

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING OF MEAT SHOPS IN IMPHAL

State: Manipur

Details of licensing are as follows

Meat Shop are regulated as per the directions of Manipur Municipalities Act 1976, Prevention of food Adulteration Act 1954 and the related byelaw (municipal license Byelaw named "The Municipalities/ Nagar Panchayats (Regulation of market) Model Bye-laws, 1998 and the "sale of meat Byelaws 1987) framed under provisions of the Manipur Municipalities Act 1976

Details are as follows:

In Imphal, "meat shop" means any premises used wholly or in part for the wholesale or retail sale of raw meat for human consumption, either for cash or credit. Here "License" means licence granted to an owner or a keeper of Meat Shop "Meat Shop" means any premises used wholly or in part for the wholesale or retail sale of raw meat for human consumption, either for cash or in credit. As per s3ection 163 of the Manipur Municipalities Act 1976, No place shall be used for any of the purpose listed in the section in the limits fixed by the Municipal Board Municipal Board without a license. RTI reply and the Municipal Act of the municipal board says that the meat shop requires license.

As per the byelaw, No meat shop shall be established or run or continued in the Imphal Municipal Area except under the order of a licence.

Licensing Procedure:

Any person willing to use a shop for sale of meat shall take a license from the licensing Authority of the Board. The license can be obtained from the office of the Imphal Municipal Council on an application submitted for the same in the prescribed form along with the prescribed fees and necessary documents. The application need to be submitted to the executive officer. Manipur Municipalities Act says that the license shall not be withheld unless the board has the reason to believe that the business which is to be intended to establish would be offensive or dangerous or likely to create nuisance to the neighbours. The board based on the restrictions extends the provisions of the section to yards or depots for trade in coal, coke timber or wood.

Sale of meat Byelaws 1987 also states that the keeper of every shop meat shall affix a copy of the Bye-laws in a conspicuous part of the premises and shall be responsible for ensuring that the Bye-laws are observed.

Documents Required:

1. Two passport size photograph
2. Lease agreement copy/ land patta record copy.

Authority:

As per the RTI reply, in Imphal Municipal area office of the Imphal Municipal council is the supreme body regulating licenses and the executive officers of Imphal municipal council is the authority to issue the license. Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department also has a key role in licensing of meat shop

Validity :

Regulations fix no time to issue licenses. The license issued will be valid for one year from the date of issue. License is renewable annually.

Fees:

As per act, the council or panchayat fixes fees from time to time. As per RTI reply, it is Rs.350/- for obtaining the license and Rs.295 /- as annual tax from the next year after obtaining the license for meat shop. As per the "sale of meat Byelaws 1987, fee for a license shall be "two hundred and fifty Rupees"

License Renewal:

The license should be renewed every year. Rs.50 /- will be charged for the late renewal. "sale of meat Byelaws 1987 states that a license granted under these Bye-laws shall be valid for one year only and it may be renewed on the payment of the fee of rupees hundred and fifty only on application in this behalf to the licensing Authority, at least a fortnight before the expiry of the existing license.

Timings:

As per the "sale of meat Byelaws 1987, Every meat shop shall be opened during business hours to the inspection of any officer authorized by the Board and keeper thereof shall be bound to comply with all reasonable directions and instructions issued by the officer consistent with the purpose of the Bye-laws.

Suspension and Cancellation:

The licensing Authority may suspend the license at any time for sufficient reason to be recorded in writing or during the continuance of the summary enquiry. Every license granted under these Bye-laws may, on the recommendations of the licensing Authority, be cancelled by the Board for the contravention of or failure to comply with any of the conditions of the license or any or the provisions of these Bye-laws. Provided that before the cancellation of the license, the license shall be given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against such cancellation.

Conditions:

The following conditions should be fulfilled

1. Meat should be brought from the licensed butcher
2. No slaughtering of animal is permitted in the premises of the shop
3. The shop should be properly walled

4. The meat should be kept in a properly arranged place or box where flies cannot enter
5. All articles such as scale, knives etc should be properly washed
6. No person shall be employed in any room who is not cleanly clad or who is suffering from any infectious, contagious or loathsome disease or who has recently been attending upon any person suffering from such disease nor shall any person be permitted to enter any meat shop who is known to be suffering from any infectious, contagious or loathsome disease
7. The premises of the meat shops shall not be used for residential purposes or as eating house
8. No animal should be killed in the premises of the shop and the meat to be kept for sale should be from a licensed slaughter house"

Penalty:-

Any person contravenes any provision of these Bye-laws shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees and when the offence is a continuing one to a daily fine not exceeding twenty rupees during the continuance of the offence. The licensing Authority shall be competent to impose the fine for the breach of any of these Bye-laws. The licensing Authority before passing an order shall hold a summary enquiry. It shall record briefly the particulars of the breach alleged to have been committed, a substance of the evidence adduced, the decision of the Licensing Authority and the reason for the decision