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PART IV (A) – PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCE

By - Laws

I, Lalith U. Gamage (Attorney-at-Law), Governor of Central Province, hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By-law of Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha in exercise of the powers vested in the Pradeshiya Sabha under Section 126(ix) & (xiii) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987, to be read with Section 122 Sub-section (1) of the said Act is approved as per the powers vested in me under Sub-Section (1) of Section 123, of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act to be read with Sub-section (1) (a) of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, and the said by-law shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha from the date of publication of this *Gazette* Notification.

LALITH U. GAMAGE,  
Attorney-at- Law,  
Governor,  
Central Province.

Governor's Office,  
Palace Square,  
Kandy.  
25th day of March, 2024.



DRINKING WATER AND WATER CATCHMENT SAFETY BY - LAW OF THE  
NORWOOD PRADESHIYA SABHA

01. This by-law is enacted in order to take measures for the safety of drinking water and matters consequential thereto including regularization and Supervision of related water sources taking actions related to the conservation of water sources related to Water Projects maintained within the jurisdiction of Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha to protect the safety of drinking water in private and public use in order to secure the public health safety of the people living within the Pradeshiya Sabha jurisdiction.
02. The Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha is conferred with powers to make this by-law under Section 122(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987 to be read with Sections 126(ix) and (xiii) of the said Act.
03. This by-law may be cited as the Drinking Water and Water Catchment Safety by-law of the Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha.
04. The Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha shall maintain the following information in relation to every source of water that supplies drinking water for the consumption of the public within its jurisdiction.
  - (i) Name of Water Source
  - (ii) Location
  - (iii) Grama Niladhari Division
  - (iv) Location Coordinates
  - (v) Ownership or possession of land where water source is located
  - (vi) Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - (vii) Nature of use ( Private / Public)
05. When the water source is an underground water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within a radius of 15 meters from it.
  - (i) Entering, corralling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - (ii) Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - (iii) Setting fires in the open space or taking any action that damages the water source.
  - (iv) Perform excavations.
  - (v) Taking any action to divert waste water through any drain or allowing the constructed drains to be maintained in a defective condition.
  - (vi) Let surface water from any distance flow directly to the water source.
  - (vii) When the source of water is a shallow well, allowing surface water to seep into the well from a distance of less than 4.5 meters from the edge of the well.
  - (viii) Where the source of water is a shallow well, maintaining water seepage into the well at a depth of less than 3 meters from the ground level.
  - (ix) When the source of water is a shallow well, in the case where cement and iron-reinforced concrete and well covers are used for the protection of the well, leaving the cement or the rust formed around the iron used for that to mix with the water.
  - (x) When the source of water is a shallow well, failing to keep the well clean and empty the well water within the time limits set by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Medical Officer of Health or someone duly authorized by them.

06. In the case of a natural surface water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within the limit of 30 meters on both sides and above 10 meters below from the inlet.
- (i) Entering, corralling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - (ii) Washing vehicles or any other machinery.
  - (iii) Use for bathing
  - (iv) Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - (v) Setting fires in the open space or taking any action that damages the water source.
  - (vi) Performing excavations.
  - (vii) Taking any action that would enable diverting sewage through any drain.
  - (viii) Use for any cultivation purpose other than afforestation.
  - (ix) The use of a bucket or any other instrument by any person for taking out water, so that any waste may be mixed with the source of water.
07. Except in case of a water project run by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and in case of using a water source for domestic use, every person or organization running a drinking water project, using a water source shall obtain a license in accordance with the Second Schedule under this by-law from the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
08. Every person applying for a license under this by-law shall apply for the same through an application made in accordance with the form set out in the first Schedule to this by-law.
09. No license shall be issued by the Chairman unless every person applying for a license under this by-law has fulfilled the conditions of this by-law.
- 10.1. Water distribution in the instance where water is distributed for consumption using only piped water system,
- (1) It should be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
  - (2) In case of the applicant is a community based organization, it must be registered under Pradeshiya Sabha or Community Water Department.
11. In the event that a request is made for a license under this by-law, it is the duty of the Chairman to grant the desired license within one month of receiving the application or if it cannot be granted, to inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the same.
12. Fees for a license under this by-law shall be valid after being adopted by the Pradeshiya Sabha and published in the *Gazette*, subject to the Provisions of the Basic Law.
13. Every person licensed under this by-law shall act in accordance with the following conditions:
- (i) The distributed water shall comply with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
  - (ii) All components used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.

- (iii) Actions must be taken to confirm that the water obtained from the water source confirmed at the time of applying for the license will be used for the activities related to the license.
  - (iv) Containers and other tools used for water distribution must be manufactured in accordance with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Standards.
  - (v) The source of water used and the water distributed must be maintained in accordance with the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964.
  - (vi) Every worker employed shall not be a person suffering from a skin disease or an infectious disease or a person who has been in contact with such a person.
  - (vii) Sanitary and clean clothing shall be worn at all times of employment and gloves shall be worn as prescribed.
  - (viii) In the event that orders are in force in accordance with the Disease Prevention and Quarantine Ordinance in the jurisdiction, the services shall be maintained in accordance with the conditions specified under those orders.
  - (ix) Every employee who will be employed in connection with the water project must be the person whose name is included in the information submitted at the time of application for the license or who is included in the information when submitting the information to the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha, if employed at any time thereafter.
  - (x) The workers employed under the water project should be certified by a certificate confirming that they are fit for work once in every six months or within the time limits recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.
14. Any water source within the jurisdiction is used under a license referred to in this by-law, no other person except the licensee shall make use of the said water source or maintain improper water connection with it.
15. It is legal for the Chairman or any officer of the Pradeshiya Sabha specifically authorized by the Chairman, at such time as may be deemed fit and reasonable to enter the premises where the source of water is located, take samples or request any other information deemed necessary for the purposes of the by-laws and in case of distribution of drinking water, carrying out necessary inspections regarding the water distributed or the containers and tools used for it and requesting information deemed necessary for that purpose in order to check whether the conditions mentioned in these by-laws are being maintained.
16. A license issued under this by-law shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue, unless specifically revoked by the Chairman.
17. In any case where any source of drinking water is being used or distributed contrary to the terms mentioned in this by-law, the Chairman shall give a written notice to the licensee giving a reasonable time to comply with the by-law. The reasonable time so given should not exceed 14 days.
18. In the event that any licensee fails to comply with the by-laws within the time limit provided under the above Section, the Chairman shall cancel the license issued under this by-law and notify the licensee in writing.

19. Nonetheless anything mentioned under the above clauses of this by-law, when a license is applied for the first time in respect of any water project related to a license under this by-law and in the event that a license is applied for again with changes in relation to a water project related to a license under this by-law, the Chairman shall not issue such license unless it has been recommended by a Committee appointed by the Chairman to make such recommendations.
20. For the purpose of Section 19 of this by-law and to make recommendations to the Pradeshiya Sabha to ensure the safety of drinking water in relation to water projects operating within the jurisdiction, there shall be a Committee consisting of the following:
- Chairman,
  - Secretary,
  - Technical Officer,
  - Environment Officer,
  - Medical Officer of Health or an officer nominated by him.

However, the above mentioned Provisions should not be a hindrance to call any other officer nominated by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha to assist the Committee in order to achieve the objectives of the Committee as per the need of the service.

21. Subject to a license referred to in this by-law, it is an offense to act in contravention of Section 5, when using a water source without a permit or when operating a drinking water project and after being convicted by a Magistrate's Court for the said offence, such person shall be liable to the punishment mentioned under Section 122 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987.
22. If a person, institution or an organization running any water project requests any time limit for complying with the conditions mentioned in this by-law in respect of a drinking water project subject to a license under this by-law which is in operation in the jurisdiction at the effective date of this by-law, it is legal for the Chairman to grant a grace period, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee mentioned in the 20th by-law above. However, the grace period provided under this Section shall not exceed the period of one year from the effective date of this by-law.
23. Unless, otherwise required by the terms of this by-law, in this by-law:

“Pradeshiya Sabha” means the Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha,

“Chairman” means the Chairman appointed for the Norwood Pradeshiya Sabha, in accordance with the Local Government Elections Act or a person appointed in accordance with the written law to perform the duties and functions of the Chairman in case the Chairman's office is not in operation,

“Waste” has the same meaning as given to waste in the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 as amended from time to time,

“Authorized Officer” means an officer authorized in writing by the Chairman either generally or specially to perform a special function,

“A Water Source” means a natural or artificial accumulation of water that leads to the use of surface water or ground water for drinking water needs or a place that has the potential for public drinking water use.

## SCHEDULE No. 1

**Application Form for License to Use Water Sources for Obtaining Drinking Water**

01. Name of the Applicant:
02. Address:
03. If the applicant is running a business, registration number / if the applicant is a society the registration number of the relevant society:
04. The following information about the location of the water source:
  - (i) Name of the Water Source:
  - (ii) Location (should be outlined):
  - (iii) Nature of the Water Source:
  - (iv) Grama Niladhari Division:
  - (v) Location Coordinates:
  - (vi) Ownership / possession of land where water source is located:

## 6. Information related to the vehicles used for the business

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Vehicle No.</i>	<i>Type of Vehicle</i>

The Chairman should be informed whenever the information in numbers 05 and 06 above changes.

7. Number of beneficiaries identified under the proposed Water Project:
8. Expected water capacity to be used daily:

The following attachments should be submitted along with the completed application form:

- i. A copy of the constitution and a copy of the Society's Registration Certificate if a Society,
- ii. A rough plan certified by an acceptable Technical Officer showing how the components related to the Water Project have been utilized,
- iii. The plan includes all the components related to the Water Scheme,
- iv. Documents in which the permission has been given by the relevant authority in the case of deployment of the main pipe system used for the Water Scheme on a private property and in the case of deployment on a property belonging to another authority, by the relevant authority.

Signature of Applicant.

Date:

(A copy of the document containing the relevant guidelines will be provided with this application)

SCHEDULE No. 2

A permit is issued for running a drinking water project using a water source within the Pradeshiya Sabha jurisdiction.

