

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING OF MEAT SHOPS IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

State: Kerala

Details of licensing are as follows:

The meat shops are regulated under the Corporation of Thiruvananthapuram. It means one has to take a license before starting this. The licenses are issued on the basis of the Kerala Municipalities Act and Rules 1994. Prevention of Food Adulteration Act deals with the quality of meat and Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Act 1960 prescribes the Timings.

The person has to apply for the license in the corporation office to the secretary, in advance of 30 days, before setting up of the shop. The corporation secretary can issue or reject the license on the basis of law. The municipal councils are responsible for the implementation of the prevention of food adulteration Act and Rules made there under in their respective areas. The Municipal Secretaries and Health Officers (where there are Health Officers) are declared to be the local Health Authority. If any article is found adulterated the persons concerned are prosecuted under the provisions of the Food Adulteration Act and 50% of the fines realised from the accused are paid over to the urban local bodies concerned. Trivandrum Corporation provides the application form for the license.

Licensing Procedure:

The mode of application is the filling of application form provided by the corporation. The individual who wish to undertake any trade of food is requested to fill the application form with his signature and he/she should affix the court fee stamp of Rs.5. The corporation has a prescribed format for the application of street food shop. The applicant must fill in the form and should attach the necessary documents along with the fee.

Soon after the submission of the application form, along with the prescribed license fee that is mentioned in the Dangerous and Offensive list has to be submitted at the citizen service bureau of Municipal Corporation of Trivandrum. The health inspector along with the junior health authority of the respective area inspects the field and verifies whether it matches the document. The inspecting authorities have the full power to reject the application if found guilty and false.

The applicant has to be eligible too for the trade. The 20th Act of Kerala Municipality Act of 1994, sections like, 444, 447, 448, 449, 453, 454, 455, 459, 462, 469 and 470 permits any individual to apply for a meat shop in any part of the district.

Terms and Conditions:

Terms and condition includes a form of strict instructions that has to be followed by the applicant or the license will be withdrawn. The officers make strict observation on the prescribed area.

1. The shop should have a better waste management system.
2. Waste should not be thrown on the roads neither do expose it publicly rather keep it inside the cleaned glasses and no faulty meat should be sold.

3. Special care should be given to keep the meats out of reach of insects.
4. One has to attach a special place for pig slaughtering.
5. Shop should be 90 meter away from houses and 30 meter away from public road.
6. No onlookers are allowed to enter into the slaughter house.
7. Permitted animals are only allowed to slaughtered
8. Sick or problematic animals should not be slaughtered.
9. The inner premises of the slaughter house have to be cleaned all the time.
10. An animal has to be cleaned before slaughter.
11. Should not slaughter more than one animal at a time.
12. Special baskets have to be kept for wastes.
13. Slaughtering time is 6 to 11 in the morning and from 3 to 6 in the evening.
14. Presence of water is a must.
15. Children are not allowed to enter.
16. Creatures like dog, crow and cat should not enter in the slaughter house.
17. Drunkard, beggar and allergy people should not enter in it.

General Instruction:

The shop owner or the one to carry out the job after the license has to remit the fee properly. Licensing person has to keep all the necessary records. He has to undergo all the legal aspects.

Documents Required:

Necessary documents include the following:

1. Tax Payment Receipt (in case of own building)
2. He should produce the concerned certificate of the building owner, which is to be written in the stamp paper fixing stamp of Rs.50 (if it is not one's own shop).
3. He should also produce the concerned certificate of the Neighbours', which is to be written in the stamp paper affixing stamp of Rs.50

Authority issuing license:

Health Officer.

License Fees:

Application fee ranks from Rs.100 and above for both license and its renewal. The Corporation also imposes a charge of Rs.200 for a meat shop in addition to the following fees.

Details of License fees:

| Animal | Fees |
|------------------|----------------|
| Goat | Rs.15.00 /each |
| Cattle//beef/Cow | Rs.25.00/each |
| Pig | Rs.25 |

License Renewal:

The corporation issues a different format of application form to get license renewed. Filled application must reach the Health Inspector before the annual economic era. Economic era begins from April 1st to March 31st. Fee schedule also varies as the shop selling increases. Health inspector decides the fee based on the annual income of the shop

Renewal fees :

| DATE | PERCENTAGE (%) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| March 1 st to April 30 | 10% |
| May 1 st to June 30 | 20% |
| July 1 st to October31 | 30% |
| November 1 st onwards | 50% |

Penalty:

It includes the ignorance of keeping the terms and conditions. The health officer can at any time withdraw the license if it is a threat to the human life and if it causes any malnutrition. Any complaint by the neighbour will be considered seriously. Any failure in this regard can give a fine of 50%, in addition to the normal fees. The least of those additional fees will be Rs.5/-