following Bye-law is hereby made.

Title

I. This Bye-law may be cited as Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (Control of Mills) Bye-law, 2017 and shall apply to the area of administration of the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (hereinafter called "the Assembly").

Permit for Site and License

1. No person shall be permitted to keep a mill within the area of authority of the Assembly unless he/she shall have obtained an approved permit for the site and secured a license from the Assembly.

Renewal

2. The renewal of a license shall be for six months or one year as the Assembly shall determine.

Fees

3. The fee payable to the Assembly for any license issued under the foregoing provision shall be an amount fixed by a resolution of the Assembly.
4. (1) Any room used as a mill shall not be less than 15 feet long and 12 feet wide and no part of any such room shall be less than 10 feet high.
 1. The floor of every mill shall be of concrete or other impervious material and the walls shall be capable of being washed.
 2. In every mill, adequate lighting and ventilation shall be provided and the surroundings of the mill shall be cleared of weeds and stagnant waters, with the doors and windows suitably fly-proofed.

Water

1. In every mill, hygienic drinking water approved by the Metropolitan Director Of Health Services or his representative shall be used, and the basin for mixing the flour shall be thoroughly washed after use.

Number of Persons Allowed

2. (I) At any particular moment when the mill is in operation. not more than three persons shall be allowed in the room and an ante-room shall be provided to accommodate not more than five customers at a time.
 1. Children under the age of ten shall not be allowed to enter a mill.

Infected Persons

3. (1) No proprietor of a mill or person in charge thereof shall allow any person suffering from an infectious or contagious disease to take part in the grinding or the milling of flour.

1. All persons working at a mill shall be required to undergo a medical examination at a recognized health institution at least once every year.

Mill Premises

4. No premises used as a mill shall also be used as a living or sleeping room.

Obstruction

10. No person shall obstruct or resist any officer or other persons appointed by the Assembly acting or purporting to act in the performance of any duties relating to the purposes of this Bye-law.

Withdrawal of License

- I 1. The Assembly may in its absolute discretion withdraw any license issued under this Bye-law if any alteration is made to any building approved hereunder after the license has been granted.

Offence and Penalty

12. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Bye-law commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than 100 penalty units and not exceeding 250 penalty units, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both.

Interpretation

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

"License" includes an official receipt.

"Mill" means any building fitted with machinery for the purpose of grinding corn, coconut, palm nut, cassava, etc. or where wheat or flour is milled;