1. Licensee's Full Name:
2. Address:
3. N.I.C. Number:
4. Authorized Source of Water:
5. Time Allowed:

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Chairman,  
Pradeshiya Sabha.

Date:

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCE

By - Laws

I, Lalith U. Gamage (Attorney-at-Law), Governor of Central Province, hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By-law of Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha in exercise of the powers vested in the Pradeshiya Sabha under Section 126(ix) & (xiii) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987, to be read with Section 122 Sub-section (1) of the said act is approved as per the powers vested in me under Sub-section (1) of Section 123, of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act to be read with Sub-section (1) (a) of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 1989, and the said by-law shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha from the date of publication of this *Gazette* Notification.

LALITH U. GAMAGE,  
Attorney-at- Law,  
Governor,  
Central Province.

At the Governor's Office,  
Palace Square,  
Kandy,  
On this 25th day of March, 2024.

DRINKING WATER AND WATER CATCHMENT SAFETY BY-LAW OF THE  
MASKELIYA PRADESHIYA SABHA

01. This by-law is enacted in order to take measures for the safety of drinking water and matters consequential thereto including Regularization and Supervision of related water sources taking actions related to the conservation of water sources related to Water Projects maintained within the jurisdiction of Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha to protect the safety of drinking water in private and public use in order to secure the public health safety of the people living within the Pradeshiya Sabha jurisdiction.

02. The Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha is conferred with powers to make this by-law under Section 122(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987 to be read with Sections 126(ix) and (xiii) of the said Act.
03. This by-law may be cited as the Drinking Water and Water Catchment Safety by-law of the Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha.
04. The Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha shall maintain the following information in relation to every source of water that supplies drinking water for the consumption of the public within its jurisdiction.
- (i) Name of Water Source
  - (ii) Location
  - (iii) Grama Niladhari Division
  - (iv) Location Coordinates
  - (v) Ownership of land where water source is located
  - (vi) Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - (vii) Nature of use ( Private / Public)
05. When the water source is an underground water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within a radius of 15 meters from it.
- (i) Entering, corralling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - (ii) Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - (iii) Setting fires in the open space or taking any action that damages the water source.
  - (iv) Perform excavations.
  - (v) Taking any action to divert waste water through any drain or allowing the constructed drains to be maintained in a defective condition.
  - (vi) Let surface water from any distance flow directly to the source.
  - (vii) When the source of water is a shallow well, allowing surface water to seep into the well from a distance of less than 4.5 meters from the edge of the well.
  - (viii) Where the source of water is a shallow well, maintaining water seepage into the well at a depth of less than 3 meters from the ground level.
  - (ix) When the source of water is a shallow well, in the case where cement and iron-reinforced concrete and well covers are used for the protection of the well, leaving the cement or the rust formed around the iron used for that to mix with the water.
  - (x) When the source of water is a shallow well, failing to keep the well clean and empty the well water within the time limits set by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Medical Officer of Health or someone duly authorized by them.
06. In the case of a natural surface water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within the limit of 30 meters on both sides and above 10 meters below from the inlet.
- i. Entering, corralling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - ii. Washing vehicles or any other machinery.
  - iii. Use for bathing
  - iv. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.



- v. Setting fires in the open space or taking any action that make damages to the water source.
- vi. Performing excavations.
- vii. Taking any action that would enable diverting sewage through any drain.
- viii. Use for any cultivation purpose other than afforestation.
- ix. The use of a bucket or any other instrument by any person for taking out water, so that any waste may be mixed with the source of water.

07. Except in the case of a water project run by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and in the case of using a water source for domestic use, every person or organization running a drinking water supply project, using a water source shall obtain a license in accordance with the second Schedule under this by-law from the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha.

08. Every person applying for a license under this by-law shall apply for the same through an application made in accordance with the form set out in the first Schedule to this by-law.

09. No license shall be issued by the Chairman unless every person applying for a license under this by-law has fulfilled the conditions of this by-law.

10.1. Water distribution in the instance where water is distributed for consumption using only piped water system,

- (1) It should be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (2) In case of the applicant is a community based organization, it must be registered under the Pradeshiya Sabha or Community Water Department.
- (3) The plan including all the components related to the Water Scheme should be submitted.
- (4) All components and constructions used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
- (5) When the main pipe system used for the water scheme is deployed on a private property, a confirmation must be submitted by the respective owner and when deployed on a property belonging to another authority, a confirmation must be submitted by the relevant authority.
- (6) It should be ensured that the information requested under the application form regarding the employees expected to be employed under the water project and the relevant information whenever the employees change is submitted.

10.2. Where water is collected and distributed for commercial purposes using a bowser or a water container or any other tool,

- (1) It need to be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (2) A confirmation need to be submitted that the water is obtained under a water source maintained in accordance with this by-law.

- (3) A certificate obtained from the said Board that the requirements have been fulfilled according to the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964, regarding the source of water to be used and the water to be distributed need to be submitted.
  - (4) The water provided for use need to be purified under any method recommended by the Water Resource Board.
  - (5) If any vehicle, container or any other tool is used to distribute water, information about the use needed to be submitted.
11. In the event that a request is made for a license under this by-law, it is the duty of the Chairman to grant the desired license within one month receiving the application or if it cannot be granted, to inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the same.
  12. Fees for a license under this by-law shall be valid after being adopted by the Pradeshiya Sabha and published in the *Gazette*, subject to the Provisions of the Basic Law.
  13. Every person licensed under this by-law shall act in accordance with the following conditions:
    - i. The distributed water shall comply with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
    - ii. All components used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
    - iii. Actions must be taken to confirm that the water obtained from the water source confirmed at the time of applying for the license will be used for the activities related to the license.
    - iv. Containers and other tools used for water distribution must be manufactured in accordance with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Standards.
    - v. The source of water used and the water distributed must be maintained in accordance with the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964.
    - vi. Every worker employed shall not be a person suffering from a skin disease or an infectious disease or a person who has been in contact with such a person.
    - vii. Sanitary and clean clothing shall be worn at all times of employment and gloves shall be worn as prescribed.
    - viii. In the event that orders are in force in accordance with the Disease Prevention and Quarantine Ordinance in the jurisdiction, the services shall be maintained in accordance with the conditions specified under those orders.
    - ix. Every employee who will be employed in connection with the water project must be the person whose name is included in the information submitted at the time of application for the license or who is included in the information when submitting the information to the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha, if employed at any time thereafter.
    - x. The workers employed under the water project should be certified by a certificate confirming that they are fit for work once in every six months or within the time limits recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

14. Any water source within the jurisdiction is used under a license referred to in this by-law, no other person except the licensee shall make use of the said water source or maintain improper water connection with it.
15. It is legal for the Chairman or any officer of the Pradeshiya Sabha specifically authorized by the Chairman, at such time as may be deemed fit and reasonable to enter the premises where the source of water is located, take samples or request any other information deemed necessary for the purposes of the by-laws and in case of distribution of drinking water, carrying out necessary inspections regarding the water distributed or the containers and tools used for it and requesting information deemed necessary for that purpose in order to check whether the conditions mentioned in these By-Laws are being maintained.
16. A license issued under this by-law shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue, unless specifically revoked by the Chairman.
17. In any case where any source of drinking water is being used or distributed contrary to the terms mentioned in this by-law the Chairman shall give a written notice to the licensee giving a reasonable time to comply with the by-law. The reasonable time so given should not exceed 14 days.
18. In the event that any licensee fails to comply with the by-laws within the time limit provided under the above Section, the Chairman shall cancel the license issued under this by-law and notify the licensee in writing.
19. Nonetheless anything mentioned under the above clauses of this by-law, when a license is applied for the first time in respect of any water project related to a license under this by-law and in the event that a license is applied for again with changes in relation to a water project related to a license under this by-law, the Chairman shall not issue such license unless it has been recommended by a Committee appointed by the Chairman to make such recommendations.
20. For the purpose of Section 19 of this by-law and to make recommendations to the Pradeshiya Sabha to ensure the safety of drinking water in relation to water projects operating within the jurisdiction, there shall be a Committee consisting of the following:
  - i. Chairman
  - ii. Secretary
  - iii. Technical Officer
  - iv. Environment Officer
  - v. Medical Officer of Health or an officer nominated by him.

However, the above mentioned Provisions should not be a hindrance to call any other officer nominated by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha to assist the Committee in order to achieve the objectives of the Committee as per the need of the service.

21. Subject to a license referred to in this by-law, it is an offense to act in contravention of Section 5, when using a water source without a permit or when operating a drinking water project and after being convicted by a Magistrate's Court for the said offence, such person shall be liable to the punishment mentioned under Section 122 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987.

22. If a person, institution or an organization running any water project requests any time limit for complying with the conditions mentioned in this by-law in respect of a drinking water project subject to a license under this by-law which is in operation in the jurisdiction at the effective date of this by-law, it is legal for the Chairman to grant a grace period, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee mentioned in the 20th by-law above. However, the grace period provided under this Section shall not exceed the period of one year from the effective date of this by-law.

23. Unless, otherwise required by the terms of this by-law, in this by-law;

“Pradeshiya Sabha” means Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha,

“Chairman” means the Chairman appointed for the Maskeliya Pradeshiya Sabha, in accordance with the Local Government Elections Act or a person appointed in accordance with the written law to perform the duties and functions of the Chairman in case the Chairman’s office is not in operation.

“Waste” has the same meaning as given to waste in the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 as amended from time to time.

“Authorized Officer” means an officer authorized in writing by the Chairman either generally or specifically to perform a specified function.

“A Water Source” means a natural or artificial accumulation of water that leads to the use of surface water or ground water for drinking water needs or a place that has the potential for public drinking water use.

