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MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

BELMULLET TOWN

CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS

CASUAL TRADING ACT, 1995

Mayo County Council in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act, 1995, hereby make the following bye-laws in respect of the Belmullet Town Area, as defined in the Mayo County Council Belmullet Development Plan of 1995.

1. Title

These bye-laws may be cited as the **Belmullet Town** Casual Trading Act Bye-Laws, 2004.

2. Commencement Date

These bye-laws came into operation on **12th January, 2004**.

3. Definitions

In these bye-laws save where the context otherwise implies: -

“The Act” means the Casual Trading Act, 1995, and amendment thereto and any regulations made thereunder.

“Casual Trading” has the meaning given to it in Section 2 of the Act.

“Casual Trading Area” means those areas designated for casual trading in Schedule One below.

“The Council” means **Mayo County Council**

“Stall” shall include any wheeled moveable or static stall or box, barrow, cart, van, caravan, tent, booth or other structure or vehicle for casual trading.

“day” shall include a part of a day.

“his” shall include her and their plurals.

“licensee” shall mean the holder of a current valid casual trading licence issued and not revoked by the Council.

4. Trading Areas

4.1 Casual trading shall only be carried out at the locations designated for the purpose in Schedule 1 or at such other locations for a specified event or events as may be approved in a licence issued pursuant to Section 4(1) (a) (iii) of the Act.

4.2 Except for licensees in the category 7.4 below casual trading outside the designated area is prohibited.

5. Casual Trading Licence

5.1 Casual trading in **Belmullet Town** is prohibited except by licensees.

5.2 Casual trading shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the casual trading licence.

5.3 Licenses shall not be transferable.

- 5.4.1 In the event of breach of these bye-laws or of the terms and conditions of the licence, the licence may be revoked by the Council.
- 5.4.2 Before deciding on the revocation of a licence, 21 days notice giving particulars of the breach and of the Councils intention to revoke the licence shall be posted by ordinary post to the licensee. The Council shall have regard to any written submissions made by the licensee prior to deciding whether or not to revoke the licence.

6. Times for Casual Trading

- 6.1 Casual Trading shall be between the times specified in the licence.
- 6.2 In default of specification of times in the licence, licensees shall trade only between the hours of 9.00 am and 9.00 pm at the area shaded on the map.

7. Licence Fees

- 7.1 Applicants for an annual casual trading licence for one day a week per annum, which shall be a Wednesday, shall pay a fee of **€1,000** per annum.
- 7.2 Applicants for an annual casual trading licence for two or more days a week shall pay an extra **€1,000** per day in addition to fee required at Paragraph 7.1.
- 7.3 The Council may at its absolute discretion grant licences for periods shorter than one year.
- 7.4 Occasional casual trading at particular events:-
€65.00 a day
- 7.5 Licence fees are payable on issue of licence.
- 7.6 VAT if applicable shall be in addition to above amounts.

8. Trading Pitches

- 8.1 The Council shall at its sole discretion allot trading pitches in the designated area to licensees. The size and location of each pitch shall be at the sole discretion of the Council. Such allocation shall not create a tenancy, licence or other entitlement to said pitch. Allocations may be charged or revoked at the discretion of the Council, and shall not be transferable.
- 8.2 Each licensee shall confine his stall and all his goods, equipment or other articles to the allotted pitch. No goods or article shall overhang the area outside the allotted pitch.
- 8.3 Stalls and all other goods and articles must be removed by licensees from the pitch and from the entire designated area within one hour of the time specified for ceasing casual trading.
- 8.4 Stalls and other articles shall not be left on or near a pitch earlier than one hour prior to the permitted trading time.
- 8.5 The Council shall be entitled to remove stalls, vehicles and other equipment and articles left on the pitch or in the designated area in breach of this regulation.
- 8.6 Licensees shall keep a refuse bin on their pitch during the permitted hours and shall ensure that all litter is put in it.
- 8.7 Licensees shall comply with the requirements of the Litter Act, 1997.

9. Management

- 9.1 Licensees shall sell only the goods specified in their licence.
- 9.2 Licensees shall while trading clearly display their licence so as to be clearly legible to members of the public.
- 9.3 Licenses selling food shall comply with the relevant Food Hygiene Regulations and requirements of the Western Health Board/Mayo County Council and the Council where appropriate.
- 9.4 Licensees shall not use a loudspeaker or other public address system, or otherwise cause any nuisance or disturbance.
- 9.5 The Council may appoint persons to be authorised officers for the purpose of the Act and the implementation of these bye-laws.
- 9.6 Failure by a licensee to comply with the reasonable directions and requests of such authorised officers or of the Council shall be an offence under these bye-laws.
- 9.7 Licensees shall be responsible for the compliance with these bye-laws by their servants or agents staff and family members assisting them.
- 9.8 Licensees shall indemnify the Council against all third party claims and shall maintain public liability insurance cover in the amount of at least **€6.5m** in respect of each and every claim. The policy and premium receipt shall be shown to the Council when considering each licence application.
- 9.9 Live animals shall not be exhibited for sale or sold in the designated area.
- 9.10 Licensees shall not obstruct traffic or pedestrians.

10. Penalties

- 10.1 A person who contravenes bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,269.74.
- 10.2 A summary offence under these bye-laws may be prosecuted by the Council.

11. General

All functions of the Council relating to the Act and these bye-laws apart from the making, variation, or revocation of these bye-laws shall be executive functions.

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