

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

BYE-LAWS

LICENSING AND INSPECTION OF KNACKERS'
YARDS

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BYE-LAWS made under section 105 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, incorporating the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847, and in accordance with section 90 of the Local Government Act (N.I.) 1972 by the Mayor and elected representatives of Coleraine Borough Council for the licensing, and inspection of knackers' yards, for preventing cruelty therein, for keeping the same in a cleanly and proper state, for removing filth at least once in every twenty-four hours, and requiring such knackers' yards to be provided with a sufficient supply of water.

PART 1

Interpretation, Application and Penalties

1. Throughout these bye-laws the expression "the council" means the Coleraine Borough Council.
2. The provisions of these bye-laws shall have effect in relation to every knacker's yard and if any of the provisions thereof are not complied with, the occupier of the knacker's yard concerned shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.00 and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding £2.00 for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

PART 2

Licensing

3. Every person who shall apply to the council for a licence for the erection of any premises to be used and occupied as a knacker's yard shall furnish in the form specified in Schedule 1 a true statement of the particulars therein required to be specified.
4. Every person who shall apply to the council for a licence for the use and occupation of any premises as a knacker's yard shall furnish, in the form specified in Schedule 2 a true statement of the particulars therein required to be specified.

5. Every person to whom the council may have resolved that a licence be granted to erect premises for use and occupation as a knacker's yard shall be entitled to receive from the council a licence in the form specified in Schedule 3.
6. Every person to whom the council may have resolved that a licence be granted for the use and occupation of any premises as a knacker's yard shall be entitled to receive from the council a licence in the form specified in schedule 4.

PART 3

General

7. Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall, when slaughtering, flaying, cutting up or processing is going on and at all reasonable times, afford free access to every part of the premises to any duly authorised officer of the Council for the purposes of inspecting such premises.
8. Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause the means of ventilation provided in or in connection with such knacker's yard to be kept at all times in proper order and efficient action so that the air therein is kept in a fresh and wholesome condition.
9. Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause the means of lighting provided, both natural and artificial, in or in connection with such knacker's yard to be kept at all times in proper order and efficient action.
10. Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause all foul drainage from within the curtilage of the knacker's yard to be piped to a foul sewer or suitable treatment works, and cause the drainage provided in or in connection with such knacker's yard to be kept at all times in proper order and efficient action.
11.
 - (1) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause the internal surfaces of the walls, floors, doors, windows and ceilings of such knacker's yard to be kept clean and to be kept in such good order, repair and condition as to enable them to be effectively cleaned and disinfected, and to prevent any matter being absorbed therein.
 - (2) He shall cause every part of the floors and internal walls on which any blood or liquid refuse or filth may have been spilled or splashed, or with which any offensive or noxious matter may have been brought into contact during the process of slaughtering, flaying, cutting up or processing in such knacker's yard to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected within three hours after the completion of such slaughtering, flaying, cutting up or processing.
12.
 - (1) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause all equipment and articles

used in connection with the slaughtering, flaying, cutting up or processing of animals to be kept in such good order, repair and condition as to enable them to be effectively cleaned and disinfected, and to prevent any matter begin absorbed therein.

- (2) He shall cause all such equipment or articles to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected at the end of each day's use and before being re-used when they have been soiled.
- 13.
- (1) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall, within 24 hours of delivery of a carcase or part of a carcase of an animal to the knacker's yard, commence the flaying, cutting up or processing of that carcase or part of that carcase.
 - (2) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall provide a sufficient number of vessels or portable receptacles, properly constructed of non-absorbent material, and furnished with closely fitting covers, for the purpose of receiving and conveying from such knacker's yard all blood, manure, garbage, filth, or other refuse products of the slaughtering of animals or the cutting up of any carcase on the premises.
 - (3) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall forthwith upon the completion of the slaughtering of any animal or the flaying, cutting up or processing of a carcase or part of a carcase of any animal brought into such knacker's yard cause such blood, the contents of the stomachs and bowels, manure, garbage, filth or other refuse products to be collected and deposited in such vessels or receptacles and shall cause the contents of such vessels and receptacles to be removed from the premises at least once every twenty-four hours.
 - (4) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause every such vessel or receptacle to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected immediately after such vessel or receptacle shall have been used for such collection and removal, and shall cause every such vessel or receptacle when not in actual use to be kept thoroughly clean.
 - (5) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause the hide or skin, fat and offal of every animal slaughtered on the premises to be removed therefrom within twenty-four hours after the completion of the slaughtering of such animal.
 - (6) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause the hide or skin, fat and offal of every carcase or part of a carcase of every animal brought into such knacker's yard to be removed therefrom within twenty-four hours after the completion of the flaying, cutting up or processing of such carcase or part carcase.