#### SCHEDULE No. 1

##### **Application Form for License to Use Water Sources for Obtaining Drinking Water**

1. Name of the Applicant:
2. Address:
3. If the applicant is running a business, registration number / if the applicant is a society the registration number of the relevant society:
4. The following information about the location of the water source:
  - i. Name of the Water Source:
  - ii. Location (should be outlined):
  - iii. Nature of the Water Source:
  - iv. Grama Niladhari Division:
  - v. Location Coordinates:
  - vi. Ownership / Possession of land where water source is located:
  - vii. Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - viii. Nature of Use (Private / Public):

5. Information about the workers employed for the Water Project:–

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>N.I.C. No.</i>

6. Information related to the vehicles used for the business:–

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Vehicle No.</i>	<i>Type of Vehicle</i>

The Chairman should be informed whenever the information in numbers 05 and 06 above changes.

7. Number of beneficiaries identified under the proposed Water Project:

8. Expected water capacity to be used daily:

The following attachments should be submitted along with the completed application form:

- A copy of the constitution and a copy of the Society's Registration Certificate if a Society.
- A rough plan certified by an acceptable Technical Officer showing how the components related to the Water Project have been utilized.
- The plan includes all the components related to the Water Scheme.
- Documents in which the permission has been given by the relevant authority in case of deployment of the main pipe system used for the Water Scheme on a private property and in case of deployment on a property belonging to another authority, by the relevant authority.

Signature of Applicant.

Date:

(A copy of the document containing the relevant guidelines will be provided with this application)

SCHEDULE No. 2

A permit is issued for running a drinking water project using a water source within the Pradeshiya Sabha jurisdiction.

1. Licensee's Full Name:
2. Address:
3. N.I.C. Number:
4. Authorized Source of Water:
5. Period of Time Allowed:

.....  
Chairman,  
Pradeshiya Sabha.

Date:

**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCE**

**By - Laws**

I, Lalith U. Gamage (Attorney-at-Law), Governor of Central Province, hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By-law of Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha by virtue of the powers vested in the Pradeshiya Sabha under Section 126(ix) & (xiii) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987, to be read together with Sub-Section (1) of Section 122 of the said act is approved as per the powers vested in me under Sub-Section (1) of Section 123, of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act to be read with Sub-Section (1) (a) of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 1989, and the said by-law shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha from the date of publication of this *Gazette* Notification.

LALITH U. GAMAGE,  
(Attorney-at- Law)  
Governor,  
Central Province.

At the Governor's Office,  
Palace Square,  
Kandy.  
On this 25th day of March, 2024.

**DRINKING WATER AND WATER CATCHMENT SAFETY BY-LAWS  
OF THE NUWARA ELIYA PRADESHIYA SABHA**

1. This by-law is enacted in order to take measures for the safety of drinking water and matters consequential thereto including Regularization and Supervision of related water sources taking actions related to the conservation of water sources related to Water Projects maintained within the jurisdiction of Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha to protect the safety of drinking water in private and public use in order to secure the public health safety of the people living within the Pradeshiya Sabha jurisdiction.
2. The Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha is conferred with powers to make this By Laws under Sub-section 122(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987 to be read with sub Sections 126(ix) and (xiii) of the said Act.
3. This by-law may be cited as the Drinking Water and Water Catchment Safety by-law of the Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha.
4. The Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha shall maintain the following information in relation to every source of water that supplies drinking water for the consumption of the public within its jurisdiction.
  - i. Name of Water Source
  - ii. Location
  - iii. Grama Niladhari Division
  - iv. Location Coordinates
  - v. Ownership of land where water source is located
  - vi. Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - vii. Nature of use ( Private / Public)

5. When the water source is an underground water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within a radius of 15 meters from it.
  - i. Entering, corraling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - ii. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - iii. Setting fires in the open space or taking any action that damages the water source.
  - iv. Perform excavations.
  - v. Taking any action to divert waste water through any drain or allowing the constructed drains to be maintained in a defective condition.
  - vi. Let surface water from any distance flow directly to the source.
  - vii. When the source of water is a shallow well, allowing surface water to seep into the well from a distance of less than 4.5 meters from the edge of the well.
  - viii. Where the source of water is a shallow well, maintaining water seepage into the well at a depth of less than 3 meters from the ground level.
  - ix. When the source of water is a shallow well, in the case where cement and iron-reinforced concrete and well covers are used for the protection of the well, leaving the cement or the rust formed around the iron used for that to mix with the water.
  - x. When the source of water is a shallow well, failing to keep the well clean and empty the well water within the time limits set by the Chairman of the Municipal Council and the Medical Officer of Health or someone duly authorized by them.
6. In the case of a natural surface water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within the limit of 30 meters on both sides and above 10 meters below from the inlet.
  - i. Entering, corraling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - ii. Washing vehicles or any other machinery.
  - iii. Use for bathing
  - iv. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - v. Setting fire in the open space or taking any action that damages to the water source.
  - vi. Performing excavations.
  - vii. Taking any action that would enable diverting sewage through any drain.
  - viii. Use for any cultivation purpose other than afforestation.
  - ix. The use of a bucket or any other instrument by any person for taking out water, so that any waste may be mixed with the source of water.
7. Except in the case of a water project run by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and in the case of using a water source for domestic use, every person or organization running a drinking water project, using a water source shall obtain a license in accordance with the second Schedule under this by-law from the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
8. Every person applying for a license under this by-law shall apply for the same through an application made in accordance with the form set out in the first Schedule of this by-law.
9. No license shall be issued by the Chairman unless every person applying for a license under this by-law has fulfilled the conditions of this by-law.

10.1. Water distribution in the instance where water is distributed for consumption using only piped water supply system,

- (1) It should be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (2) In case of the applicant is a community based organization, it must be registered under the Pradeshiya Sabha or Community Water Department.
- (3) The plan including all the components related to the Water Scheme should be submitted.
- (4) All components and constructions used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
- (5) When the main pipe system used for the water scheme is deployed on a private property, a confirmation must be submitted by the respective owner and when deployed on a property belonging to another authority, a confirmation must be submitted by the relevant authority.
- (6) It should be ensured that the information requested under the application form regarding the employees expected to be employed under the water project and the relevant information whenever the employees change is submitted.

10.2. Where water is collected and distributed for commercial purposes using a bowser or a water container or any other tool,

- (1) It needs to be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (2) A confirmation need to be submitted that the water is obtained under a water source maintained in accordance with this by-law.
- (3) A certificate obtained from the said Board that the requirements have been fulfilled according to the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964, regarding the source of water to be used and the water to be distributed need to be submitted.
- (4) The water provided for use need to be treated under any method recommended by the Water Resource Board.
- (5) If any vehicle, container or any other tool is used to distribute water, information about the use need to be submitted.

11. In the event that a request is made for a license under this by-law, it is the duty of the Chairman to grant the desired license within one month of receiving the application or if it cannot be granted, to inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the same.

12. Fees for a license under this by-law shall be valid after being adopted by the Pradeshiya Sabha and published in the *Gazette*, subject to the Provisions of the Basic Law.



13. Every person licensed under this by-law shall act in accordance with the following conditions:
- i. The distributed water shall comply with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
  - ii. All components used for the water supply scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
  - iii. Actions must be taken to confirm that the water contained from the water source confirmed at the time of applying for the license will be used for the activities related to the license.
  - iv. Containers and the tools used for water distribution must be manufactured in accordance with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Standards.
  - v. The source of water used and the water distributed must be maintained in accordance with the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964.
  - vi. Every worker employed shall not be a person suffering from a skin disease or an infectious disease or a person who has been in contact with such a person.
  - vii. Sanitary and clean clothing shall be worn at all times of employment and gloves shall be worn as prescribed.
  - viii. In the event that orders are in force in accordance with the Disease Prevention and Quarantine Ordinance in the jurisdiction, the services shall be maintained in accordance with the conditions specified under those orders.
  - ix. Every employee who will be employed in connection with the water project must be the person whose name is included in the information submitted at the time of application for the license or who is included in the information when submitting the information to the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha, if employed at any time thereafter.
  - x. The workers employed under the water project should be certified by a certificate confirming that they are fit for work once in every six months or within the time limits recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.
14. Any water source within the jurisdiction is used under a license referred to in this by-law, no other person except the licensee shall make use of the said water source or maintain improper water connection with it.
15. It is legal for the Chairman or any officer of the Pradeshiya Sabha specifically authorized by the Chairman, at such time as may be deemed fit and reasonable to enter the premises where the source of water is located, take samples or request any other information deemed necessary for the purposes of the by-laws and in case of distribution of drinking water, carrying out necessary inspections regarding the water distributed or the containers and tools used for it and requesting information deemed necessary for that purpose in order to check whether the conditions mentioned in these by-laws are being maintained.
16. A license issued under this by-law shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue, unless specifically revoked by the Chairman.
17. In any case where any source of drinking water is being used or distributed contrary to the terms mentioned in this by-law the Chairman shall give a written notice to the licensee giving a reasonable time to comply with the by-law. The reasonable time so given should not exceed 14 days.

18. In the event that any licensee fails to comply with the by-laws within the time limit provided under the above Section, the Chairman shall cancel the license issued under this by-law and notify the licensee in writing.
19. Nonetheless anything mentioned under the above clauses of this by-law, when a license is applied for the first time in respect of any water project related to a license under this by-law and in the event that a license is applied for again with changes in relation to a water project related to a license under this by-law, the Chairman shall not issue such license unless it has been recommended by a Committee appointed by the Chairman to make such recommendations.
20. For the purpose of Section 19 of this by-law and to make recommendations to the Pradeshiya Sabha to ensure the safety of drinking water in relation to water projects operating within the jurisdiction, there shall be a Committee consisting of the following:
- i. Chairman
  - ii. Secretary
  - iii. Technical Officer
  - iv. Environment Officer
  - v. Medical Officer of Health or an officer nominated by him.

However, the above mentioned Provisions should not be a hindrance to call any other officer nominated by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha to assist the Committee in order to achieve the objectives of the Committee as per the need of the service.

