

## ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL BYE-LAW 2001 S.I. 3 OF 2003

### ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL BYE-LAW 2002

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#### CHAPTER 1

In the exercise of powers conferred on the Abuja Municipal Area Council, by virtue of section 13 and 2nd schedule of the Federal Capital Territory Act Cap 503 laws of the Federation 1990 and sections 55 and 56 of Niger State Local government Laws 1976 the Abuja Municipal Area Council makes the following Bye-laws:

Arrangement of sections

Section:

1. Appointment of Enforcement Officer
2. Restriction of Hawking etc
3. Prohibition of Hawking by Underage Children
4. Children of School age not to sell during school hours
5. Production of licence
6. Offences and penalties
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#### CHAPTER 1

##### HAWKING BYE-LAW

1. The Chairman may appoint any staff of the Area Council as an Enforcement Officer to ensure compliance with this Bye-law and report offenders to the Police for criminal prosecution.
2. (i) The area council may issue a licence specified in subsection (i) of this section upon payment by the applicant of such fees as the area council may from time to time specify  
(ii) Until application has been made to and a licence obtained from the Area Council, no person shall –
  - (a) hawk goods
  - (b) set up a stall or table for the display of goods for sale in any street or public open place other than a market.
3. No parent or guardian of a child under seven years old shall allow the child to hawk any goods in any public place or street.
4. No parent or guardian of a child of school age shall allow the child to hawk or sell during school hours unless –
  - (a) The child passed out of school; and
  - (b) The child is still awaiting his result or admitted into a higher school as the case may be.
5. The enforcement officer or any other staff of the area council or a policeman may demand for a licence issued under this Bye-law and when done, it shall be produced by the holder for inspection.
6. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction liable –
  - (a) as a first offender to imprisonment for seven days or three hundred naira fine;
  - (b) as a subsequent offender to imprisonment for six months or fine not exceeding five hundred naira or both.
7. Jurisdiction to entertain any matter under this BYE-LAW shall be vested in the Magistrate and area court of the federal capital territory, Abuja.
8. In this bye-law unless the context otherwise admits "area council" means Abuja municipal area council. "Chairman" means the chief executive for the Abuja municipal area council. "Hawk" or "Hawking" means the carrying of goods from place to place for purpose of sale.

"School hours" means any period from 7:30am to 2:00pm on all working days.

9. This Bye-Law may be cited as the Hawking Bye-law 2002.

MADE at Abuja Municipal Area Council this 24th day of May, 2002.

## CHAPTER 2

### DEVELOPMENT LEVY BYE-LAW

1. (1) There shall be appointed by the Chairman a Development Levy Officer for the Area council.

(2) The functions of the development levy officer shall be the following –

(a) he shall be in possession of development levy receipts

(b) supervision of the collection of development levy

(c) issue of receipts to payers in accordance with this bye-law

(d) he shall assign jobs to revenue officers for development levy collection purposes

(e) he shall perform such other duties as the chairman may assign to him from time to time.

2. (1) All residents of the area council shall pay such annual development levy as the area council may from time to time stipulate.

(2) Persons within the categories mentioned in the schedule shall be exempted from payment of development levy.

(3) The onus of proving non-residence for purpose on this Bye-law shall be on the person alleging that fact.

3. Payment of development levy shall be done by residents through their ward heads or other persons appointed in that behalf from time to time by the Area council.

4. (1) Development levy shall be payable within the first quarter of every year.

(2) Evidence of payment of development levy or qualification for exemption under subsection (ii) of section 2 of this bye-law shall be shown by all persons on demand from revenue officer after the first quarter of each respective year.

(3) The revenue officer may require on the spot payment of development levy if the evidence required in subsection (2) of this section is not produced on demand.

5. A ward head or chief shall keep a list of people liable to payment of development levy within his jurisdiction and shall produce same for inspection upon demand from a revenue officer.

6. (1) The chairman shall divide the area council into revenue collection zones for the purpose of this BYE-LAW.

