

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CITY PERMITS FOR CYCLE RICKSHAW PULLERS IN ASANSOL

State: West Bengal

Details of city permit procedures are as follows:

The issue of license is regulated by the Asansol Municipal Corporation Act 1990. Asansol Municipal Corporation Act defines carriage as any wheeled vehicle with springs or other appliance acting as springs, which is ordinarily used for the conveyance of human beings and it also includes cycle rickshaw.

Licensing Procedure:

Section 123 of Asansol municipal corporation act says that every person engaged or intending to be engaged in any professions, trade or calling in any are within the jurisdiction of corporation shall obtain a certificate of enlistment. For that one has to apply to the chief executive officer together with the fees prescribed. Such application fees shall not exceed Rs.500.

According to section 208 no person shall use any premises for any non residential purposes as mentioned in schedule II without or otherwise than in conformity with a license granted by the chief Executive Officer in behalf of the terms and conditions including the fees as determined by the regulations. The mayor- in- council will determine the fees. The fees shall not exceed Rs.500 per month in respect of any premises. So two types of licenses are there in the Asansol. One is for premise and the other is for trade. This is a sort of confusing process.

Details of Carriages are as:

As per the section 129 of the act, a tax shall be imposed by the corporation on all carriages within the boundaries of the corporation. As per Section 31, the owner or the person having possession or control of carriage is liable to pay that tax.

As per the section 131, the chief Executive Officer shall grant him a license on the payment of tax by the owner or the person having possession or control over carriage. One has to apply to the authorized officer upon the presentation of an application together with the application fees. The statements in relation to the carriage such as registration details etc. has to be furnished before him for granting the license. The account details, books etc can also be asked for inspection. The department will issue the license after the verification visit by the concerned authority.

The Mayor- in- Council has the power to compound the tax for any period not exceeding one year at a time with those who kept the taxes in lieu.

Departments Involved:

Licensing Department is wholly responsible for the process.

Documents Required:

All the statements in relation to the carriage such as registration details etc. have to be furnished before the Executive officer for granting the license. The account details, books etc can also be asked for inspection.

License Fees:

For every license, a fee may be charged from time to time as fixed by the corporation and Asansol Corporation has fixed it as Rs.6500 for all trades per an annum. As per the section 208 of the Act, the fees cannot exceed Rs.500 per year. RTI reply states that for cycle rickshaws too, the corporation is charging the same fees of other trades

License Renewal:

The license can be renewed after Submission of the application forms with previous license and property tax receipt. Investigation of the premise by concerned staff will also be their prior to the renewal.

Penalty:

As per the section 140 of the Asansol Municipal Corporation act, if the person liable to pay the tax is not paying it with sum due and if no appeal is preferred within the thirty days of demand, he shall be deemed to be in demand. An amount, which shall not exceeding 15 % of the amount, may be recovered from him by way of penalty. The penalty may be recovered if the person may pay the amount due with the entire sum and the interest together.