21. Subject to a license referred to in this by-law, it is an offense to act in contravention of Section 5, when using a water source without a permit or when operating a drinking water project and after being convicted by a Magistrate's Court for the said offence, such person shall be liable to the punishment mentioned under Section 122 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987.
22. If a person, institution or organization running any water project requests any time limit for complying with the conditions mentioned in this by-law in respect of a drinking water project subject to a license under this by-law which is in operation in the jurisdiction at the effective date of this by-law, it is legal for the Chairman to grant a grace period, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee mentioned in the 20th by-law above. However, the grace period provided under this Section shall not exceed the period of one year from the effective date of this by-law.
23. Unless, otherwise required by the terms of this by-law, in this by-law;

“Pradeshiya Sabha” means the Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha,

“Chairman” means the Chairman appointed for the Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha, in accordance with the Local Government Elections Act or a person appointed in accordance with the written law to perform the duties and functions of the Chairman in case the Chairman's office is not in operation.

“Waste” has the same meaning as given to waste in the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 as amended from time to time.

“Authorized Officer” means an officer authorized in writing by the Chairman either generally or specially to perform a specified function.

“A Water Source” means a natural or artificial accumulation of water that leads to the use of surface water or ground water for drinking water needs or a place that has the potential for public drinking water use.

SCHEDULE No. 01

**Application Form for License to Use Water Sources for Obtaining Drinking Water**

1. Name of the Applicant:
2. Address:
3. If the applicant is running a business, registration number / if the applicant is a society the registration number of the relevant society:
4. The following information about the location of the water source:
  - i. Name of Water Source:
  - ii. Location (should be outlined):
  - iii. Nature of the Water Source:
  - iv. Grama Niladhari Division:
  - v. Location Coordinates:
  - vi. Ownership of land where water source is located:
  - vii. Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - viii. Nature of Use (Private / Public):
5. Information about the workers employed for the Water Project

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>N.I.C. Number</i>

6. Information related to the vehicles used for the business

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Vehicle No.</i>	<i>Type of Vehicle</i>

The Chairman should be informed whenever the information in numbers 05 and 06 above changes.

7. Number of beneficiaries identified under the proposed Water Project:
8. Expected water capacity to be used daily:

The following attachments should be submitted along with the completed application form:

- i. A copy of the constitution and a copy of the Society's Registration Certificate if a Society.
- ii. A rough plan certified by an acceptable Technical Officer showing how the components related to the Water Project have been utilized.

- iii. The plan includes all the components related to the Water Scheme.
- iv. Documents in which the permission has been given by the relevant authority in case of deployment of the main pipe system used for the Water Scheme on a private property and in the case of deployment on a property belonging to another authority, by the relevant authority.

Signature of Applicant.

Date:

(A copy of the document containing the relevant guidelines will be provided with this application)

#### SCHEDULE - 02

**A permit is issued for running a drinking water project using a water source within the Urban Council jurisdiction.**

1. Licensee's Full Name:
2. Address:
3. N.I.C. No.:
4. Authorized Source of Water:
5. Time allowed:

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Secretary,  
Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha.

Date:

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#### PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCE

##### By - Laws

BY virtue of power vested in me under Sub-Section (1) of Section 123 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987, read along with Sub-Section (1) (a) of Section 2 of the Provincial Councils Act, No. 12 of 1989 (Consequential Provisions) I, Lalith U. Gamage Attorney-at-Law, Governor of Central Province, hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By-Laws of the Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha, as power vested in to the Pradeshiya Sabha under Sub-Section (1) of Section 122 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 12 of 1987, read along with Sections 126 (ix) and (xiii), do hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By - Laws of the Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha, shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha from the date of publication of this *Gazette* Notification.

LALITH U. GAMAGE,  
(Attorney-at- Law)  
Governor,  
Central Province.

At the Governor's Office,  
Palace Square,  
Kandy.

On this 25th day of March, 2024.

DRINKING WATER AND WATER CATCHMENT SAFETY BY - LAWS OF THE  
MEDA DUMBARA PRADESHIYA SABHA

1. These By-Laws are enacted in order to take measures for the safety of the drinking water and matters consequential there to including Regularization and Supervision of related water sources taking actions related to the conservation of water sources related to Water Projects maintained within the authority areas of Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha to protect the safety of drinking water in private and public use in order to secure the public health safety of the people living within the authority areas of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
2. The Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha is vested with powers to make these By-Laws under Sub-Section 122(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987 read along with Sub-Sections 126 (ix) and 126 (xiii) of the said Act.
3. These By-Laws may be cited as the Drinking Water and Water Catchment Safety By-laws of the Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha.
4. The Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha shall maintain the following information in relation to every source of water that supplies drinking water for the consumption of the public within the authority areas of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
  - (i) Name of Water Source
  - (ii) Grama Niladhari Division
  - (iii) Coordinating Number of the Location
  - (iv) Ownership of land where water source is located
  - (v) Access (should be sketched roughly as possible)
  - (vi) Nature of use ( Private / Public)
5. When the water source is an underground water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within a radius of 15 meters from it.
  - i. Entering, corralling, tethering or keeping animals in a manner that would make their entry or making entrance for them.
  - ii. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - iii. Setting fire in the open space or taking any action that make damages to the water source.
  - iv. Perform mining excavations.
  - v. Taking any action to divert waste water though any drain or allowing the constructed drains to be maintained in a defective condition.
  - vi. Let surface water from any distance flow directly to the water source.
  - vii. When the source of water is a shallow well, allowing surface water to seep into the well from a distance of less than 4.5 meters from the edge of the well.
  - viii. Where the source of water is a shallow well, maintaining water seepage into the well at a depth of less than 3 meters from the ground level.
  - ix. When the source of water is a shallow well, the well covers of concrete when made with cement and reinforced iron for the protection of the well, leaving the cement or the rust formed around the iron used, that to mix with the water.
  - x. When the source of water is a shallow well, failing to keep the well clean and empty the well water within the time limits set by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Medical Officer of Health or any officer duly authorized by them.

6. In case of a natural surface water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within the limit of 30 meters on both sides and above 10 meters below from the inlet.
  - i. Entering, corralling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - ii. Washing vehicles or any other machinery.
  - iii. Use for bathing.
  - iv. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - v. Setting fire in the open space or taking any action that make damages to the water source.
  - vi. Perform mining excavations.
  - vii. Taking any action that would enable diverting sewage through any drain.
  - viii. Use for any cultivation purpose other than afforestation.
  - ix. The use of a bucket or any other instrument by any person for taking out water, so that any waste may be mixed with the source of water.
7. Except in the case of a water supply project run by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and in the case of using a water source for domestic purpose, every person or organization running a drinking water supply project, using a water source shall obtain a license in accordance with the Second Schedule under these By-Laws from the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
8. Every person applying for a license under these By-laws shall apply for the same through an application prepared in accordance with the form set out in the first Schedule of these By-Laws.
9. No license shall be issued by the Chairman unless every person applying for a license under these By-Laws has fulfilled the conditions of these By-Laws.
  - 10.1 Water distribution in the instance where water is distributed for consumption using only pipe lined water system,
    - (1) It should be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
    - (2) In case the applicant is a community based organization, it must be registered under Pradeshiya Sabha or Community Water Department.
    - (3) The plan including all components related to the water scheme should be submitted.
    - (4) All components and constructions used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
    - (5) When the main pipeline system used for the water scheme is deployed on a private property, a confirmation must be submitted by the respective owner and when deployed on a property belonging to another authority, a confirmation must be submitted by the relevant authority.
    - (6) It should be ensured that the information requested under the application from regarding the employees expected to be employed under the water project and the relevant information whenever the employees change is submitted.

10.2 Where water is collected and distributed for commercial purposes using a bowser or a water container or any other tool,

- (1) It is needed to be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
  - (2) A confirmation need to be submitted that the water is obtained under a water source maintained in accordance with these By-Laws.
  - (3) A certificate obtained from the said Board that the requirements have been fulfilled according to the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964, regarding the source of water to be used and the water to be distributed need to be submitted.
  - (4) The water provided for use need to be treated under any method recommended by the Water Resources Board.
  - (5) If any vehicle, container or any other tool is used to distribute water, information about the use needed to be submitted.
11. In the event that a request is made for a license under these By-Laws, it is the duty of the Chairman to grant the desired license within one month receiving the application or if it cannot be granted, to inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the same.
12. Fees for a license under these By-Laws shall be valid after being adopted by the Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha and published in the *Gazette*, subject to the Provisions of the Basic Laws.
13. Every person licensed under these By-Laws shall act in accordance with the following conditions:
- i. The distributed water shall comply with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
  - ii. All components used for the water supply scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
  - iii. Actions must be taken to confirm that the water obtained from the water source confirmed at the time of applying for the license will be used for the activities related to the license.
  - iv. Containers and other tools used for water distribution must be manufactured in accordance with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Standards.
  - v. The source of water used and the water distributed must be maintained in accordance with the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964.
  - vi. Every worker employed shall not be a person suffering from a skin disease or an infectious disease or a person who has been in contact with such a person.
  - vii. Sanitary and clean clothing shall be worn at all times of employment and gloves shall be worn as prescribed.
  - viii. In the event that orders are in force in accordance with the Disease Prevention and Quarantine Ordinance within the authority areas, the services shall be maintained in accordance with the conditions specified under those orders.

