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made by the Town Council under section 206, and approved by the Governor in Council on the 23rd January, 1952, deemed to have been made under section 321 of this Act.

Citation.

1. These By-laws may be cited as the Georgetown (Abattoir) By-laws.

Interpretation.

2. In these By-laws— .

"abattoir" means the slaughter-house established by the Council in North Cummingsburg and includes the premises and all buildings, erections, structures,

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appliances and appurtenances provided for the purpose thereof;

"animal" means any bull, ox, cow, steer, heifer, calf, sheep, lamb, goat, kid, hog, pig, swine, game or turtle;

"fresh meat" means the flesh of any animal whether or not subjected to any refrigerating process but which has not been salted, preserved or treated by any chemical or other process, and includes the carcass, organs and viscera thereof;

"inspector" includes the Medical Officer, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, the Meat and Food Inspector and any other person authorised by the Medical Officer with the approval of the Council to perform duties of meat and food inspection;

"Medical Officer" means the Medical Officer of Health;

"slaughter hall" means that part of the abattoir where animals are slaughtered and dressed, and includes the stunning pens;

"the clerk in charge" means the officer of the Council for the time being in charge of the abattoir.

Control of
abattoir.

3. The abattoir shall be under the control and supervision of the Medical Officer subject to the direction of the Council.

Clerk in charge.

4. The clerk in charge shall be responsible to the Medical Officer for the care and cleanliness of the abattoir and shall without undue delay report to him any mechanical, structural or other defect and shall secure due observance of these by-laws.

Register of
animals.

5. The Medical Officer shall keep a register in which

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shall be recorded in respect of every animal admitted to the abattoir correct particulars as to its kind, sex, colour, marks, brands and other sufficient description, its place of origin, date and hour of arrival at the abattoir as well as the name and address of the person bringing it and of its owner at the time of admission.

List of animals slaughtered to be published.

6. The Medical Officer shall before the 10th day of each month cause to be advertised in the *Gazette* the number and description of all animals slaughtered in the City during the preceding month.

Hours of opening.

7. The abattoir shall be opened daily at 5 a.m. and closed at 6 p.m. and no person shall enter the abattoir after 6 p.m. except with the permission of an inspector or for the purpose of bringing in an animal.

Hours of slaughtering.

8. Except with the express permission of an inspector no animal shall be slaughtered on Saturdays except between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon and on other days except between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

No animal to be slaughtered without approval of an inspector.

9. Except with the express permission of an inspector, no person shall slaughter any animal in the abattoir unless such animal has been examined and approved of by an inspector on the day on which it is intended to be slaughtered.

Animals to be kept 8 hours before slaughter.

10. Except with the express permission of an inspector no person shall slaughter any animal unless it has been in the abattoir for not less than 8 hours before the time fixed for slaughter:

Provided that where any animal is injured as a result of any accident the inspector may order it to be slaughtered forthwith.

Only animals

11. No person shall bring into the abattoir any animal

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or slaughter to be brought into abattoir.

not intended for slaughter or permit any such animal to follow him into the abattoir. Any such animal found in the abattoir may be destroyed or otherwise dealt with as the Medical Examiner shall direct.

Removal of animals from abattoir.

12. Except by order of or with the express permission of an inspector no person shall remove from the abattoir any animal that has been admitted to the abattoir for the purpose of slaughter.

Method of slaughter.

13. Except with the express permission of an inspector no person shall slaughter any animal in the abattoir such animal has been effectually stunned with a mechanically-operated instrument provided by the Council:

Provided that this by-law shall not apply to the slaughter of any animal without the infliction of unnecessary suffering by the Mohammedan method and by a Mohammedan.

Inspection of animals.

14. Every inspector shall have full power and authority to inspect any animal in the abattoir and to order to be removed therefrom any animal which upon examination appears to be diseased or otherwise unfit for slaughter.

Inspection and marking of meat.

15. (1) No person shall remove from the abattoir any fresh meat until an inspector has examined and passed it as fit for human consumption and has marked it in a manner approved by the Council.

(2) Public notification of any mark approved by the Council shall be given by exhibiting a diagram or description of it at the abattoir.

(3) No person other than an inspector shall use the mark approved of by the Council.

Unsound meat.

16. (1) Every inspector shall have full power and

authority to examine any fresh meat and to condemn and order to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of, in such manner and at such place as he may specify, any fresh meat which upon examination he finds to be diseased or otherwise unfit for human consumption.

(2) Unless the inspector otherwise thinks fit so to do no fresh meat shall be examined after 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays and 4.30 p.m. on any other week day.

Disposal of
unsound meat.

17. All fresh meat condemned in the abattoir by an inspector as unfit for human consumption shall by order of the inspector be removed daily in the Council's cart to be destroyed or disposed of at such place and in such manner as the inspector may specify.