(2) Each revenue collection zone shall be headed by a person appointed in that behalf by the Chairman.

7. (1) A commission of four percent (4%) shall be payable by the area council to

all development levy revenue collectors, not been salaried employees for the area council, in respect of development levy respectively collected by them.

(2) The area council may reimburse any expenses reasonably incurred by a collector in the course of his duty.

8. The chairman may delegate to zonal heads appointed under section 6 of this bye-law or to any other person the power to further divide revenue collector zones into collection areas for ease of collection.

9. (1) The chairman may establish revenue collection check points along any roads within the area council

(2) Such revenue officers as may be assigned from time to time by the chairman shall man the check points to ensure compliance with the provisions of this bye-law.

10. (1) Whoever fails to pay his development levy in accordance with the provisions for this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) Whoever conceals, attempts to conceal or abets in any manner howsoever the concealment of any person liable to payment of development levy under this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) Any person convicted of an offence under this bye-law shall be liable to a term of imprisonment of one month or fine of one hundred naira.

11. All matters arising from the operation of this bye-law shall be entertained by any Magistrate Court or Area Court of the Federal Capital Territory.

12. In this bye-law, unless the context otherwise admits –

"Area council" means the Abuja Municipal Area Council.

"Chairman" means the Chief Executive of the Abuja Municipal Area Council.

"Resident" means people living or carrying on business in the Abuja Municipal Area Council.

"Revenue Officer" means any person designated as such by the Area Council.

13. The bye-law may be cited as the Development levy bye-law 2003.

### SCHEDULE

#### PERSONS ENTITLED TO EXEMPTION

1. Employees of Government (Federal, State and Local).

2. Students

3. Handicaps

4. People who are too old to earn a living

5. Persons under 18 years old.

## CHAPTER 3

### COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF PUPILS INTO SCHOOL BYE-LAW

1. There shall be established for the purposes of this Bye-law a committee to be known as "Area council Education Committees".

2. (a) The Committee shall consist of a chairman and not less than four but not more than six other members.

(b) The secretary of the Local Education Authority shall be a member and secretary to the committee.

3. The Chairman and the members of the committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Abuja Municipal Area Council.

4. The functions of the committee shall be –

(a) To enlighten members of the public on the necessity of community education in the area council

(b) To investigate cases of illegal withdrawal of pupils from schools and to submit reports in writing to the chairman of the Abuja municipal area council.

(c) To hold regular meetings with district and ward heads in its enlightenment drive as may be expedient.

(d) To perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the chairman of the Abuja municipal area council in accordance with the provisions of this bye-law.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in this bye-law the chairman of the area council shall have power to remove any member of the committee if he is satisfied that the member –

(a) Has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee without due permission from the committee chairman

(b) Has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction in Nigeria for any offence involving dishonesty.

(c) Is incapacitated by physical or mental illness.

(d) Is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge the duties of a member.

6. Every child who six years old shall be registered in any primary school of the choice of the parent or guardian of such child.

7. (1) Any child who has been enrolled as pupil shall attend the school in accordance with the direction of the headmaster or the principal of the school as the case may be and for the period specified by the school calendar and regulations.

(2) Any pupil enrolled at any post-primary school shall continue in school except as provided by section 9 of this bye-law.

(3) No parent or guardian shall withdraw from school any female pupil for marriage.

8. It shall be the duty of any parent or guardian whose child is enrolled as a pupil in any school to do all that is reasonable within his power to ensure the regular attendance of his child as and when required.

9. (a) Without prejudice to the generality of section 6, section 7 and section 8 of this bye-law a pupil may be withdrawn from any school within the area council if the parent or guardian of such pupil is transferred from or within the area council.

(b) A pupil withdrawn in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall be registered in the new station of the parent or guardian within the area council.

10. The area council shall strive to provide equal and adequate educational opportunities at all levels mentioned in this bye-law in so far as the required facilities are available as and when practicable

11. Any grade of Magistrate court of area court shall have jurisdiction to try offences under this bye-law.

12. (a) Any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than 2 months or a fine of six hundred naira or both as first offender

(b) Any person who contravenes any provisions of this bye-law as a second or subsequent offender shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction liable to imprisonment for a term of five months without the option of fine.