- ix. Every employee who will be employed in connection with the water project must be the person whose name is included in the information submitted at the time of application for the license or who is included in the information when submitting the information to the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha, if employed at any time thereafter.
  - x. The workers employed under the water project should be certified by a certificate confirming that they are fit for work once in every six months or within the time limits recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.
14. Any water source within the authority areas is used under a license referred to in these By Laws, no other person except the licensee shall make use of the said water source or maintain improper water connection with it.
  15. It is legal for the Chairman or any officer of the Pradeshiya Sabha specifically authorized by the Chairman, at such time as may be deemed fit and reasonable to enter the premises where the source of water is located, take samples or request any other information deemed necessary for the purposes of these By Laws and in case of distribution of drinking water, carrying out necessary inspections regarding the water distributed or the containers and tools used for it and requesting information deemed necessary for that purpose in order to check whether the conditions mentioned in these By Laws are being maintained.
  16. A license issued under these By Laws shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue, unless specifically revoked by the Chairman.
  17. In any case where any source of drinking water is being used or distributed contrary to the terms mentioned in these By Laws the Chairman shall give a written notice to the licensee giving a reasonable time so given should not exceed 14 days.
  18. In the event that any licensee fails to comply with these By Laws within the time limit provided under the above Section, the Chairman shall cancel the license issued under these By Laws and notify the licensee in writing.
  19. Nonetheless anything mentioned under the above clauses of these By Laws, when a license is applied for the first time in respect of any water project related to a license under these By Laws and in the event that a license is applied for again with changes in relation to a water project related to a license under these By Laws, the Chairman shall not issue such license unless it has been recommended by a Committee appointed by the Chairman to make such recommendations.
  20. For the purpose of Section 19 of these By Laws and to make recommendations to the Council to ensure the safety of drinking water in relation to water projects operating within the authority areas, there shall be a Committee consisting of the following:
    - i. Chairman
    - ii. Secretary
    - iii. Technical Officer
    - iv. Environment Officer
    - v. Medical Officer of Health or an officer nominated by him.

However, the above mentioned Provisions should not be a hindrance to call any other officer nominated by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha to assist the Committee in order to achieve the objectives of the Committee as per the need of the service.



21. Subject to a license referred to in these By Laws, it is an offense to act in contravention of Section 5, when using a water source without a permit or when operating a drinking water project and after being convicted by a Magistrate's Court for the said offence, such person shall be liable to the punishment mentioned under Section 122 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987.
22. If a person, institution or an organization running any water project requests any time limit for complying with the conditions mentioned in these By Laws in respect of a drinking water project subject to a license under these By Laws which are in operation within the authority areas at the effective date of these By Laws, it is legal for the Chairman to grant a grace period, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee mentioned in the 20th By Laws above. However, the grace period provided under this Section shall not exceed the period of one year from the effective date of these By-laws.
23. Unless, otherwise required by the terms of these By-laws, in these By-laws;

“Pradeshiya Sabha” means the Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha,

“Chairman” means the Chairman appointed for the Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha, in accordance with the Local Government Elections Act or a person appointed in accordance with the written law to perform the duties and functions of the Chairman in case the Chairman's Office is not in operation.

“Waste” has the same meaning as given to waste in the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 as amended from time to time.

“Authorized Officer” means an officer authorized in writing by the Chairman either generally or specially to perform a special function.

“A Water Source” means a natural or artificial accumulation of water that leads to the use of surface water or ground water for drinking water needs or a place that has the potential for public drinking water use.

### **Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha**

#### **SCHEDULE 01**

#### **Application Form for License to Use Water Sources for Obtaining Drinking Water**

1. Name of the Applicant:
2. Address:
3. If the applicant is running a business, registration number / if the applicant is a society the registration number of the relevant society:
4. The following information about the location of the water source:
  - (i) Name of the Water Source:
  - (ii) Location (should be outlined):
  - (iii) Nature of the Water Source:
  - (iv) Grama Niladhari Division:
  - (v) Coordinating Number of Location:
  - (vi) Ownership of land where water source is located:
  - (vii) Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - (viii) Nature of Use (Private / Public):

## 5. Information about the workers employed for the Water Project:

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>N.I.C. Number</i>

## 6. Information related to the vehicles used for the business:

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Vehicle No.</i>	<i>Type of Vehicle</i>

The Chairman should be informed whenever the information in numbers 05 and 06 above changes.

## 7. Number of beneficiaries identified under the proposed Water Project:

## 8. Expected water capacity to be used daily:

The following attachments should be submitted along with the completed application form:

- A copy of the constitution and a copy of the Society's Registration Certificate if a Society.
- A rough plan certified by an accepted Technical Officer showing how the components related to the Water Project have been utilized.
- The plan includes all the components related to the Water Scheme.
- Documents in which the permission has been given by the relevant authority in case of deployment of the main pipeline system used for the Water Scheme on a private property and in case of deployment on a property belonging to another authority, by the relevant authority.

.....,  
Signature of Applicant.

Date:.....

(A copy of the document containing the relevant guidelines will be provided with this application)

## SCHEDULE - 02

**A permit is issued for running a drinking water project using a water source  
within the authority areas of the Pradeshiya Sabha**

- Licensee's Full Name:
- Address:
- N.I.C. Number:
- Authorized Source of Water:
- Period of Time allowed:

.....,  
Chairman,  
Meda Dumbara Pradeshiya Sabha.

Date:.....

**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCE**

**By - Laws**

BY virtue of power vested in me under Sub-Section (1) of Section 123 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987, read along with Sub-Section (1) (a) of Section 2 of the Provincial Councils Act, No. 12 of 1989 (Consequential Provisions) I, Lalith U. Gamage Attorney-at-Law, Governor of Central Province, hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By-Laws of the Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha, as power vested in to the Pradeshiya Sabha under Sub-Section (1) of Section 122 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 12 of 1987, read along with Sections 126 (ix) and (xiii), do hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By - Laws of the Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha, shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha from the date of publication of this *Gazette* Notification.

LALITH U. GAMAGE,  
(Attorney-at- Law)  
Governor,  
Central Province.

Governor of Central Province,  
At the Governor's Office,  
Palace Square,  
Kandy.  
On this 25th day of March, 2024.

**DRINKING WATER AND WATER CATCHMENT SAFETY BY - LAWS OF THE  
HARISPATTUWA PRADESHIYA SABHA**

1. These By-laws are enacted in order to take measures for the safety of the drinking water and matters consequential there to including Regularization and Supervision of related water sources taking actions related to the conservation of water sources related to Water Projects maintained within the jurisdiction of Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha to protect the safety of drinking water in private and public use in order to secure the public health safety of the people living within the authority areas of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
2. The Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha is vested with powers to make these By-Laws under Sub-Section 122(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987 read along with Sub-Sections 126(ix) and 126(xiii) of the said Act.
3. These By-laws may be cited as the Drinking Water and Water Catchment Safety By-law of the Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha.
4. The Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha shall maintain the following information in relation to every source of water that supplies drinking water for the consumption of the public within the authority areas of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
  - (i) Name of Water Source
  - (ii) Grama Niladhari Division
  - (iii) Coordinating Number of the Location
  - (iv) Ownership of land where water source is located
  - (v) Access (should be sketched roughly as possible)
  - (vi) Nature of use ( Private / Public)

5. When the water source is an underground water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within a radius of 15 meters from it.
  - i. Entering, corralling, tethering or keeping animals in a manner that would make their entry or making entrance for them.
  - ii. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - iii. Setting fire in the open space or taking any action that make damages the water source.
  - iv. Perform mining excavations.
  - v. Taking any action to divert waste water though any drain or allowing the constructed drains to be maintained in a defective condition.
  - vi. Let surface water from any distance flow directly to the water source.
  - vii. When the source of water is a shallow well, allowing surface water to seep into the well from a distance of less than 4.5 meters from the edge of the well.
  - viii. Where the source of water is a shallow well, maintaining water seepage into the well at a depth of less than 3 meters from the ground level.
  - ix. When the source of water is a shallow well, the well covers of concrete when made with cement and reinforced iron for the protection of the well, leaving the cement or the rust formed around the iron used, that to mix with the water.
  - x. When the source of water is a shallow well, failing to keep the well clean and empty the well water within the time limits set by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Medical Officer of Health or any officer duly authorized by them.
6. In case of a natural surface water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within the limit of 30 meters on both sides and above 10 meters below from the inlet.
  - i. Entering, corralling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - ii. Washing vehicles or any other machinery.
  - iii. Use for bathing.
  - iv. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - v. Setting fire in the open space or taking any action that damages to the water source.
  - vi. Perform mining excavations.
  - vii. Taking any action that would enable diverting sewage through any drain.
  - viii. Use for any cultivation purpose other than afforestation.
  - ix. The use of a bucket or any other instrument by any person for taking out water, so that any waste may be mixed with the source of water.
7. Except in case of a water supply project run by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and in case of using a water source for domestic purpose, every person or organization running a drinking water supply project, using a water source shall obtain a license in accordance with the second Schedule under these By Laws from the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
8. Every person applying for a license under these By Laws shall apply for the same through an application prepared in accordance with the form set out in the first Schedule of these By-Laws.
9. No license shall be issued by the Chairman unless every person applying for a license under these By-Laws has fulfilled the conditions of these By-Laws.

10.1 Water distribution in the instance where water is distributed for consumption using only pipelined water supply system,

- (1) It should be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (2) In case the applicant is a community based organization, it must be registered under the Pradeshiya Sabha or Community Water Department.
- (3) The plan including all components related to the water scheme should be submitted.
- (4) All components and constructions used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
- (5) When the main pipeline system used for the water scheme is deployed on a private property, a confirmation must be submitted by the respective owner and when deployed on a property belonging to another authority, a confirmation must be submitted by the relevant authority.
- (6) It should be ensured that the information requested under the application form regarding the employees expected to be employed under the water project and the relevant information whenever the employees change is submitted.

10.2 Where water is collected and distributed for commercial purposes using a bowser or a water container or any other tool,

- (1) It is needed to be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (2) A confirmation need to be submitted that the water is obtained under a water source maintained in accordance with these By-Laws.
- (3) A certificate obtained from the said Board that the requirements have been fulfilled according to the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964, regarding the source of water to be used and the water to be distributed need to be submitted.
- (4) The water provided for use need to be treated under any method recommended by the Water Resource Board.
- (5) If any vehicle, container or any other tool is used to distribute water, information about the use need to be submitted.

11. In the event that a request is made for a license under these By-Laws, it is the duty of the Chairman to grant the desired license within one month receiving the application or if it cannot be granted, to inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the same.

12. Fees for a license under these By-Laws shall be valid after being adopted by the Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha and published in the *Gazette*, subject to the Provisions of the Basic Laws.