14. (1) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall ensure that suitable and sufficient facilities are provided within such knacker's yard as to enable the thorough cleansing and disinfection of all parts of the premises and all equipment and articles used therein.
- (2) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause the facilities provided in connection with the cleansing and disinfection of the premises, equipment and articles to be kept, at all times, in such proper order, repair and condition as to enable them to be effectively used.
15. Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall provide within the curtilage of such knacker's yard suitable and sufficient facilities for securing the cleanliness of vehicles entering or leaving the said knacker's yard.
16. Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause the supply of hot and cold water provided for the purpose of cleansing in accordance with these bye-laws to be adequate, at a suitable pressure, clean and wholesome.
17. (1) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause such action to be taken as is necessary to prevent infestation by insects, rodents or other pests.
- (2) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall cause such action to be taken as is necessary to prevent access to any part of such knacker's yard or any material therein or any drainage emanating therefrom by any animal, not being an animal intended for slaughter in the said knacker's yard.
18. Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall not keep or suffer to be kept in a knacker's yard, or in connection with the knacker's yard, elsewhere than in the pounds, stalls, pens or lairs provided, any animal for the purpose of preparation for the process of slaughtering.
19. (1) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall ensure that every sanitary convenience in such knacker's yard is supplied with water by means of a suitable flushing appliance and the room in which the convenience is situated shall not communicate directly with the slaughterhall, workrooms or storage rooms.
- (2) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall ensure that those parts of such knacker's yard containing sanitary conveniences are suitably and sufficiently lighted and adequately ventilated, are constructed so as to ensure that offensive odours from sanitary conveniences do not penetrate to any part of the knacker's yard which may contain meat, and are kept clean.
20. (1) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall provide suitable and sufficient

wash-hand basins for the use of all persons working in or about such knacker's yard, and ensure that an adequate supply of hot and cold water or of hot water at a suitably controlled temperature and an adequate supply of soap or other suitable detergent, nailbrushes and clean towels or other suitable drying facilities are supplied at every such wash-hand basin.

- (2) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall ensure that hand-washing facilities are provided as close as possible to the work-stations of persons in the knacker's yard and within those parts of the knacker's yard containing sanitary conveniences.
- (3) Every occupier of a knacker's yard shall ensure that any hand-washing facilities provided under this bye-law shall not be used for any purpose other than for securing the personal cleanliness of the user.

PART 4

Personal Hygiene and Conduct

21. (1) Every person in a knacker's yard who engages in the handling of knacker meat or is liable to come into contact with any knacker meat, equipment or facilities provided in connection with such knacker's yard shall keep as clean as may be reasonably practicable all parts of his person liable to come into contact with such knacker meat, equipment or facilities provided, and shall wear adequate protective clothing which shall be kept as clean as may be reasonably practicable.
- (2) No person shall urinate, defecate or spit in a knacker's yard except in a sanitary convenience.
- (3) Every person using any knife, scabbard, sharpening steel, chopper, saw or other equipment coming into contact with meat in a knacker's yard shall ensure that it is kept clean and kept in such good order, repair and condition as to enable it to be effectively cleaned and disinfected.
- (4) He shall cause all such articles or equipment used by him to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected at the end of each day's use and before being re-used when they have been soiled.
- (5) Suitable and sufficient bandages, dressings, including waterproof dressings, for first-aid treatment shall be provided and maintained on the premises.

