

Common Lodging Houses (Beau Bassin and Rose Hill) Regulations 1919

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

1. Area within which common lodging houses are prohibited

It shall not be lawful to keep a common lodging house in the following areas of the town of Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, bounded as follows-

Rose Hill section- From the eastern limit of the town, ie, Robertson Bridge, across Plaines Wilhems River, by Moka main road to its point of junction with the main road from Mahebourg to Port Louis, by the main road to Port Louis to Inkerman Street, by Inkerman Street to its point of junction with Edward VII street, by Edward VII Street to Hugnin Road, by Hugnin Road to Ambrose Street, by Ambrose Street to Abbe Harel Street, by Abbe Harel Street to Pere Laval Street, by Pere Laval and Cascade Streets to Plaines Wilhems River, by Plaines Wilhems River back to starting point, Robertson Bridge, on Moka road.

Beau Bassin section - From Plaines Wilhems River on the east by Cascade Street to main road to Port Louis, by main road to Port Louis to Meldrum Street, by Meldrum Street to Pope Hennessy Street, by Pope Hennessy Street to Dumat Street, by Dumat Street to main road to Port Louis, by main road to Port Louis to Gustave Colin Street, by Gustave Colin Street to Beyts Street, by Beyts Street to Dupont Street, by Dupont Street in a straight line to Plaines Wilhems River, by Plaines Wilhems River up to starting point opposite Cascade Street.

2. Registration control and supervision of common lodging houses

- (1) The preliminary report of survey of a common lodging house by the Building Surveyor or Inspector shall be accompanied by a plan, drawn to scale, of the premises, giving the size of each room of any building to be used as a common lodging house.
- (2) The charge for such preliminary survey and report shall be five rupees and for every subsequent survey, three rupees.
- (3) No common lodging house shall be kept unless the sanitary conditions required by any regulation, now in force or hereafter enacted, be complied with.

3. Water supply

Every lodging house keeper or owner shall provide on the premises a daily supply of water from the Mare-aux-Vacoas water supply of at least fifty litres for each inmate, if such be available within a reasonable reach from existing water mains.

4. Bathroom provided

One bathroom at least shall be provided by the keeper or owner for the use of the lodgers, and shall not be less than six feet long by four feet wide, with an impermeable floor, and shall be provided with an apparatus for a shower bath.

5. Latrines

Latrines shall be provided as prescribed by the Night Soil Regulations and Building Regulations.

[No regulations have the specific title Night Soil Regulations]

6. Refuse water

Proper provision shall be made for the disposal of surface and refuse waters to the satisfaction of the Authority.

7. Sweepings

A proper and covered dustbin or receptacle shall be provided to receive all sweepings and kitchen refuse.

8. Dimensions of room. Air space in room

The minimum height of every room used or intended for habitation from floor to wall plate shall be as follows; if the roof is flat or covered with metal, paroid or similar substance, ten feet at least; if the roof is covered with shingles or tiles, nine feet at least; if covered with straw, seven feet at least; and a minimum of four hundred cubic feet of air space must be provided for every inmate over fourteen years of age, and two hundred for every inmate below that age. The floor area of any room intended for habitation shall not be less than one hundred and twenty square feet:

Provided that any existing building which, in respect of height, was in accordance with the Building Act, may be authorised in such respect if it can be shown, to the satisfaction of the Authority, that the necessary alterations would cause excessive outlay.

9. Number and size of doors and windows

There shall be in every room at least one door not less than seven feet high by three feet wide, leading direct on to the open yard or to an open verandah, and one window not less than four feet high by two feet six inches wide opening direct on to the yard or to an open verandah, provided the room is one hundred and twenty square feet in area; if larger, the area of the openings shall not be less than one- quarter of the floor surface of the room.

10. Inside walls to be limewashed or painted

The inside walls of common lodging houses shall not be papered; they shall be limewashed or painted. Lime-washing must be done every six months and painting once in every two years, subject to any measures that may be ordered by the Authority in cases of contagious diseases.

11. Partitions to be of wood, stone, galvanised iron or tin

Partitions separating one room from another shall extend to the roof and shall be made of wood, stone, galvanised iron or tin, to the satisfaction of the Authority.

12. Kitchens

The owner or keeper of a common lodging house shall provide for the use of the lodgers kitchens built according to the provisions of the Building Act. There shall be a hearth of at least two feet wide for the use of the inmates of each room in the lodging house.

No cooking shall be done except in such kitchens.

13. Communication with kitchen or privy not allowed

No room shall communicate with a kitchen or privy.

14. Ventilation not to be interfered with

The ventilation of the rooms shall not be interfered with by any structure or scaffolding under the ceiling, roof or by the accumulation of any articles therein.

15. Signboard giving name of keeper and the registered number of the lodging house

The keeper of every common lodging house shall place or cause to be placed, in a conspicuous part at the principal entrance of his premises, a signboard, upon which shall be painted in white letters not less than two inches high and an inch broad on a black ground his name and calling and the registered number of the said common lodging house. He shall, moreover, paint or cause to be painted over the entrance door of every room in letters of the size mentioned above the dimensions of the room and the number of inmates authorised to live in the said room.

16. Cleanliness

The rooms and premises of every common lodging house shall always be kept clean to the satisfaction of the Authority.

17. Animals not to be kept in the lodging house

Horses, mules, ponies, donkeys, bulls, cows, pigs and goats shall under no circumstances be kept in any part of a common lodging house.

18. Fruit, vegetables, etc. not to be kept

No fruit, vegetable, dry grain, gunny bags intended for sale shall be stored in any part of a common lodging house.

19. Food intended for sale

No food intended for sale, eg, cakes, bread, etc, shall be prepared or stored in a common lodging house.

20. Washing on premises

No dhobie or washerman shall be allowed to exercise his calling nor keep the clothes of his customers in any part of a common lodging house.

21. Penalty

Anyone contravening any of the provisions of these regulations shall be liable to a fine not exceeding 500 rupees, and in case of a continuing offence shall be liable to a further fine not exceeding 10 rupees for each day during which such breach is continued after conviction for the original offence.