(c) Any person who impregnate a female pupil shall-

(i) If such person is a pupil, be liable to suspension from school for the period of one academic session.

(ii) If such a person is not a pupil, be liable to criminal prosecution under the Penal Code Act, Cap. 532 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1990 and addition pay to the Abuja municipal area council the cost expended on the female pupil up to the level of her education at the time of pregnancy.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this bye-law and without prejudice to paragraphs (i) and (ii) of subsection (c) of section 12 of this bye-law, be liable at the election and instance of the parent or guardian of the female pupil, to claim in civil law.

13. In this bye-law unless the context otherwise requires –

"Area council" means the Abuja municipal area council.

"Chairman" means the executive chairman of the Abuja municipal area council

"Committee" means the area council education committee.

"Court" has the meaning assigned to it by section 11 of this bye-law.

"Pupil" means any person who is enrolled in school in accordance with the provisions of this bye-law.

"School" means primary and post-primary schools established within the Area council.

14. This bye-law maybe cited as the compulsory registration of pupils into school bye-law.

#### CHAPTER 4

#### SANITATION BYE-LAW

1. (1) There is hereby established for the Area Council a committee to be known as the "sanitation committees".

(2) The committee shall be composed of the following members -

(a) A representative of the Nigeria Police force;

(b) A representative of the Nigeria prison service;

(c) At least two sanitary inspectors

(d) The supervisory council for health of the area council

(e) Any other two members appointed by the chairman

2. (1) The supervisory council for health of the area council shall be the committee chairman

(2) The committee shall have a secretary who shall be elected by the committee from among its members

3. The committee shall in addition to such other duties as the chairman may assign to it from time to time -

(i) Ensure the participation of members of the public in sanitation activities on all sanitation days appointed by the government of the federal republic of Nigeria and/or the minister of the federal capital territory and/or the chairman of the Abuja municipal area council.

(ii) Assign sanitary inspectors on routine inspection of residential and commercial premises to ensure that no litters are dumped within the vicinity of such premises and that such premises are kept in good sanitary condition.

(iii) Assign inspectors to ensure all residential premises have toilets and bathrooms of a sound sanitary status.

(iv) Ensure that no person in any manner whatever block any drainage system within the area council.

(v) Recommend special sanitation days to be fixed by the chairman

4. (1) The chairman may upon the recommendation of the sanitations committee fix special sanitation days for the area council

(2) The days fixed under this section shall not be more than once per month.

5. (1) The chairman may by order constitute sanitation committee at ward levels

(2) The functions of the ward sanitation committees shall be assigned to it from time to time as the chairman shall deem fit in the circumstances.

(3) The chairman of each ward sanitation committee shall reorganise and mobilize the people of the ward for sanitation activities within the ward

(4) The ward sanitation committee chairman may delegate any power conferred on him by this section to any subordinate member of the committee.

6. the sanitation committee and ward sanitation committee shall be funded from funds provided by the area council.

7. No occupant of any premises shall allow human faeces near the house or roadside beside the house.

8. It shall be the duty of the owner of any residential house to provide adequate toilet and bathrooms for the occupants.

9. No occupant of a residential house shall -

(a) Grow, allow to be grown or overlook the growth of any crops of a height 1.5 feet or more above ground level within 10 meters of outer walls of the house.

10. All persons occupying any premises within the area council shall -

(i) keep the surroundings of such premises clean;

(ii) participate in all sanitation days activities

11. (i) The chairman may by order designated refuse collection centres within the urban areas within the area council.

(ii) It shall be the duty of all owners of dwelling or commercial houses to ensure that refuse is dumped only at the designated refuse collection centres within the area council.

12. All owners of deep water wells within the area council shall provided covers for such wells.

13. It shall be the duty of every owner/occupiers of all buildings within the area council to allow any sanitary inspectors upon request the surroundings of the said buildings to ensure compliance with this Bye-Law.