SCHEDULE 1

Bye-Law 3

**Form of Application for Grant of a licence to erect premises for use and occupation
as a knacker's yard**

TO COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

I/We

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do hereby apply to you for the grant of a licence under Section 105 of the Public Health
(Ireland) Act 1878 for the erection of certain premises at

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to be used and occupied as a knacker's yard, subject to the condition that a licence, which shall be in force for a period of twelve months, be granted by you in respect of such use and occupation; and I do hereby declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the particulars described in the schedule hereto are correct.

SCHEDULE

1. Situation, boundaries, area of the proposed site of the premises, and position of the building(s) on the said site, to be shown on plans as follows:
 - (a) a key plan, drawn to a scale of 1:2500, showing the situation and boundaries of the proposed site of the premises; and
 - (b) a block plan, drawn to a scale of 1:500, showing:
 - (i) the size and position of the building(s) and its (their) relationship to adjoining buildings; and
 - (ii) the width and position of every road adjoining the premises, and
 - (iii) the boundaries of the premises and the size and position of every other building, every pound, stall, pen or lair provided outside the building(s) and of every garden, yard and other open space within such boundaries; and
 - (c) a plan, drawn to a scale of 1:50, of every floor and roof of the building(s) and a section of every storey of the building(s), upon which shall be shown:
 - (i) the intended use of every room in the building(s), and
 - (ii) the size and position of every pound, stall, pen or lair provided in the building(s), and
 - (iii) the position, dimensions, form and finish of the floors, walls, ceilings, doors and windows and several parts of the building(s), and
 - (iv) the position of hot and cold water supply cisterns and outlets both inside and outside the building(s), and
 - (v) the position and type of sinks in the building(s), and
 - (vi) the position and type of wash-hand basins in the building(s), and
 - (vii) the position and type of drainage channels, pipes and outlets inside and outside the building(s), and
 - (viii) the provision made for ventilation of the various rooms in the building(s), and
 - (ix) the provision made for lighting of the various rooms in the building(s).
 2. The means of water supply –
source, form, materials,
mode of construction and
capacity of all hot and cold
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water cisterns.

3. The means of drainage – provision made for the disposal of surface water and foul drainage.

4. The means of access for animals to the premises including provisions made for unloading live, injured and dead animals.

5. Number of animals for which accommodation will be provided –
(a) Cattle (including calves)
(b) Sheep (including lambs)
(c) Swine

Dated this day of 20

Signed

(Note: If the signatory is acting on behalf of a Company or Partnership the capacity of the signatory must be stated.)

Note: The making of this application does not remove the requirement for the applicant to obtain any other approvals or consents as required by any other statutory provision (e.g. Planning Approval, Building Control Approval, Water Act Consent, etc.) in respect of the premises.

SCHEDULE 2

Bye-Law 4

Form of Application for Grant or Renewal of a licence to erect premises for use and occupation as a knacker's yard

TO COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

I/We

Of

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do hereby apply to you for the grant of a licence, or the renewal of a licence now held by me/us, under Section 105 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 for the use and occupation of the premises at

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to be used and occupied as a knacker's yard, subject to the condition that a licence, which shall be in force for a period of twelve months, from the date of such a licence be granted by you in respect of such use and occupation; and I do hereby declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the particulars described in the schedule hereto are correct.