Fresh meat not
to be removed
within 8 hours
of slaughter.

18. Except with the permission of an inspector no person shall remove from the abattoir any fresh meat before the expiration of 8 hours after the slaughter of the animal.

Containers.

19. (1) No person shall remove or cause or suffer to be removed from the abattoir any fresh meat except in a metal or metal-lined container with a hinged cover with the owner's name legibly marked thereon, provided by the owner of such fresh meat and approved of by an inspector.

(2) Every such container shall, except when in use, be kept at such part of the abattoir as the inspector may direct and shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the inspector.

Inspection of
container.

20. (1) Any inspector may at any time inspect and examine any container in order to ascertain whether it is in a clean and sanitary condition and is provided with such appliances as he may deem requisite to protect the contents thereof from contamination.

(2) When any container is at any time not approved

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of by the inspector he shall immediately notify the owner thereof and thereafter no person shall use it or cause it to be used for the removal of fresh meat from the abattoir until it has been approved of by the inspector.

Removal of blood for human consumption.

21. No person shall remove from the abattoir or use for human consumption the blood of any animal slaughtered there, unless and until such blood has been collected in a clean metal vessel and has been examined by an inspector along with the carcass of the said animal and certified by him as being free from disease and otherwise fit for human consumption.

Removal of hides.

22. (1) The owner of every animal slaughtered in the abattoir shall cause the hide or skin of every such animal to be removed before 9 a.m. on the following day.

(2) No such hide or skin shall be removed or carried in the same container as any fresh meat.

Fees.

First Schedule

23. (1) The fees payable for the lairage and slaughter of each animal admitted into the abattoir, for use of the scale for weighing meat and for permission to work in the tripery shall be as set out in, the First Schedule hereto and shall be paid into the Town Clerk's office or, if that is closed, to the clerk in charge.

(2) The fees payable for the inspection of fresh meat brought into the City from outside of the limits of Guyana shall be as set out in the Second Schedule hereto and shall be paid into the Town Clerk's office.

Fees payable for slaughter outside prescribed hours. [By-laws 3/1999]

24. Every person granted permission to slaughter an animal outside the hours prescribed by by-law 8 of these by-laws shall, before slaughtering such animal, pay to the inspector for the inspection thereof the following extra charges—

For every bovine animal two hundred dollars.

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For every other animal one hundred dollars.

Proof of payment of fees before slaughter.

25. No animal shall be slaughtered unless and until there has been exhibited to the clerk in charge the Council's acknowledgment of the receipt of all fees payable in respect of such animal for lairage, and slaughter or until all such fees have been paid to the clerk in charge.

Feeding, etc. of animals.

26. (1) Every animal brought into the abattoir shall, while in the abattoir, be properly and sufficiently fed and watered by the owner to the satisfaction of the inspector.

(2) If the owner of such animal fails to comply with this bylaw the Council may feed and water such animal and recover the cost of so doing from the owner.

Animals kept at owners risk while at abattoir.

27. All animals kept in any lair, pen or other place in the abattoir shall be kept at the risk of the owner of such animals and the owner of any animal dying (other than by slaughter) in the abattoir shall, forthwith cause its carcass to be removed to the refuse destructor and be destroyed at his expense. If he fails to do so the Council may remove and destroy it and recover the cost of so doing from the owner.

Recovery of cost of feeding animals.

28. (1) If any sum of money due to the Council for the use of the abattoir or for feeding any animal insufficiently fed by its owner feeding remains unpaid for a period of twelve hours after a written demand by, the Town Clerk for payment of the same, the Council may in their discretion seize and sell at public auction the animal in respect of which such sum is due:

Provided that notice of such sale, and of the time and place thereof, shall be published in a daily newspaper circulating in the City two clear days before the day fixed for the sale.

(2) Upon such sale the proceeds thereof shall be

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applied in payment of such sums as may be due to the Council and of the costs of and incidental to such sale, and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the person who shall prove to the satisfaction of the Council that he is entitled to it.

Entry into
abattoir
prohibited.

29. Except with the express permission of an inspector or the clerk in charge, no person shall enter or be permitted to enter into the abattoir except councillors, employees at the abattoir, the owners of animals in the abattoir, their *bona fide* servants or agents and licensed slaughterers.

Entry into
slaughter hall
prohibited.

30. Except with the express permission of the clerk in charge no person shall enter or be permitted to enter inside the slaughter hall during the hours fixed for slaughtering except councillors, employees at the abattoir and licensed slaughterers:

Provided that the owner of an animal may be permitted to be inside the slaughter hall during the time that such animal is being slaughtered.

Register of
slaughterers.
Third Schedule.

31. The clerk in charge shall keep a register of licensed slaughterers in the form contained in the Third Schedule hereto in which he shall enter the name of every slaughterer employed at the abattoir.

Licence to
slaughter.