(i) The sanitary inspector shall issue notices to violators to abate every appropriate nuisance and upon the expiration of such notices take such other steps as mandated by this Bye-Law or other public health legislation.

14. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bye-law shall guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of one week or a fine of one thousand naira only.

15. (1) The chairman may constitute a mobile court whose functions shall be –
- (a) To detect violators of his bye-law
  - (b) Carry out on the spot trial and sentence of persons contravening any provisions of this bye-law.
  - (c) Such other functions as the chairman may from time to time assigns
    - (i.) the mobile court shall operate only on days of environmental sanitation
    - (ii.) the court shall be composed of –
      - (a) A legal practitioner who shall be president
      - (b) A police officer of not below the rank of Inspector
      - (c) A sanitary inspector
      - (d) Two other members appointed by the chairman
16. Without prejudice to the generality of section 15 of this bye-law jurisdiction for trial of offences under this bye-law shall be vested in the magistrate and area court of the federal capital territory, Abuja.
17. All fines accruing from mobile courts, magistrate courts and area courts in respect of trial of offence under this bye-law shall accrue as revenue to the area council.
18. In this bye-law unless the context otherwise requires –
- “Area council” means Abuja municipal area council
- “Chairman” means the chief executive of the Abuja municipal area council;
- “Drainage system” includes gutters and such other water ways within the area council;
- “Legal practitioner” has the meaning assigned to it by the legal practitioners act;
- “Month” or “Month” has the same meaning as assigned in the interpretation act;
- “Sanitary Inspector” means such health officers that shall be assigned to perform duties as such under this bye-law.

19. This bye-law may be cited as the sanitation bye-law made at Abuja this 24th day of May 2002.

#### CHAPTER 5

#### CEMETERIES AND BURIAL GROUND BYE-LAWS

1. It shall be the exclusive responsibility of the area council to designate any area within the area council as cemeteries or burial grounds.
2. No person shall bury any dead human being or part of thereof in any place within the area council other than a place designated as a cemetery or burial ground in accordance with this bye-law.
3. The area council may divide such cemetery or burial ground into two or more parts for the purpose of burying people of different faiths.
4. No person shall exhume or cause to be exhumed from a grave in any cemetery or burial ground.
5. notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this bye-law, a court may order the exhumation of any dead boy or part thereof
6. the exhumation mentioned in this section shall not be carried out until the order of the court is produced to the chairman and his written authorization obtained.
7. without prejudice to the generality of section 3 of this bye-law, no person shall discriminate or be discriminated against during a burial, exhumation visit to a cemetery with this bye-law on grounds of a race, ethnicity, religion or otherwise.
8. the area council may take such steps as it deems necessary to maintain its cemeteries and burial grounds.
9. nothing in this bye-law shall preclude people of any community from burying the dead in a place designated by their chief for that purpose where the area council has not designated any areas as cemetery or burial grounds within their community.
10. no person other than an assigned watchman shall go into a cemetery or burial ground before 05.03 hours in the forenoon or remain after 19.00 hours in the evening
11. burial at a cemetery or burial ground shall be at the direction of the staff of the area council assigned for such a cemetery or burial ground.
12. Subject to the constitution of the federal republic of Nigeria, jurisdiction to ascertain matters arising from the operation of this bye-law shall be vested in the magistrate courts.
13. (1) Any person who contravenes any provisions of section 2 or section 3 of this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction be liable to six months imprisonment or one thousand naira fine or to both.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any provisions of section 4 or section 6 of this bye-law or in any manner howsoever abets its contravention shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months without the option of a fine.
- (3) Any person who contravenes the provision of section 7 of this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction be liable to two months imprisonment or five hundred naira fine.
- (4) Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 10 of this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction liable to seven days imprisonment or three hundred naira fine.
14. In this bye-law, unless the context otherwise requires:
 

“Area council” means Abuja municipal area council

“Chairman” means the chief executive of the Abuja municipal area council;

“Burial Ground” means the same thing as cemetery

"Exhume" means the removal of the dead and buried body of a human being or part thereof from its grave.