13. Every person licensed under these By-Laws shall act in accordance with the following Conditions:

- i. The distributed water shall comply with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- ii. All components used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
- iii. Actions must be taken to confirm that the water obtained from the water source confirmed at the time of applying for the license will be used for the activities related to the license.
- iv. Containers and other tools used for water distribution must be manufactured in accordance with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Standards.
- v. The source of water used and the water distributed must be maintained in accordance with the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964.
- vi. Every worker employed shall not be a person suffering from a skin disease or an infectious disease or a person who has been in contact with such a person.
- vii. Sanitary and clean clothing shall be worn at all times of employment and gloves shall be worn as prescribed.
- viii. In the event that orders are in force in accordance with the Disease Prevention and Quarantine Ordinance within the authority areas, the services shall be maintained in accordance with the conditions specified under those orders.
- ix. Every employee who will be employed in connection with the water project must be the person whose name is included in the information submitted at the time of application for the license or who is included in the information when submitting the information to the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha, if employed at any time thereafter.
- x. The workers employed under the water project should be certified by a certificate confirming that they are fit for work once in every six months or within the time limits recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

14. Any water source within the authority areas is used under a license referred to in these By Laws, no other person except the licensee shall make use of the said water source or maintain improper water connection with it.

15. It is legal for the Chairman or any officer of the Pradeshiya Sabha specifically authorized by the Chairman, at such time as may be deemed fit and reasonable to enter the premises where the source of water is located, take samples or request any other information deemed necessary for the purposes of these By Laws and in case of distribution of drinking water, carrying out necessary inspections regarding the water distributed or the containers and tools used for it and requesting information deemed necessary for that purpose in order to check whether the conditions mentioned in these By Laws are being maintained.

16. A license issued under these By Laws shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue, unless specifically revoked by the Chairman.

17. In any case where any source of drinking water is being used or distributed contrary to the terms mentioned in these By Laws the Chairman shall give a written notice to the licensee giving a reasonable time so given should not exceed 14 days.

18. In the event that any licensee fails to comply with these By Laws within the time limit provided under the above Section, the Chairman shall cancel the license issued under these By Laws and notify the licensee in writing.
19. Nonetheless anything mentioned under the above clauses of these By Laws, when a license is applied for the first time in respect of any water project related to a license under these By Laws and in the event that a license is applied for again with changes in relation to a water project related to a license under these By Laws, the Chairman shall not issue such license unless it has been recommended by a Committee appointed by the Chairman to make such recommendations.
20. For the purpose of Section 19 of these By Laws and to make recommendations to the Council to ensure the safety of drinking water in relation to water projects operating within the authority areas, there shall be a Committee consisting of the following:
  - i. Chairman
  - ii. Secretary
  - iii. Technical Officer
  - iv. Environment Minister
  - v. Medical Officer of Health or an officer nominated by him.

However, the above mentioned Provisions should not be a hindrance to call any other officer nominated by the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha to assist the Committee in order to achieve the objectives of the Committee as per the need of the service.

21. Subject to a license referred to in these By Laws, it is an offense to act in contravention of Section 5, when using a water source without a permit or when operating a drinking water project and after being convicted by a Magistrate's Court for the said offence, such person shall be liable to the punishment mentioned under Section 122 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987.
22. If a person, institution or an organization running any water project requests any time limit for complying with the conditions mentioned in these By Laws in respect of a drinking water project subject to a license under these By Laws which are in operation within the authority areas at the effective date of these By Laws, it is legal for the Chairman to grant a grace period, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee mentioned in the 20th By Laws above. However, the grace period provided under this Section shall not exceed the period of one year from the effective date of these By Laws.
23. Unless, otherwise required by the terms of these By Laws, in these By Laws;

“Pradeshiya Sabha” means the Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha,

“Chairman” means the Chairman appointed for the Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha, in accordance with the Local Government Elections Act or a person appointed in accordance with the written law to perform the duties and functions of the Chairman in case the Chairman's Office is not in operation.

“Waste” has the same meaning as given to waste in the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 as amended from time to time.

“Authorized Officer” means an officer authorized in writing by the Chairman either generally or specially to perform a specified function.

“A Water Source” means a natural or artificial accumulation of water that leads to the use of surface water or ground water for drinking water needs or a place that has the potential for public drinking water use.

**Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha**

**SCHEDULE - No. 01**

**Application Form for License to Number of Use Water Sources for Obtaining Drinking Water**

1. Name of the Applicant:
2. Address:
3. If the applicant is running a business, registration number / if the applicant is a society the registration number of the relevant society:
4. The following information about the location of the water source:
  - (i) Name of the Water Source:
  - (ii) Location (should be outlined):
  - (iii) Nature of the Water Source:
  - (iv) Grama Niladhari Division:
  - (v) Coordinating Number of Location:
  - (vi) Ownership of land where water source is located:
  - (vii) Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - (viii) Nature of Use (Private / Public):
5. Information about the workers employed for the Water Project:

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>N.I.C. Number</i>

6. Information related to the vehicles used for the business:

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Vehicle No.</i>	<i>Type of Vehicle</i>

The Chairman should be informed whenever the information in numbers 05 and 06 above changes.

7. Number of beneficiaries identified under the proposed Water Project:

8. Expected water capacity to be used daily:

The following attachments should be submitted along with the completed application form:

- i. A copy of the constitution and a copy of the Society's Registration Certificate if a Society.
- ii. A rough plan certified by an accepted Technical Officer showing how the components related to the Water Project have been utilized.
- iii. The plan includes all the components related to the Water Scheme.



- iv. Documents in which the permission has been given by the relevant authority in case of deployment of the main pipeline system used for the Water Scheme on a private property and in case of deployment on a property belonging to another authority, by the relevant authority.

.....  
Signature of Applicant.

Date:.....

(A copy of the document containing the relevant guidelines will be provided with this application)

SCHEDULE – No. 02

**A permit is issued for running a drinking water project using a water source  
within the authority areas of the Pradeshiya Sabha**

1. Licensee's Full Name:
2. Address:
3. N.I.C. Number:
4. Authorized Source of Water:
5. Period of Time allowed:

.....  
Chairman,  
Harispattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha.

Date:.....

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**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCE**

**By - Laws**

I, Lalith U. Gamage (Attorney-at-Law), Governor of Central Province, hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By-law of Wattegama Urban Council in exercise of the powers vested in the Urban Council under Section 153 of the Urban Council Ordinance No. 61 of 1939 (255<sup>th</sup> authority) to be read with Sub-section 157 (12) (h) of the said Ordinance, is approved as per the powers vested in me under Section 154 (1) of the said Urban Council Ordinance to be read with Sub-section (1) (a) of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, and the said by-law shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Wattegama Urban Council from the date of publication of this *Gazette* Notification.

LALITH U. GAMAGE,  
(Attorney-at- Law)  
Governor,  
Central Province.

At the Governor's Office,  
Palace Square,  
Kandy.

On this 25th day of March, 2024.

THE BY - LAWS OF DRINKING WATER AND WATERSHED SAFETY  
OF WATTEGAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

1. In order to secure the public health safety of the people living in the Wattagama Municipal Council area, in order to protect the safety of drinking water for private and public use to supervise the regularization of related public sources, to take measures related to the conservation of water sources related to the water projects run in the jurisdiction area. This by-law is enacted in order to take measures for the safety of drinking water and make arrangements for matters incidental thereto.
2. Wattagama Municipal Council has been empowered under Sub-section 153 of the said Act to be read with Sub-sections 157 (12) (15) of the Municipal Council Ordinance No. 61 of 1939 (255 Authority) to make this by-law.
3. This by-law shall be known as the Wattagama Municipality Drinking Water and Watershed Safety By-Law .
4. The Wattagama Municipal Council shall maintain the following information in relation to every water source that provides drinking water for the consumption of the public within the jurisdiction.
  - i. Name of the Water Source,
  - ii. Location,
  - iii. Grama Niladhari Division,
  - iv. Location Coordinates,
  - v. Ownership of the land where the water source is located,
  - vi. Access (should be depicted in a rough plan as possible),
  - vii. Land use type ( Public / Private).
5. When the water source is an underground water source, no person should take any of the following actions within a radius of 15 meters from it.
  - i. Entering, harboring, corralling or maintaining animals in a manner that permits entry of animals.
  - ii. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - iii. Setting fire in open space or taking any action which damages the water source.
  - iv. Drilling.
  - v. Taking any action leading to the discharge of waste water through any drain or allowing the drains constructed to be maintained in a dilapidated condition.
  - vi. Converging surface water from any distance to the source.
  - vii. Allowing surface water to seep into the well from a distance of less than 4.5 meters from the bottom of the well when the water source is a shallow well.
  - viii. When the source of water is a shallow well, maintaining water infiltration into the well from a depth of less than 3 meters from the ground level.
  - ix. When the water source of is not a deep well, in case concrete and well covers are used for the protection of the well, the cement used for that purpose is mixed with the water or the rust formed by the iron is mixed with the water.
  - x. When the source of water is not a deep well, the Chairman of the Municipal Council and the Medical Officer of Health or someone duly authorized by them have failed to empty the well water completely and keep the well clean within the time limits set by them.

6. In the case of a natural surface of water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within the limit of 30 meters on both sides and above 10 meters below the surface of the water intake.
  - i. Breeding, housing, tethering or maintaining animals in such a manner as to permit the entry of animals.
  - ii. Washing vehicles or any other machinery.
  - iii. Use for bathing
  - iv. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - v. Setting fires in the open space or taking any action that damages the water source.
  - vi. Drilling.
  - vii. Taking any action such that we channel water through any canal.
  - viii. Use for any cultivation purpose other than afforestation.
  - ix. The use by any person of a bucket or any other implement for taking out water so that any waste material may mix with the water source.
7. In relation to a water project run by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and except in the case of using a water source for domestic use, every person or organization running a drinking water project, using a water source shall obtain a license from the Chairman of the Municipal Council which is substantive to the second consultation under this by-law.
8. Every person applying for a license under this by-law shall apply for the same under an application form made in accordance with the form mentioned in the first Sub-schedule hereof.
9. Every person applying for a license under this by-law shall apply for the same under an application form made in accordance with the form mentioned in the first Sub-schedule hereof.
10.
  - 10.1. In the case of water is distributed for consumption using a piped system only,
    - i. It should be confirmed that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Institute of Standards.
    - ii. In the case of a community based organization, the applicant must be registered with the Municipal Council or Community Water Department.
    - iii. The plan should include all the components applicable to the water scheme.
    - iv. All components and constructions used for the water scheme shall be in accordance with the guidelines of the National Water Supply and Water Transport Board.
    - v. A confirmation must be submitted that the main pipe system used for the water scheme has been given permission by the relevant lordship when it is deployed on a private property and by the relevant authority when it is deployed on a property belonging to another authority.
    - vi. Regarding the employees expected to be employed under the water project, it should be ensured that the information requested under the application form and the employees change, the relevant information is submitted.