32. No person shall slaughter any animal at the abattoir without first having obtained from the Council a slaughterer's licence which he shall exhibit to the clerk in charge before being enrolled in the register of slaughterers.

Method of
application for
licence.

33. (1) Every applicant for a slaughterer's licence shall produce to the Town Clerk a certificate of good health signed by the Medical Officer and on payment to the Town Clerk of a fee of fifty cents shall receive from him a licence.

(2) No person shall slaughter any animal or otherwise act as a slaughterer unless he is in possession of a valid licence.

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Cleanliness,
etc.

34. (1) Every slaughterer shall be tidily and cleanly clad in a blue overall or such other uniform as may be approved of by the Medical Officer.

(2) Any inspector may prohibit any slaughterer who fails to comply with paragraph (1) of this by-law from slaughtering any animal or handling any fresh meat.

Termination of
licence.

35. Every slaughterer's licence shall terminate on the last day of the calendar year in which it was issued and may at any time for misconduct or other sufficient cause, be revoked by the Town Clerk on the recommendation of the Medical Officer.

Applicant for
licence must be
18 years.

36. No slaughterer's licence shall be issued to a person under the age of 18 years.

Powers of
inspection, etc.
as regards
persons
suspected of
suffering from
infectious, etc.,
diseases.

37. (1) The inspector or the clerk in charge shall order any person suspected to be suffering from an infectious or contagious disease to withdraw from the abattoir and the name, address and suspected disease of such person shall be reported forthwith to the Medical Officer.

(2) No such person shall be re-admitted to the abattoir unless; he produces to the inspector or the clerk in charge a certificate of good health signed by the Medical Officer.

Disorderly
behaviour, etc.

38. (1) No person shall fight, or behave in an indecent, disorderly or threatening manner in the abattoir.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law may in addition to any penalty incurred by him, be forcibly removed from the abattoir by the clerk in charge or by any town constable, police constable or rural constable.

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(3) No person removed from the abattoir for a breach of the preceding by-law shall be entitled to re-enter the abattoir except by express permission of an inspector.

Intoxicating
liquor.

39. No person shall bring into the abattoir any intoxicating liquor or smoke or spit in the abattoir.

Fires.

40. No person shall light any fire or cook any food in the abattoir, except in such part of the abattoir as may be set apart for the purpose by the Council.

Damages.

41. (1) No person shall chop any article on any table in the, abattoir or shall in any way damage any part of the abattoir or any table or other furniture, appliance or thing therein belonging to the Council.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law shall, in addition to any penalty incurred by him, pay to the Town Clerk the cost of replacing or repairing any property damaged by him.

Tampering
with
appliances.

42. No person shall, by any contrivance or device or in any manner whatever, tamper with any scale or other appliance in the abattoir.

Obstruction.

43. No person shall molest, hinder or obstruct any inspector, or the clerk in charge or any other employee of the Council in the performance of his duties at the abattoir.

Power of
Council to alter
fees.

44. The Council may by resolution published in the *Gazette* and a newspaper circulating in Guyana alter the fees set out in the First and Second Schedules hereto and the hours prescribed by by-law 8 of these by-laws for slaughter.

Penalty.
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45. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these by-laws or who refuses, neglects or fails to comply with any order or direction given by an inspector or the clerk in charge for carrying any by-law into effect shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine of

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two thousand five hundred dollars.

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By-law 23(1)

FEEES FOR LAIRAGE AND SLAUGHTER

LAIRAGE

	For the 1 st day or part thereof	For every other day or part thereof	SLAUGHTER
Bull	32c.	8c.	50c.
Ox	32c.	8c.	50c.
Cow	32c.	8c.	50c.
Steer	32c.	8c.	50c.
Heifer	32c.	8c.	50c.
Animals weighing from 120 lbs. to 150 lbs.	32c.	8c.	12c.
Calf weighing under 120 lbs.	10c.	4c.	6c.
Sheep or Lamb	10c.	4c.	6c.
Goat or Kid	10c.	4c.	6c.
Swine	10c.	4c.	6c.
Turtle			4c.
Game			4c.

2. Use of the scale for weighing meat—
 - (a) not exceeding 100 lbs 1 cent
 - (b) every additional 100 lbs. or part thereof ... 1 cent

3. Permission to work in the tripery 4 cents
per day

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SECOND SCHEDULE

By-law 23(2).

FEEES FOR INSPECTION OF IMPORTED FRESH MEAT

	carcass of any bovine animal	carcass of any other animal
For each carcass not exceeding 10	\$1.00	50c.
For each additional carcass not exceeding 20	50c.	25c.
For each additional carcass exceeding 50	12c.	6c.

THIRD SCHEDULE

REGISTER OF LICENSED SLAUGHTERERS

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No. in register	Name and address	No. of licence	Date of licence	Remarks