"Faith" means religion

"Human being" includes any child or foetus born before the full gestation period.

15. This bye-law may be cited as the cemeteries and burial grounds bye-law.

Made at Abuja this 24th day of May 2006

## CHAPTER 6

### RESTAURANTS AND PLACES OF SALES OF FOOD BYE-LAW

1. No person shall set up a restaurant within the area council unless prior permission in the prescribed form as contained in the schedule has been obtained.

2. The area council may grant permission to a named applicant upon his application to operate restaurant if-

(a) A health officer has certified the premises to used to be hygienically fit for that purposes;

(b) A health officer has certified the applicant to be free from any communicable diseases or any other diseases that may be transmissible through the handling of food.

(c) The applicant pays such fees as is specified under this bye-law.

(d) The applicant meets such other conditions as the area council may stipulated from time to time.

3. (1) The production of receipt of payment of fees in accordance with this bye-law shall be prima facie evidence of compliance with section 1 of this bye-law.

(2) Fees for granting a permit and for the yearly renewal of same shall be the sum of one thousand naira only

(3) The area council may from time to time review the fees stipulated in this section

(4) The area council may consider the size of a restaurant affix a higher fees than that stipulated herein

4. The area council may revoke any such permit that has been granted to any person if such person refuses to -

(a) Obey the lawful directive of a health officer

(b) Keep the restaurant in a good sanitary state

5. (1) A permit granted under this bye-law shall be valid for one year from the date of issue.

(2) Such permit as in herein mentioned may be renewed by the area council from year to year upon the application of the holder.

(3) Any holder who fails to renew his permit within two months from the expiration thereof and not withstanding remains in business shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) Where no new permit is issued upon payment of renewal fees, the old permit notwithstanding the date thereof shall remain valid for the year of such renewal.

6. Any person operating or owning a restaurant shall -

(a) Keep the surroundings and interior or such restaurant clean to the satisfaction of the health officer.

(b) Open such restaurant for the inspection of the health officer on request at any time between 06.00 hours in the forenoon and 18.30 hours in the evening.

(c) Not use meat that has not been certified as fit for human consumption as provided for by the slaughter houses bye-law.

7. The owner or operator of a restaurant may slaughter any animal for public consumption within the premises of the restaurant provided it is done in a good place.

8. All owners of restaurant subsisting before and as at the time of coming into effect of this bye-law shall within two months from the date of commencement of the bye-law apply for permission under this bye-law.

9. Any person who violates any provision of this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to a term of imprisonment of three months or fine of five hundred naira.

10. Jurisdiction for trial of causes arising upon the operation of this bye-law shall vest in the magistrate and area courts of the federal capital territory.

11. In this bye-law, unless the context otherwise admits

"Area council" means Abuja municipal area council

"Health Officer" means a staff of the health department unit of the Abuja municipal area council assigned duties in accordance with this bye-law.

12. This bye-law may be cited as the Restaurant and places of sales of food bye-law.

### SCHEDULE

#### THE ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL RESTAURANTS AND PLACES OF SALE OF FOOD BYE-LAW

#### PERMIT TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT

Permit No.....Date .....

Mr./Mrs./Alj./Rev./Dr./Miss.....

of .....

is hereby permitted to maintain and run a restaurant at .....

.....  
within the Abuja Municipal Area Council.  
Fees Paid N.....  
Receipt No.....  
This Permits is valid up to .....

.....  
Council Chairman  
MADE AT ABUJA THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2002.

