

# **MANGAUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

## **BY-LAWS RELATING TO LAUNDRIES**

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### **SCHEDULE**

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##### **CHAPTER 1 INTERPRETATION**

#### **1. Definitions**

- (1) In these by-laws, unless the context indicates otherwise -

**"clothes or clothing"** shall mean and include all articles of wearing apparel, table linen, bed linen and window curtains, or any other articles submitted for laundry work;

**"Council"** means the municipal council of the Mangaung Local Municipality in which the executive and legislative authority of the municipality is vested, and which is the decision making body of the municipality, and its delegates;

**“Executive Director”** means the Executive Director Community and Social development or a person delegated by her to perform the functions set out in these by-laws;

**"laundry"** means and include all premises where laundry work is performed;

**"laundry work"** shall mean and include the washing, mangling, drying, bleaching, dry cleaning and ironing of any clothing or clothes, for gain and also delivery thereof;

**“municipality”** means the Mangaung Local Municipality and its legal successors, and when referred to as -

- (a) a legal entity, means Mangaung Local Municipality as described in section 2 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000); and
- (b) a geographic area, means the municipal area of the Mangaung Local Municipality as determined from time to time in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (Act No 27 of 1998);

**"receiving depot"** shall mean such premises other than a laundry, where clothes or clothing are deposited, kept or stored for purposes of laundry work and shall include the entire apartment in which such depot is situated;

**“prescribed fees”** means the fees as determined from time to time by the Council by means of resolution;

- (2) In these by-laws, unless the context indicates otherwise, words and expressions denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, words and expressions denoting the male sex shall include the female sex and vice versa and reference to a natural person shall include a legal person and vice versa.

## **CHAPTER 2 APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **2. Application**

These by-laws shall not apply to any person performing laundry work on private premises.

### **3. Registration of laundry**

- (1) Any person desiring to establish or carry on any laundry or receiving depot within the municipality shall apply in writing on the prescribed forms, to the municipality for a Certificate of Registration in respect of the premises concerned.
- (2) Such Certificate of Registration shall be in the format as approved from time to time.
- (3) No Certificate of Registration shall be transferable from one person to another without the prior written consent of the Council.
- (4) Subject to section 2, no person may conduct a business as a laundry or receive any clothes or clothing to be laundered on any premises not registered in accordance with these by-laws. A person in contravention of this subsection shall be guilty of an offence.
- (5) Premises registered as a receiving depot in terms of these regulations shall be used for such purposes exclusively.

#### **4. Requirements for buildings, appliances, apparatus and furniture**

- (1) Every person conducting the business of a laundry shall in respect of the premises where any such business is carried on, or in respect of the appliances, apparatus and furniture used on such premises, or in respect of the persons engaged in connection with such business, or in respect of the conducting of such business, comply with the following conditions:
- (a) every building in which laundry work is performed shall be sufficiently lighted and ventilated by means of windows, doors and other openings so as to clear contaminated air therein.
  - (b) the floor of every wash-place in a laundry shall be properly paved with cement concrete with a smooth surface or with other hard and impermeable material and shall be properly and efficiently drained. The walls of every such wash-place shall be of smooth finish and covered either in oil-based paint or with glazed tiles, impervious bricks or a washable surface to a height of at least 2 metres from floor level.
  - (c) the wash-stone, bench, slab, block or other implement, article or thing used for the purpose of receiving clothes or clothing in the process of being soaped or cleaned, shall be constructed in such a manner to permit being kept in a thoroughly clean condition at all times.
  - (d) every part of the laundry including the furniture and fittings therein shall at all times be kept scrupulously clean and free from vermin.
  - (e) every employee in a laundry shall be clean in person and his wearing apparel shall be kept in a proper state of cleanliness. Suitable overalls shall be provided by the employer and shall be worn by all persons engaged in the laundry. Such overalls shall not be removed from the laundry premises.
  - (f) all clothes or clothing brought into any laundry for laundry work shall be kept in such laundry until returned to the owner thereof or to the Receiving Depot.
  - (g) no iron, stove or other apparatus likely to emit noxious fumes or gas injurious or dangerous to health shall be used in a laundry, unless efficient ventilation as prescribed by national legislation or regulations, are provided to the rooms in the laundry where these gasses are used.

### **CHAPTER 3 MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **5. Department stores**

- (1) Department stores may also be used as receiving depots, on condition that there shall be provided therein :
- (a) a separate counter situated at least nine metres from the nearest foodstuffs for the exclusive reception or delivery of clothes or clothing;
  - (b) bags made of canvas or other suitable material in which all soiled clothes or clothing awaiting removal, shall be deposited and kept;
  - (c) a hand wash-basin with running water and fitted with a proper and suitable trapped waste pipe discharging over an open gully, and
  - (d) an adequate supply of soap and towels for the use of persons handling soiled clothes or clothing.

## **6. Prohibited actions**

- (1) No portion of any premises, room or apartment in which foodstuffs are kept shall be used as a receiving depot unless the requirements of section 4 (b), (c) and (d) of these by-laws have first been complied with.
- (2) No premises shall be used as a receiving depot, unless the requirements of section 5(c) and (d) of these by-laws have first been complied with. Provided that if hairdressing saloons are registered as receiving depots, a portion of such saloons shall, to the entire satisfaction of the Executive Director, be partitioned off and provided with a separate counter.
- (3) No person shall wash any clothes or clothing in any public stream of water or public body of water within the municipality.
- (4) No person shall be permitted to sleep, eat or reside in a laundry or place used for laundry work.

## **7. Infectious diseases**

Whenever in the opinion of the Executive Director it is deemed desirable, in order to prevent the spread of an infectious disease, that the municipality be furnished with a list of the customers of any laundry, the Executive Director may require the owner or manager of such laundry to furnish her within a specified time with a full and complete list of the names and addresses of such customers, and the said proprietor shall furnish such list accordingly.

## **8. Offences and penalties**

- (1) Any person contravening or failing to comply with any of the provisions of these by-laws shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction by a court be liable to a fine not exceeding R 60 000, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years or both a fine as well as period of imprisonment, or such other fine or period of imprisonment which the Minister of Justice may from time to time determine in terms of the provisions of section 92 of the Magistrate's Courts Act, 1944 (Act No 32 of 1944).
- (2) Any expense incurred by the Council as a result of a contravention of these by-laws or in the doing of anything which a person was directed to do under these by-laws and which he or she failed to do, may be recovered by the Council from the person who committed the contravention or who failed to do such thing

## **9. Repeal**

The Regulations for the Registration and Control of Laundries and Receiving Depots and Persons engaged therein of the former Bloemfontein City Council, as promulgated by Administrator's Notice No. 20 of 1961 dated 3 February 1961 are hereby repealed.

## **10. Short title and commencement**

These by-laws are called the by-laws relating to Laundries and shall come into operation on the date of publication in the *Provincial Gazette*.