10.2. Distribution of water where water is collected and distributed for commercial purposes using a bowser or water container or any other instrument,

- (i) It should be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (ii) A confirmation must have been submitted that the water is obtained under a water source maintained in accordance with the Constitution.
- (iii) A certificate obtained from the said Board must have been submitted that the requirements have been fulfilled in accordance with the orders issued under the Water Resource Board Act, No. 24 of 1964, regarding the source of water to be used and the water to be distributed.
- (iv) The water provided for use has been purified under any method recommended by the Water Resources Board.
- (v) If a vehicle uses a container or any other tool to distribute water, information about the use should be submitted.

11. In the event that an application is made for a license under this by-law, it is the duty of the Chairman to grant the desired license within one month receiving the application or if it cannot be granted, to inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the same.

12. Fees for a license under this by-law shall be valid after being decided by the Wattagama Municipal Council and published in the *Gazette*, subject to the Provisions of the Basic Law.

13. Every person granted a license under this by-law shall act in accordance with the following conditions:

- i. The distributed water must conform to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- ii. All components applied to the water scheme must comply with the directives of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
- iii. When applying for a license, it must be ensured that the water obtained from the confirmed water source will be used for the purposes related to the license.
- iv. Containers and other tools used for water distribution should be manufactured in accordance with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Standards.
- v. The source of water used and the water distributed shall be maintained in accordance with the orders promulgated under the Water Resources Board Act, No. 24 of 1964.
- vi. Every worker employed shall not be a person suffering from a skin disease or an infectious disease or a person who has been in contact with such a person.
- vii. At all times of employment, hygienic and clean clothing should be worn and gloves should be worn as required.
- viii. In the event that orders are in force in accordance with the Prevention and Quarantine Ordinance in the jurisdiction, the services shall be maintained in accordance with the conditions laid down under those orders.

- ix. Every employee who will be employed in relation to the water project was a person whose name was included in the information submitted at the time of application for the license or who was included in the information when submitting the information to the Chairman of the Municipal Council, if he was employed at any time thereafter.
  - x. The employees employed under the water project should be certified by a certificate confirming that the employees are fit for work once in every 6 months or within the time limits recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.
14. In the event that any water source within the jurisdiction is used under a license mentioned in this by-law other than the National Water Supply Board, no person other than the licensee shall make use that water source or maintain an improper water connection.
  15. The Chairman or any officer of the Council specifically authorized by the Chairman to enter the premises where the water source is located, at such time as may be considered appropriate and reasonable, for the purpose of checking whether any water source to which this by-law applies is being maintained in accordance with the conditions specified in this by-law. Taking samples or requesting any other information deemed necessary for the purposes of the by-laws, carrying out necessary inspection in relation to the water so distributed or the containers and tools used for it in case of distribution of potable water, requesting such information deemed necessary for that purpose, is legal.
  16. A license issued under this by-law shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue, unless specifically revoked by the Chairman.
  17. In any case where it is detected that any source of drinking water is being used or distributed in drinking water contrary to the provisions of this by-law, the Chairman shall give a written notice to the licensee to comply with the by-law, giving a reasonable time. The reasonable time so given should not exceed 14 days.
  18. In the event that any licensee fails to comply with the by-laws within the time period provided under the above Section, the Chairman shall cancel the license issued under this by-law and notify the licensee in writing.
  19. Notwithstanding anything mentioned under the clauses of this by-law, when a permit is applied for the first time in relation to any water project related to a permit under this by-law and in the case of re-application for a permit with changes in relation to a water project under a permit obtained, the Chairman under this by-law. The Chairman should not issue the relevant license unless it is recommended by a Committee appointed to make the relevant recommendations.
  20. For the purpose of Section 19 of this by-law and to make recommendations to the Council to ensure the safety of drinking water in relation to water projects operating within the jurisdiction, there shall be a Committee consisting of the following:
    - i. Chairman
    - ii. Secretary
    - iii. Technical Officer
    - iv. Environment Officer
    - v. Medical Officer of Health or an officer nominated by him.

However, the aforesaid Provisions shall not prevent the summoning of any other officer nominated by the Chairman of the House to assist the Committee in carrying out the objectives of the Committee as required by the service.

21. Subject to a permit referred to in this by-law, it shall be an offence to use a source of water or to operate a drinking water project without permit, or to do so in contravention of Section 5 and on conviction by a Magistrate's Court of that offence, Section 153(2) of the Municipal Council Ordinance should be subjected to a punishment mentioned under.
22. If any period is requested by any person, institution or an organization operating any water project to comply with the conditions specified in this by-law in respect of a drinking water project subject to a permit under this by-law which is in operation in the jurisdiction at the date of the enactment this by-law 20. Taking into account the recommendations of the Committee mentioned in the 20<sup>th</sup> by-law, it is legal for the Chairman to grant a grace period. Even so, the grace period given under this Section should not exceed the period of one calendar year comes first from the effective date of this by-law.
23. In this by-law, unless otherwise required by the terms of this by-law;
- “Municipal Council” means the Wattagama Municipal Council,
- “Chairman” means the Chairman appointed for the Wattagama Municipal Council, in accordance with the Local Government Elections Act or a person who is appointed in accordance with the written law to perform the work and duties of the Chairman's office in the event that the Chairman's office is not in operation,
- “Waste” shall have the same meaning assigned to waste in the National Environment Act, No. 47 of 1980 as amended from time to time,
- “Authorized Officer” means an officer authorized in writing by the Chairman generally or specially to perform specified functions,
- “A Water Source” means a natural or artificial accumulation of water that leads to the use of surface water or ground water for drinking water needs or a place that has the potential for public drinking water use.
24. In case of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English language texts of this by-law, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

#### SCHEDULE No. 01

#### **Application Form for License to use Water Sources for Drinking Water**

1. Name of the Applicant: .....
2. Address : .....
3. If the applicant is running a business, registration number / if the applicant is a society the registration number of the Society concerned:
4. The following information about the location of the water source:
  - i. Name of the Water Source:
  - ii. Location (should be shown in a sketch map):
  - iii. Grama Niladhari Division:
  - iv. Location Coordinates:
  - vi. Ownership of the land where the water source is located:
  - vii. Access (should be depicted in a rough plan as possible):
  - viii. Land Use type (Public / Private):

5. Details of the employees employed for the Water Project

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>N.I.C. Number</i>

6. Information regarding vehicles used for the business

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Vehicle No.</i>	<i>Type of Vehicle</i>

Whenever the information in Nos. 05 and 06 above changes, the Chairman should be informed.

7. Number of beneficiaries identified under the proposed Water Project: .....

8. Water capacity expected to be used daily: .....

9. The following attachments should be submitted along with the completed application form:

- A copy of the constitution if a society and a copy of the Registration Certificate of the Society.
- A rough plan certified by an acceptable Technical Officer to show how the components related to the Water Project have been utilized.
- The plan including all the components applicable to the system.
- The main pipe system used for the Water Scheme in the case of deployment on a private property by the respective lordship and in the case of deployment on a property belonging to some other authority, the documents given the permission in relation to the same by the relevant authority.

Signature of Applicant

Date:

(A copy of the document containing the relevant guidelines will be provided with this application)

SCHEDULE – 02

**License is issued for running a drinking water project using a water source  
within the Municipal Council Jurisdiction**

- Full Name if Licensee:.....
- Address: .....
- N.I.C. No. : .....
- Permission granted Water Source : .....
- Time allowed:.....

Chairman,  
Wattegama Municipal Council.

Date:

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**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCE**

**By - Laws**

I, Lalith U. Gamage (Attorney-at-Law), Governor of Central Province, hereby announce that, the Drinking Water Safety By-law of Kadugannawa Urban Council in exercise of the powers vested in the Urban Council under Section 153 of the Urban Council Ordinance No. 61 of 1939 (255<sup>th</sup> authority) to be read with Sub-section 157 (12) (h) of the said Ordinance, is approved as per the powers vested in me under Section 154 (1) of the said Urban Council Ordinance to be read with Sub-section (1) (a) of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, and the said by-law shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Kadugannawa Urban Council from the date of publication of this *Gazette* Notification.

LALITH U. GAMAGE,  
(Attorney-at- Law)  
Governor,  
Central Province.

At the Governor's Office,  
Palace Square,  
Kandy.  
On this 25th day of March, 2024.