CHAPTER 7  
CONTROL OF MINOR INDUSTRIES BYE-LAW  
A BYE-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENCING AND RESTRICTION OF THE OPERATION OF MINOR INDUSTRIES

1. No person shall –
  - (1) Operate a minor industry at any premises unless licence to do so under section 2 of this bye-law.
  - (2) Operate on any premises a minor industry other than the once specified in the licence.
2. (1) The area council may upon application grant to the applicant a licence as in Form A in the first schedule.
  - (2) A licence issued under this bye-law shall specify the location of the premises where the minor industry shall be sited and the minor industry which shall be sited therein.
  - (3) The area council shall not issue a licence under this section unless the premises to be licenced have been inspected and approved by a Health Officer
3. (1) The duration of a licence issued under this bye-law shall be one year.
  - (2) A licence issued under this bye-law may be renewed from year to year upon the application of the licence.
4. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction liable to a term of imprisonment which may extend to six months or fine of one thousand naira.
5. This bye-law shall not apply to companies and allied organisations registered under the company and Allied Matters Act. Cap. 59 Laws of the federation of Nigeria 1990.
6. the fees for the renewal or a licence under this bye-law shall be the fees specified in the second schedule.
7. In this bye-law unless the context otherwise permits -  
"Area council" means Abuja municipal area council  
"Health Officer" means any Health Officer of Veterinary Doctor assigned by the area council to inspect anything in accordance with this bye-law.
8. This bye-law may be cited as the control minor industries bye-law.

FIRST SCHEDULE (Section 2)

FORM A

THE ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL  
CONTROL OF MINOR INDUSTRIES BYE-LAW

Under Industries

NAME OF LICENCE.....  
ADDRESS OF LICENCE.....  
ADDRESS OF MINOR INDUSTRY.....  
DESCRIPTION OF MINOR INDUSTRY.....

.....  
THIS LICENCE VALID UNTIL.....

FEES PAID N.....

RECEIPT NO.....

.....  
Council Secretary

SECOND SCHEDULE (Section 6)

THE ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL CONTROL OF MINOR INDUSTRIES BYE-LAW

	Minor Industry	Licence Fees
1.	Barbers and Hairdressers in ....	700.00

	Shop		
2.	Brick/concrete blocks moulding	....	1,000.00
3.	Cabinet and Chair manufacturing	....	1,000.00
4.	Carpentry and Joinery	....	700.00
5.	Groundnut and Conr Mill	....	1,000.00
6.	Battery Charger	....	500.00
7.	Goldsmith	....	500.00
8.	Manufacture of Leather Goods	....	500.00
9.	Manufacture of Dane Guns	....	1,000.00
10.	Metal Works	....	700.00
11.	Photography Studio	....	1,000.00
12.	Bicycle Repair	....	500.00
13.	Motorcycle Repair	....	1,000.00
14.	Motor Mechanic	....	2,000.00
15.	Radio/TV Repair	....	400.00
16.	Watches/Clocks Repair	....	200.00
17.	Rice/Corn Mill	....	2,000.00
18.	Tailoring	....	1,000.00
19.	Sawmill	....	1,000.00
20.	Video/C.D Rental Shops	....	500.00
21.	Traditional Barber	....	100.00
22.	Soup Ingredients etc. Grinding Machine	....	200.00
23.	Vulcanizer	....	300.00
24.	Motor Vehicle Electrician (Re-wire)	....	500.00
25.	Shoe Manufactures (Local)	....	500.00

MADE AT ABUJA THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2002

## CHAPTER 8

### VEHICLE PARKING PERMIT CHARGES BYE-LAW

1. (1) The Area Council may provide motor vehicle parking permit centre to provide parking services to the public.

(2) Any place may be designated as such centre by the Area Council

2. A parking centre establish under this by-law shall be kept secured by security men employed by the Area council

3. No person shall be allowed to park at a parking centre after 22.00 hours in the night or to remove a parked vehicle from the centre between 22.00 hours and 05.30 hours.

4. There shall be maintained at a centre a register wherein the particulars of the motor vehicles parked at the centre and the names and addresses of the owners shall be duly recorded.

5. An owner of a vehicle or other person parking same at a parking centre shall sign in the appropriate "IN" and "OUT" columns when he parks and takes away the vehicle.

