

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING OF MEAT SHOP IN NAINITAL CITY

State: Uttarakhand

Details of licensing are as follows:

In Nainital, meat shops are regulated as per the directions of the bye-laws regulating the sale of meat and fish in the NAINITAL Municipality. Here "meat" means the flesh of horned cattle except cows and bullocks, goats, swine or sheep intended for human or animal consumption

Licensing procedure:

No person shall, sell, or expose for sale, any meat or fish within the limits of the municipality, unless he has granted a license in this behalf and unless he holds a stall in the municipal markets, for selling pork and bacon, a separate license shall be taken out." To get this license one has to apply in the prescribed form with the prescribed fees before the commencement of the trade. The authorities will conduct the verification study and thereafter the license will be issued.

As per the byelaw, on the receipt of an application for a license, the licensing officer shall either grant the license or for reasons to be recorded, may refuse to grant it.

Documents required:

The applicant has to submit the relevant documents requested by the municipality authorities along with the application form

Authority:

As per the bye law, the medical officer of health shall be the licensing officer

License fees:

As per byelaw, a fee of Rs.0.50 p. Shall be charged for a license granted under these rules. On the remittance of fees, the license holder shall receive with his license a badge bearing a distinctive number

License renewal:

Usually the validity of license is 1 year. In order to renew the license, one has to apply in the specified form along with the renewal fees prior to the period of expiry of present license. As per the byelaw, the license will be in effect up to 31st March every year. The licensee is supposed to renew the license before 31st of March. The process is similar as of a new license.

Suspension:

The breach of the conditions of the byelaws shall involve the forfeiture of the license. The licensing officer may cancel or suspend a license for breach of any of the conditions specified

in the byelaw or if he exposes for sale, meat or fish which is certified by health officer to be unfit for human consumption. An appeal against the cancellation as is referred in byelaw shall lie to the board from an order of the licensing officer provided that the appeal is made within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

Terms and conditions:

A license granted under these bye-laws shall be subject to the following conditions:-

1. No one shall sell, or expose for sale, the flesh of any animal which has died from a natural cause, or any meat which has been blown up or artificially stuffed or fish which has become unfit for human consumption.
2. No one shall place any meat or fish intended for sale in or on a dirty basket or board, or expose such meat or fish without covering it with a clean cloth.
3. The shop for the sale of meat shall have chinks hung up on all the open sides, so that the meat kept for sale may not be seen by the passers-by.
4. The floor of the shop must be impervious and have a smooth surface, and it must be thoroughly washed every day before the shop is closed.
5. The flesh of buffaloes shall not be sold or exposed for sale at a shop or stall where the flesh of sheep or of goats or swine or fish is sold or expose for sale.
6. The licensee shall not sell meat or fish at any place other than that mentioned in the license.
7. The licensee of a stall or meat shop not throw scraps of flesh, bone, fat, etc. On the floor, wall and surrounding places but collect them in a bucket or receptacle provided for this purpose and shall in other respects keep his shop and tables knives, etc. In a clean condition.
8. No one suffering from any infectious or contagious disease shall hawk or sell meat or fish.
9. No person shall transport meat or fish except in a clean receptacle which either have a lid or shall be covered with a clean cloth. Nor shall a person transport, hawk or sell meat or fish without wearing a badge on the left arm, exposed to view. Upon expiration, suspension or cancellation of the license the badge shall within 48 hours, be delivered to the licensing officer.

Penalty

“In exercise of the powers conferred by section 299(1) of the act the board hereby directs that any breach of any provisions of the rules and bye-laws shall be punishable with fine which may extended to five hundred rupees, and, when the breach is a continuing breach, with a further fine which may extent to five rupees for every day after the date of first conviction during the offender is proved to have persisted in the offence.”

A breach of any of the conditions shall involve forfeiture of the license. The licensing officer may cancel or suspend a license for breach of any of the conditions specified in bye-law, 4 or if the licensee sells, or exposes for sale, meat or fish which is certified by the health officer to be unfit for human consumption. An appeal against any such cancellation as is referred to in bye-law 6 above shall lie to the board from an order of the licensing officer provided that the appeal is made within 10 days of the date of the receipt of the order.