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**THE BUSIA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL (MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES,
TREES AND LAND) BYE-LAWS, 2015.**

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The Busia Municipal Council (Maintenance of Premises, Trees and Land) Bye-laws, 2015.

(Under section 39 (1) of the Local Governments Act, Cap. 243)

IN EXERCISE of powers conferred upon the Busia Municipal Council by section 39 of the Local Governments Act, these Bye-Laws are made this 26th day of May, 2015.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. Citation.

These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Busia Municipal Council (Maintenance of Premises, Trees and Land) Bye-laws, 2015.

2. Application.

These Bye-laws shall apply to all areas within the jurisdiction of Busia Municipal Council.

3. Interpretation.

In the Bye-laws unless the context otherwise requires—

“Council” means the Busia Municipal Council;

“currency point” has the meaning assigned to it in the Schedule to these Bye-laws;

“occupier” means a person in physical occupation of the premises, regardless of the title under which he or she occupies the premises;

“premises” means land or building intended for human habitation as a residence or for commercial or industrial business, entertainment, sports, religious functions, education and other similar purpose;

“road verge” includes any area immediately bordering any street, road, lane, footpath, pavement and open space not being property of a private owner;

“ tree” means a plant with a single trunk which is woody and branched;

“Security lights” means light placed on the outside of the premises for purpose of safe guarding the premises during the night;

“Undeveloped plot” means a piece of land with no construction thereon.

PART II—MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES

4. Painting of premises.

The Council may require an owner or occupier of any premises, at his or her own expense, to paint, clean, whitewash or color wash the outside wall or roof of any building which is in the opinion of the Council unsightly and in need of painting, cleaning, white washing or color washing.

5. Renovating of premises.

Every occupier or owner of any premises shall tidy the premises and its surrounding to standards determined by the Council.

PART III—MAINTENANCE OF TREES AND GRASS

6. Cutting of trees.

A person shall not cut a tree within the Council, without the permission of the Council.

7. Replacement of trees.

Where a tree is cut, with the permission of the Council, three trees shall be planted to replace it.

8. Planting trees on road reserve.

Subject to the guidance of the Council, an occupier of land within the Council, shall plant and maintain trees on the road reserve or space between the road reserve and the plot of the occupier.

9. Trimming of trees and hedges.

(1) Where a tree hedge or other vegetation borders any street or protrudes into a street and obstructs traffic, the Council may by notice request the occupier or owner of the premises to cut, trim or remove the tree, hedge or vegetation or do anything that is necessary to remedy the matter.

(2) When the occupier does not comply with the notice, the Council may enter the land upon which the tree, hedge, or vegetation is found and cut, trim or remove the tree, hedge or vegetation without any compensation to the occupier or owner.

(3) Where the premises are vacant and the owner or occupier cannot be found or is outside Uganda, the notice may be served by fixing a copy on a conspicuous part of the premises.

PART IV—UNDEVELOPED PLOTS

10. Undeveloped plots.

The Council shall by notice require an owner of any undeveloped plot within the Council, to sell the plot or deal with it in any other manner, if in the opinion of the Council the plot disorganises its neighborhood.

PART V—SECURITY LIGHTS

11. Provision of security lights.

An owner or occupier of any premises shall ensure that his or her premises have adequate security lighting.

PART VI—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

12. Offences and penalties.

Any person who does not comply with these Bye laws commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two currency points or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both.

SCHEDULE

CURRENCY POINT

A currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand shillings.

PASSED BY THE Busia Municipal council this 26th Day of May, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mugeni Michael', written in a cursive style.

MUGENI MICHAEL,
His Worship The Mayor.