6. Parking of vehicles shall be on the condition that –

(1) The owner has registered with the Area Council on payment of the prescribed fees.

(2) The owner agrees to adhere to the time limit as prescribed in section 3 of this bye-law.

(3) The registered owner of a vehicle does not seek to park a vehicle other than the one registered.

(4) The owner is not in arrears in payment of the periodical fees that shall be prescribed by the Area council.

7. The chairman may cancel or direct the cancellation of any vehicle parking registration under this bye-law if –

(1) An owner of the vehicle fails to comply with the rules guiding parking centre

(2) A motor vehicle is seen as endangering the safety of others



- (3) A registered owner is subsequently known to be a person of dubious character.
- (4) The chairman for any other reason deems the registration not to be in the interest of the area council.
8. The key to a parked vehicle shall be surrendered by the owner to the security man on duty after the parking of the vehicle.
9. (1) The fees payable for night parking shall be N100 (one hundred naira only) per night while N150.00 (one hundred and fifty naira only) shall be paid for full day parking.
- (2) The fees payable under this section may be revised from time to time by the area council.
10. In this bye-law, unless context otherwise admits –
- “Area council” means Abuja municipal area council
- “Chairman” means the chief executive of the Abuja municipal area council;
- “Full Day” means from 6.00 hours of the following day
- “securityman” means a person under whose control a motor vehicle is
- “Motor Vehicle” means a mechanically propelled object principally of four wheels.
- “Night” means from 18.00 hours of one day to 09.00 hours of the following days
- “Parking Centre” means any place designated as such by the Area Council.
11. This bye-law may be cited as the vehicle parking permit and charges bye-law.
- Dated at Abuja this 24th day of May, 2002

#### CHAPTER 9

##### STREET BEGGING BYE-LAW

1. The Chairman may appoint any staff of the Area Council as Enforcement Officer to ensure compliance with the bye-law and report offender to the Police for criminal prosecution.
2. (a) No any person is allowed to practice street begging within the Area Council except in a place designated in the Area Council as Alms collection centre.
- (b) A person or group of persons who are physically handicapped may apply to the Area Council requesting designated of an Area Council as Alms collection centre.
- (c) The Area Council may if satisfied with the application in pursuance to the provision of (b) above issue a licence designating a particular place as alms collection centre.
3. Street begging in whatever form or manner is prohibited in any part of the Area council by anybody except in the designated area.
4. No parent or guardian of a child under seven years old shall allow the child to beg in whatever manner in any public place, street or even in the designated area.
5. No parent or guardian of a child of school age may allow the child to beg or solicit for alms in the designated area or otherwise during school hours unless –
- (a) The child has passed out of the school; and
- (b) The child is still awaiting his result of admission into higher school as the case may be.
6. The Enforcement Officer or any other designated staff of the Area council or a Police Officer may demand for a licence issued under this bye-law and when done it shall be produced by the holder for inspection.
7. The chairman may set up a committee comprising of the Enforcement Officer and four other members for the purposes of monitoring and enforcing the provision of this bye-law.
8. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction liable –
- (a) As first offender to imprisonment for fourteen days or five hundred naira fine or to both.
- (b) As first subsequent offender to imprisonment for six months or fine not exceeding two thousand naira or to both.
9. Jurisdiction to entertain any matter under this bye-law shall be vested in the Magistrate and Area councils of Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.
10. In this bye-law, unless the context otherwise admits –
- “Area council” means Abuja municipal area council
- “Chairman” means the chief executive of the Abuja municipal area council;
- “Beg or Begging” means the art of soliciting for financial or material assistance from people on the street by physically handicapped people or physically fit persons who had turned the art of begging as a means of livelihood.
- “School Age” means 16 years
- “Designated Area” means any area designated for alms collection or begging
- “School Hours” means period from 7.30am to 2.00pm all working days.
11. This bye-law may be cited as Street begging bye-law.

