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**THE BUSIA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL (SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS
AND BIRDS) BYE-LAWS, 2015**

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The Busia Municipal Council (slaughter of Animals and Birds) Bye-laws, 2015.

(Under Section 39 (1) of the Local Government Act, Cap. 243)

IN EXERCISE of powers conferred upon Busia Municipal Council by Section 39(1) of the Local Government Act, Cap. 243, 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 (slaughter of Animals and Birds) Bye-laws, 2015.

2. Application.

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

3. Interpretation.

In these bye-laws unless the context otherwise requires—

“authorised worker” means a person lawfully employed in a slaughterhouse;

“Council” means Busia Municipal Council;

“court” means a Magistrate Court;

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

“meat” means the carcass or any part of a slaughtered animal or bird and includes the organs and viscera of the animal or bird;

“slaughterhouse” means any place set apart or authorized by the Council for the slaughtering of animals and birds.

PART II—SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS.

4. Animals or birds to be slaughtered in slaughterhouses.

(1) A person shall not slaughter any animal or bird intended for sale to the public or intended for public consumption, except in a licensed slaughterhouse.

(2) A person shall not, within the jurisdiction of the Council, slaughter an animal or bird in a slaughter house except with the permission of the Council.

5. Time of taking animals or birds for slaughter.

Every person having custody of an animal or bird intended for slaughter in a Slaughterhouse, shall deliver the animal or bird to a slaughter house or a place appointed by the Council for the slaughter of animals not later than twelve hours prior to the slaughter of the animal or bird.

6. Animals or birds prohibited in slaughter house.

An owner of a slaughterhouse shall not permit any animal or bird other than an animal or bird intended for slaughter, in a slaughterhouse.

7. Slaughter fees.

The Council shall determine the fees payable for the slaughter of animals or birds in a slaughter house.

8. Examination of animals or birds to be slaughtered.

(1) An authorized officer may at any time examine an animal or bird intended for slaughter and may forbid the slaughtering of the animal or bird if he or she is of the opinion that the animal or bird is diseased.

(2) An authorized officer may at any time detain any meat in a slaughterhouse, for examination by a medical officer or veterinary officer, and where the medical officer or veterinary officer is of the opinion that the meat is unfit for human consumption, the authorized officer may order the destruction of the meat.

(3) The owner of an animal, bird or meat declared by the medical officer or veterinary officer to be deceased or unfit for human consumption shall not be compensated for the destruction of the animal, bird or carcass.

(4) Any person who brings an animal to the slaughterhouse for slaughter knowing that the said animal is infected with any disease commits an offence.

9. Marketing of meat for human consumption.

(1) All meat that is inspected and affirmed as meat fit for human consumption shall be stamped with a mark that shall be approved by the Council as evidence that meat embossed with such mark is fit for human consumption.

(2) Only an authorized officer shall apply the mark referred to in subparagraph (1).

(3) A person shall not remove from a slaughter house any meat, which has not been marked.

(4) A person shall not offer any meat for sale for human consumption where the meat was not inspected and marked as required by these Bye-laws.

10. Animals slaughtered outside jurisdiction of the Council.

(1) Any person who desires to bring any meat of an animal or bird which is Slaughtered outside the jurisdiction of the Council, to a butcher within the Council shall obtain the prior written permission of the Council to do so.

(2) The Council may require such meat to be brought to a suitable place for examination or to be identified as having been examined at the time of slaughter by the marks, seals, brands or labels recognized by the Council as authentic.

(3) Any person found, in possession of or conveying meat obtained outside the area of jurisdiction of the council for the purposes of sale or public consumption, without the permission referred to in subparagraph (1) commits an offence.

(4) This paragraph shall not apply to meat which is lawfully imported into Uganda and which is slaughtered in a slaughterhouse recognized by the Council.

11. Approval of persons to slaughter animals and birds.

The Council shall approve a person to slaughter animals or birds and may determine the terms and conditions of his or her approval.

12. Entry into slaughter house prohibited.

A person, except an authorized worker, shall not enter any slaughterhouse with the Council without the permission of the Council.

13. Hours for slaughtering animals and birds.

The Council may fix the hours for the slaughter of animals and birds.

PART III—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

14. Offences and penalties.

(1) A person who contravenes these Bye-laws, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two currency points or imprisonment of one month or both.

(2) The Court may in addition to or in substitution of the penalty in subparagraph (1) revoke or suspend for such time as the court may deem fit, any permission granted to the offender.

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.