SCHEDULE

1. Situation, boundaries, area of the proposed site of the premises, and position of the building(s) on the said site, to be shown on plans as follows:
 - (a) a key plan, drawn to a scale of 1:2500, showing the situation and boundaries of the proposed site of the premises; and
 - (b) a block plan, drawn to a scale of 1:500, showing:
 - (i) the size and position of the building(s) and its (their) relationship to adjoining buildings; and
 - (ii) the width and position of every road adjoining the premises, and
 - (iii) the boundaries of the premises and the size and position of every other building, every pound, stall, pen or lair provided outside the building(s) and of every garden, yard and other open space within such boundaries; and
 - (c) a plan, drawn to a scale of 1:50, of every floor and roof of the building(s) and a section of every storey of the building(s), upon which shall be shown:
 - (i) the intended use of every room in the building(s), and
 - (ii) the size and position of every pound, stall, pen or lair provided in the building(s), and
 - (iii) the position, dimensions, form and finish of the floors, walls, ceilings, doors and windows and several parts of the building(s), and
 - (iv) the position of hot and cold water supply cisterns and outlets both inside and outside the building(s), and
 - (v) the position and type of sinks in the building(s), and
 - (vi) the position and type of wash-hand basins in the building(s), and
 - (vii) the position and type of drainage channels, pipes and outlets inside and outside the building(s), and
 - (viii) the provision made for ventilation of the various rooms in the building(s), and
 - (ix) the provision made for lighting of the various rooms in the building(s).

2. The means of water supply – source, form, materials, mode of construction and capacity of all hot and cold water cisterns.

3. The means of drainage –
provision made for the
disposal of surface water
and foul drainage.

4. The means of access for
animals to the premises
including provisions made
for unloading live, injured
and dead animals.

5. Number of animals for which
accommodation will be provided –
(a) Cattle (including calves)
(b) Sheep (including lambs)
(c) Swine

Dated this day of 20

Signed

(Note: If the signatory is acting on behalf of a Company or Partnership the capacity of the signatory must be stated.)

Note: The making of this application does not remove the requirement for the applicant to obtain any other approvals or consents as required by any other statutory provision (e.g. Planning Approval, Building Control Approval, Water Act Consent, etc.) in respect of the premises.

SCHEDULE 3

Bye-Law 5

**Form of Licence to erect premises for use and occupation
as a knacker's yard**

No. of Licence:

Whereas application has been made to Coleraine Borough Council by

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for the grant of a licence to erect on a site within the said Borough certain premises for use and occupation as a knacker's yard:

Now, we, said council, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by section 105 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 do hereby license the said

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to erect upon the site defined or described in the schedule hereto, (and subject to any conditions which may be included in the said schedule), the premises described in the said schedule, and which may be used and occupied as a knacker's yard subject to the condition that a licence, which shall be in force for a period of twelve months from the date of the said licence, be granted by us, in respect of such use and occupation.

SCHEDULE

Situation, boundaries, and area of the proposed site of the premises to be erected for use and occupation as a knacker's yard.

Description of the premises to be erected for use and occupation as a knacker's yard.

Details of conditions to which the issue of a licence is subject:

Given under the Common Seal of Coleraine Borough Council
this day of,
in the year

Mayor

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Note: The granting of this licence does not denote an approval or consent as required by any other statutory provision (e.g. Planning Approval, Building Control Approval, Water Act

Consent, etc.) nor does it remove the requirement for the applicant to obtain any such approval or consent in respect of the premises.

SCHEDULE 4

Bye-Law 6

**Form of Licence for the use and
occupation of premises as a knacker's yard**

No. of Licence:

Whereas application has been made to Coleraine Borough Council by

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for the grant/renewal of a licence for the use and occupation of certain premises as a knacker's yard:

Now, we, the said council, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by section 105 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 do hereby license the said

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to use and occupy as a knacker's yard the premises described in the schedule hereto, (subject to any conditions which may be included in the said schedule), for a period of twelve months from the date of this licence.

SCHEDULE

Situation of the premises
to be used and occupied
a knacker's
yard.

Description of the
premises to be used
and occupied as a
knacker's yard.

Details of conditions to which the issue of a licence is subject:

Given under the Common Seal of
Coleraine Borough Council

This day of,

In the year

Mayor

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Note: The granting of this licence does not denote an approval or consent as required by any other statutory provision (e.g. Planning Approval, Building Control Approval, Water Act

Consent, etc.) nor does it remove the requirement for the applicant to obtain any such approval or consent in respect of the premises.

Dated this 14th day of August 1990

and sealed with the Common Seal of Coleraine Borough Council in the presence of :

E J Black

Mayor

W E Andrews

Town Clerk

The foregoing Bye-Laws are hereby confirmed by the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 29th day of October 1990

Assistant Secretary