

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

SECTIONS 69 AND 76-THE KATETE DISTRICT COUNCIL (MEAT, ABATTOIR
AND BUTCHERIES) BY-LAWS

*By-laws made by the Council and confirmed by the
Prime Minister*

CAP. 281
*Statutory
Instrument
139 of 1994*

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. These By-laws may be cited as the Katete District Council (Meat, Abattoir and Butcherries) By-laws. Title

2. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires-

Interpretation
Cap. 283

"abattoir" means the place provided by the Council for the slaughter of animals intended for sale for the food of humans and include buildings, lairs, stalls and spaces within the abattoir site;

"animal" means bull, ox bullock, cow heifer, steer, calf, sheep, lamb, goat or other quadruped commonly used for the food of humans;

"area" means the area under the jurisdiction of the Council;

"butcher" includes the owner, occupier and Manager of a butchery;

"butchery" means any premises in which the selling, storage or preparation of meat or meat products is carried on, for the use of persons other than those residing on the premises;

"Council" means the Katete District Council;

"meat" means the flesh, offal or other parts used or intended to be used as food for humans derived from any animal as defined above, but does not include canned meat, bacon or ham;

"meat inspector" means a person employed by the Council to act as meat inspector or any other qualified person authorised by the Council to act in that behalf;

"prescribed township area" means the area within the demarcated boundaries of the township development plan in accordance under the Development Plans Regulations;

"veterinary officer" means a veterinary surgeon in the employment of Government.

PART II

MEAT AND ABATTOIR

3. A person shall not expose, offer, deposit, accept or have in his possession for resale any meat unless such meat has been examined and stamped or otherwise marked, as may be approved by the Council, as having been passed by the meat Inspector as fit for human consumption.

No meat to be
sold unless
marked as fit
for
consumption

4. A person shall not directly or indirectly obstruct any medical officer, any veterinary officer, meat inspector, health inspector or other duly

Obstruction of
authorised

authorised official in the lawful execution of the provisions of these By-laws.	official prohibited
<p>5. (1) A person shall not slaughter or skin any animal except at such place and subject to such condition as the Council may direct.</p> <p>(2) A person shall not slaughter or cause to be slaughtered at any place within the township boundary, other than the abattoir, any animal the flesh of which is intended for sale as food for human consumption.</p> <p>(3) Any person who slaughters or skins any animal shall-</p> <p>(a) dispose of or destroy all waste or refuse resulting from such slaughter or skinning in such place and in such manner as the Council may direct; and</p> <p>(b) maintain in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Council as its authorised agent, the abattoir or place appointed for such slaughter.</p>	Slaughter of animals
6. No person shall bring any dead or dying animal into any abattoir without first obtaining the written consent of the veterinary officer or meat inspector.	Dead or dying animal
7. The owner of an animal brought into the abattoir shall be responsible for such animal and shall make good any damage caused by him or his animals.	Owner of animal responsible for damages
<p>8. (1) The Council shall charge a fee for slaughtering, examination, stamping, branding, marking re-examination or re-stamping of any animal, meat or carcass, for each animal, meat or carcass.</p> <p>(2) The fee shall be due and payable by the owner of such animal or meat or carcass upon the rendering by the Council of an account therefore.</p>	Fee
<p>9. Any person who contravenes any provisions of the By-laws contained in this Part shall be liable upon conviction-</p> <p>(a) to a fine not exceeding two thousand penalty units; and</p> <p>(b) in a continuing or subsequent to same offence, a fine not exceeding eight hundred kwacha for each day during which the offence</p>	Offence and penalties

continues.

PART III

BUTCHERIES

10. (1) A person shall not carry on the business of a butchery unless he needs a valid certificate in writing from the Council that such butchery conforms with these By-laws. Butcheries to be approved by the Council

(2) The certificate shall not be granted unless the health inspector is satisfied that the butchery in respect of which such certificate is issued conforms with these By-laws and is suitable for the purpose for which it is intended to be used.

(3) Every certificate shall be clearly exhibited at all times in the butchery to which it relates.

(4) The Council may revoke the certificate at any time, if the butchery ceases to conform with the provisions of these By-laws.

11. Every butchery shall comply with the provisions of Public Health (Meat, Abattoir and Butcheries) Regulations. Conditions to be complied with by butcherries Cap. 295

12. A person shall not spit in the butchery. Prohibition of spitting

13. A person shall not at any time keep or cause to be kept in a butchery any live animal or bird. Prohibition of animals in the butchery

14. Any person engaged in handling of meat or meat product shall submit themselves to medical examination every six months and when called upon to do so by the medical officer of health. Examinations

15. (1) Any person who contravenes any provision of the By-laws contained in this part shall be liable, on conviction- Penalties

- (a) to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units or for imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to both;
- (b) in the case of continuing offence, to a fine not exceeding five hundred kwacha for every day during which the offence continues; and
- (c) in addition to any penalty prescribed in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) the Council may cancel or suspend any licence or certificate issued.

PART IV

16. A person-

Straying
animals within
the township

- (a) who owns or is in charge of any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, sheep, pig, goat or poultry, shall not allow such animals to be at large in any street or public place or on any unoccupied premises or to trespass on any garden or pleasure ground within the prescribed township boundary;
- (b) who owns or is in charge of any wild, ferocious or dangerous dog, monkey or other animal or any bitch on heat shall not allow such animal to be at large in any street or public place within the prescribed township boundary;
- (c) who owns or is in charge of any animal affected with infectious or contagious disease, shall not let such animal loose except in a place that may be set aside for such purpose by the Council; and
- (d) not keep any cattle, kraal or pigsty or any pig or other animals, that are likely to be injurious to health within the township, except under a written permit from the Council. Which permit shall be renewed at yearly intervals.

17. Any person who contravenes any provision of the By-laws in this part shall be liable, on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to both. Penalties