MADE at Garki, this 24th of May, 2002

#### CHAPTER 10

##### ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL BYE-LAW ON VEHICLE MOBILE ADVERTISEMENT

1. As from the commencement of these bye-law no person or company shall maintain any Branded Vehicle or have on any vehicle any sticker, logo, or personalized painting and sign, which in accordance with these bye-law constitute advertisement without first obtaining a permit to that effect from the

Area Council.

2. A permit may be obtained upon payment of the fees prescribed in first schedule to these bye-law on all the vehicles in the fleet of the company or person.
3. A permit issued under these bye-law shall be in the form presented in the second schedule to these bye-law and shall be signed by the Chief Revenue Officer to the Area Council who shall also be the secretary of Internal Revenue Generation Committee or any person authorised by the Chairman of the area council.
4. Any permit issued under these bye-law shall expire on 31st day of December of the year of issue, and shall be liable to be renewed annually upon the payment of the fees prescribed by the bye-law.
5. Any permit issued under these bye-law shall not be transferable and any person who transfers same shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to an imprisonment not exceeding six months.
6. The area council shall have powers to charge and collect arrears of the prescribed fees of the preceding year together with an interest assessed at ten percent.
7. The area council shall have issue a seven day Demand Notice, before it can prosecute the defaulter at the court.
8. Any person authorised by the Area council may between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00 pm from Monday to Saturday enter into any premises within the area council for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of these bye-law have been complied with and shall have powers to enforce all the provisions of these bye-law.
9. Any person authorized by the area council shall have power to arraign before the court of competent jurisdiction any person who contravenes the provisions of these bye-law.
10. The court shall have powers to order that such vehicles without the Mobile Advertisement permit as required by bye-law be impounded until the permit is obtained and the provisions of these bye-law are complied with, and order its release upon compliance with provisions of these bye-law.
11. The council upon recommendation of the Internal Revenue Generation Committee appoints an agent who shall be responsible for the collection and enforcement of the provisions of these bye-law.
12. Any person who obstructs, hinders, molests, or assaults any person authorized by the Area council in the enforcement of these bye-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to an imprisonment not exceeding six months.
13. In these Bye-law unless the context otherwise requires –  
"Court of Competent Jurisdiction" means Magistrate Court  
"Area Council" means Abuja Municipal Area Council  
"Mobile Advertisement" means any word, letters, Model, Sign, Printed Notice, Logo Identification representation on the body of vehicles or any notice or representation whether illuminated or not (in the nature of or employed wholly or in part for the purpose of Advertisement) this includes outdoor advertisement or notice on the body of the vehicle.  
"Owner" means the person or companies who have the title to the vehicle and shall include those in possession of the vehicle.  
"Permit" means the Licence to maintain a vehicle with Mobile Advertisement  
"Person" includes individuals, private firms and companies  
"Agent" means a person/company engaged by the Area Council for the purpose of collecting revenue and enforcing the provision of the vehicle mobile advertisement Bye-law on behalf of the council.
14. This Bye-law may be cited as vehicle Mobile Advertisements Bye-law and shall come into force on the 24th day of May, 2002

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL

VEHICLE MOBILE ADVERTISEMENT BYE-LAW, 2003

Permit shall be issued upon the payment of the understated fees—

- (a) Cars / Buses / Vans/Pickup N5,000.00 per vehicle
- (b) Diana Delivery Vans /JB N5,500.00 per vehicle
- (c) Tipper / Lorries N6,500.00 per vehicle
- (d) Cranes N10,000.00 per vehicle
- (e) Earth Moving Equipment N12,000.00 per vehicle

#### SECOND SCHEDULE

ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL

VEHICLE MOBILE ADVERTISEMENT BYE-LAW, 2003

NO. ....

This is to Certify that .....

Is hereby granted Vehicle Mobile Advertisement Permit in respect of the vehicle ;

With the Registration Number .....

Belonging to .....  
Of .....

DATED this 24th day of May, 2002

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Chief Revenue Officer

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Hon. (Mrs) Esther JOHN AUDU  
Chairman  
ABUJA MUNICIPAL AREA COUNCIL

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