**DRINKING WATER AND WATER CATCHMENT SAFETY BY-LAW  
OF THE KADUGANNAWA URBAN COUNCIL**

1. This by-law is enacted in order to take measures for the safety of drinking water and matters consequential thereto including regularization and supervision of related water sources, taking actions related to the conservation of water sources related to water projects maintained within the jurisdiction of Kadugannawa Urban Council to protect the safety of drinking water in private and public use in order to secure the public health safety of the people living within the Municipal jurisdiction.
2. The Kadugannawa Urban Council is conferred with powers to make this by-law under Sub-section 153 of the Urban Council Ordinance No. 61 of 1939 (255<sup>th</sup> Authority) to be read with Sub-section 157 (12) (h) of the said Act.
3. This by-law may be cited as the Drinking water and water catchment safety by-law of the Kadugannawa Urban Council.
4. The Kadugannawa Urban Council shall maintain the following information in relation to every source of water that supplies drinking water for the consumption of the public within its jurisdiction.
  - i. Name of water source
  - ii. Location
  - iii. Grama Niladari Division
  - iv. Location coordinates
  - v. Ownership of land where water source is located
  - vi. Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - vii. Nature of Use (Private/Public)



5. When the water source is an underground water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within a radius of 15 meters from it.
  - i. Entering, corralling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - ii. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - iii. Setting fires in the open space or taking any action that damages the water source.
  - iv. perform excavations
  - v. Taking any action to divert waste water through any drain or allowing the constructed drains to be maintained in a defective condition.
  - vi. Let surface water from any distance flow directly to the source.
  - vii. When the source of water is a shallow well, allowing surface water to seep into the well from a distance of less than 4.5 meters from the edge of the well.
  - viii. Where the source of water is a shallow well, maintaining water seepage into the well at a depth of less than 3 meters from the ground level.
  - ix. When the source of water is a shallow well, in the case where cement and iron-reinforced concrete and well covers are used for the protection of the well, leaving the cement or the rust formed around the iron used for that to mix with the water.
  - x. When the source of water is a shallow well, failing to keep the well clean and empty the well water within the time limits set by the chairman of the Urban Council and the medical officer of health or someone duly authorized by them.
6. In the case of a natural surface water source, no person shall take any of the following actions within the limit of 30 meters on both sides and above and 10 meters below from the inlet.
  - i. Entering, corralling, tethering or maintaining animals in a manner that would permit their entry.
  - ii. Washing vehicles or any other machinery.
  - iii. Use for bathing
  - iv. Disposing, burying or depositing any waste.
  - v. Setting fires in the open space or taking any action that damages the water source.
  - vi. Performing excavations
  - vii. Taking any action that would enable diverting sewage through any drain.
  - viii. Use for any cultivation purpose other than afforestation.
  - ix. The use of a bucket or any other instrument by any person for taking out water so that any waste may be mixed with the source of water.
7. Except in the case of a water project run by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and in the case of using a water source for domestic use, every person or organization running a drinking water project using a water source shall obtain a license in accordance with the Second Schedule under this by-law from the Chairman of the Urban Council.
8. Every person applying for a license under this by-law shall apply for the same through an application made in accordance with the form set out in the First Schedule to this by-law.
9. No license shall be issued by the Chairman unless every person applying for a license under this by-law has fulfilled the conditions of this by-law.

## 10.1. Water distribution in the instance where water is distributed for consumption using only piped water system

- (a) It should be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (b) In case the applicant is a community based organization, it must be registered under the Urban Council or Community Water Department.
- (c) The plan including all the components related to the water scheme should be submitted.
- (d) All components and constructions used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
- (e) When the main pipe system used for the water scheme is deployed on a private property, a confirmation must be submitted by the respective owner, and when deployed on a property belonging to another authority, a confirmation must be submitted by the relevant authority.
- (f) It should be ensured that the information requested under the application form regarding the employees expected to be employed under the water project and the relevant information whenever the employees change is submitted.

## 10.2. Where water is collected and distributed for commercial purposes using a bowser or water container or any other tool,

- (a) It need to be verified that the water distributed is subject to the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- (b) A confirmation need to be submitted that the water is obtained under a water source maintained in accordance with this by-law.
- (c) A certificate obtained from the said board that the requirements have been fulfilled according to the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act No. 24 of 1964 regarding the source of water to be used and the water to be distributed need to be submitted.
- (d) The water provided for use need to be treated under any method recommended by the Water Resources Board.
- (e) If any vehicle, container or any other tool is used to distribute water, information about the use need to be submitted.

11. In the event that a request is made for a license under this by-law, it is the duty of the chairman to grant the desired license within one month of receiving the application, or if it cannot be granted, to inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the same.

12. Fees for a license under this by-law shall be valid after being adopted by the Urban Council and published in the *Gazette* subject to the provisions of the Basic Law.

13. Every person licensed under this by-law shall act in accordance with the following conditions.
- i. The distributed water shall comply with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
  - ii. All components used for the water scheme must comply with the criteria of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
  - iii. Actions must be taken to confirm that the water obtained from the water source confirmed at the time of applying for the license will be used for the activities related to the license.
  - iv. Containers and other tools used for water distribution must be manufactured in accordance with the standards issued by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Standards.
  - v. The source of water used and the water distributed must be maintained in accordance with the orders issued under the Water Resources Board Act No. 24 of 1964.
  - vi. Every worker employed shall not be a person suffering from a skin disease or an infectious disease, or a person who has been in contact with such a person.
  - vii. Sanitary and clean clothing shall be worn at all times of employment and gloves shall be worn as prescribed.
  - viii. In the event that orders are in force in accordance with the Disease Prevention and Quarantine Ordinance in the jurisdiction, the services shall be maintained in accordance with the conditions specified under those orders.
  - ix. Every employee who will be employed in connection with the water project must be the person whose name is included in the information submitted at the time of application for the license or who is included in the information when submitting the information to the Chairman of the Urban Council if employed at any time thereafter.
  - x. The workers employed under the water project should be certified by a certificate confirming that they are fit for work once in every six months or within the time limits recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.
14. Any water source within the jurisdiction is used under a license referred to in this by-law, no other person except the licensee shall make use of the said water source or maintain improper water connection with it.
15. It is legal for the Chairman or any officer of the Urban Council specifically authorized by the Chairman, at such time as may be deemed fit and reasonable to enter the premises where the source of water is located, take samples or request any other information deemed necessary for the purposes of the by-laws and in case of distribution of drinking water, carrying out necessary inspections regarding the water distributed or the containers and tools used for it, and requesting information deemed necessary for that purpose in order to check whether the conditions mentioned in these by-laws are being maintained.
16. A license issued under this by-law shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year of issue unless specifically revoked by the Chairman.
17. In any case where any source of drinking water is being used or distributed contrary to the terms mentioned in this by-law, the chairman shall give a written notice to the licensee giving a reasonable time to comply with the by-law. The reasonable time so given should not exceed 14 days.

18. In the event that any licensee fails to comply with the by-laws within the time period provided under the above Section, the Chairman shall cancel the license issued under this by-law and notify the licensee in writing.
19. Nonetheless anything mentioned under the above clauses of this by-law, when a license is applied for the first time in respect of any water project related to a license under this by-law and in the event that a license is applied for again with changes in relation to a water project related to a license under this by-law, the chairman shall not issue such license unless it has been recommended by a committee appointed by the chairman to make such recommendations.
20. For the purpose of Section 19 of this by-law and to make recommendations to the Council to ensure the safety of drinking water in relation to water projects operating within the jurisdiction, there shall be a Committee consisting of the following:
  - i. Chairman
  - ii. Secretary
  - iii. Technical Officer
  - iv. Environment Officer
  - v. Medical Officer of Health or an officer nominated by him.

However, the above mentioned provisions should not be a hindrance to call any other officer nominated by the Chairman of the Urban Council to assist the Committee in order to achieve the objectives of the Committee as per the need of the service.

21. Subject to a license referred to in this by-law, it is an offense to act in contravention of section 5 when using a water source without a permit or when operating a drinking water project and after being convicted by a Magistrate's Court for the said offence, such person shall be liable to the punishment mentioned under Section 153 (2) of the Urban Ordinance.
22. If a person, institution or organization running any water project requests any time limit for complying with the conditions mentioned in this by-law in respect of a drinking water project subject to a license under this by-law which is in operation in the jurisdiction at the effective date of this by-law, it is legal for the chairman to grant a grace period taking into consideration the recommendations of the committee mentioned in the 20th by-law. However, the grace period provided under this section shall not exceed the period of one year from the effective date of this by-law.
23. Unless otherwise required by the terms of this by-law, in this by-law;

“Urban Council” means Kadugannawa Urban Council,

“Chairman” means the Chairman appointed for the Kadugannawa Urban Council, in accordance with the Local Government Elections Act or a person appointed in accordance with the written law to perform the duties and functions of the Chairman in case the Chairman’s office is not in operation,

“Waste” has the same meaning as given to waste in the National Environment Act No. 47 of 1980 as amended from time to time,

“Authorized Officer” means an officer authorized in writing by the Chairman either generally or specially to perform specified function,

“A Water Source” means a natural or artificial accumulation of water that leads to the use of surface water or ground water for drinking water needs or a place that has the potential for public drinking water use.

SCHEDULE No. 01

**Application Form for License to use Water Sources for obtaining Drinking Water**

1. Name of the Applicant:
2. Address :
3. If the applicant is running a business, registration number / if the applicant is a society the registration number of the relevant society:
4. The following information about the location of the water source:
  - i. Name of the Water Source:
  - ii. Location (should be outlined):
  - iii. Nature of the water source
  - iv. Grama Niladari Division
  - v. Location coordinates
  - vi. Ownership of land where water source is located
  - vii. Access (should be outlined as possible)
  - viii. Nature of Use (Private/Public)

5. Informations about the workers employed for the Water Project

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>N.I.C. Number</i>

6. Information relating to vehicles used for business

<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Vehicle No.</i>	<i>Type of Vehicle</i>

The chairman should be informed whenever the information in numbers 05 and 06 above changes.

7. Number of beneficiaries identified under the proposed Water Project:
8. Expected water capacity to be used daily:

The following attachments should be submitted along with the completed application form:

- i. A copy of the constitution and a copy of the society's registration certificate if a society
- ii. A rough plan certified by an acceptable technical officer showing how the components related to the water project have been utilized
- iii. The plan includes all the components related to the water scheme
- iv. Documents in which the permission has been given by the relevant authority in the case of deployment of the main pipe system used for the water scheme on a private property, and in the case of deployment on a property belonging to another authority, by the relevant authority.

Signature of Applicant.

Date:

(A copy of the document containing the relevant guidelines will be provided with this application)

## SCHEDULE – 02

**A permit is issued for running a drinking water project using a water source within the Urban Council jurisdiction:**

1. Licensee's Full Name :
2. Address:
3. N.I.C. No. :
4. Authorized source of water :
5. Time allowed:

Chairman,  
Urban Council.

Date:

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