

CITY OF VICTORIA FALLS (TRADING LICENCES) BY –LAWS, 2022

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Local Government and Public Works has, in terms of section 229 of the Urban Councils Act [*Chapter 29:15*], approved the following by-laws made by the Victoria Falls City Council.

Title

1. These by-Laws maybe cited as the Victoria Falls City Council (Trading Licences) By- laws, 2022.

Application

2. These by-Laws shall apply to all the areas under the jurisdiction of Victoria Falls City Council

Interpretation

3. In these regulations-

“Authorized Officer” means any person employed by a Local Authority, and appointed as such by that Council.

“Council” means Victoria Falls City Council.

“Goods” means wares, merchandise, produce and, generally, corporeal movable things of any descriptions, and services by whatsoever description.

“Operate” means to trade in business.

“Operator” means the person, who is in charge of the business and carries out all instructions that relate to the business, and may include owner, manager or any other employee.

“Owner” in relation to any business means the proprietor, holder or possessor of a business.

“Licence holder” means the person to whom the trading licence is issued and is a licensed owner

“Trading Operations” means trading activities or transaction

“Trading Licence” means the document in Form 2 of the Second Schedule that allows the holder to carry out operations.

Application for Trading Licence

- 4.(1) No person shall operate any business listed in the First Schedule unless he or she-

- (a) Is a licence holder; and

- (b) Operates such business on the premises, site or area Specified in the trading licence issued to him or her in terms of section 5(1)

- (2) Any person who wishes to obtain a trading licence for the purpose of conducting any business listed in the First Schedule shall make an application to the Council by completing and submitting to the Council Form VFCC (Trading Licence) 1 of the Second Schedule together with the appropriate fee.

Trading Licence

- 5.(1) A trading permit shall be issued in Form VFCC (Trading) 2 of the Second Schedule:

The trading license shall be issued for a period of not less than twelve months as determined by the licensing authority.

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(2) A licence holder who has been issued a trading licence shall promptly on the expiry of the trading licence, discontinue trading operations, unless he or she has before such expiry made an application for the renewal of trading licence, and has paid the appropriate fee.

(3) A licence holder shall display and maintain his or her trading licence in a conspicuous place at his or her business.

(3.1) Where upon failure by the licence holder to display and maintain such licence as stated in (3) above, Council shall forth with lock such premises and or force the operator to vacate failure of which will be guilt of an offence under these by-laws.

(4) The Council may-

- (a) Refuse to issue; or
- (b) Cancel; a trading licence where-
 - (i) the applicant or holder has been convicted of an offence under these by-laws;
 - (ii) the Council considers that the premises, site or area of such trading operations are not suitable; or
 - (iii) the Council considers that the premises, site or area of such trading operations are suitable; or
 - (iv) the Council considers that the trading operations may have an unfavorable impact on the existing environment or anticipated developments.

(5) A trading licence cancelled in terms of subsection (4), shall be surrendered to the Council within forty-eighty hours after the permit holder receives written notice of such cancellation.

(6) A trading licence shall not be transferred from the-

- (a) business to which it was issued; or
- (b) person to whom it was issued.

Notice of ceasure of Operation

6. A licence holder who ceases to operate his or her business shall notify the Council in writing within 30days, failure to give notice the trader shall be deemed to be in continued operation.

Offences and Penalties

7. Any person who contravenes section 3(1),(4.1) and 5(1) shall be guilt of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level three.

7.1 Subject to section 4(1) and 5(1) any person who contravenes these provisions Council shall lock such premises as prescribed in the first schedules of these by-laws.

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7.2 Those who contravene the above sections and their premises attract a lock fee prescribed in the Council budget.

7.3 Further to section 7.1 and section 7.2 of these by-laws anyone found breaking or who has broken the locks or any device or such other system used by Council to close such premises and open the premises shall after the premises are locked shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level three.

7.4 Council shall impound the goods of those who unlawfully break the lock and commence trading.

7.5 Subject to section 7.3 the impounded perishable goods will be disposed within 48 hours if one fails to redeem them within the stipulated period.

7.6 Non perishable goods shall be disposed after two weeks for other goods if not redeemed within two weeks from the date they were impounded.

FIRST SCHEDULE (Section 4)

BUSINESSES TO BE ISSUED TRADING LICENCES

1. Tailoring.
2. Lunar Park.
3. Grinding mills.
4. Milling and packaging.
5. Funeral Houses.
6. Push carts.
7. Wood working and woodwork sales.
8. Law Firms
9. Debt Collectors
10. Airtime Vendors
11. Paper manufacturing.
12. Solid waste removal.
13. Hotels, Lodges and any other accommodation facilities
14. Engineering.
15. Surgeries.
16. Private Clinics.
17. Private Hospitals.
18. Private schools.
19. Colleges.
20. Training centers.
21. Pre-schools.
22. Nursery schools.
23. Nursing homes.
24. Driving schools.

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25. Garages
26. Bureau de change.
27. Key cutting.
28. Gambling houses.
29. Services /filling station.
30. Taxi operations.
31. Tyre mending services.
32. Phone shops.
33. Photocopying/fax shops.
34. Auction centers.
35. Welding workshops.
36. Electricians
37. Plumbing services
38. Offices (estate agent, private investigations and other offices).
39. Commercial banks.
40. Building societies.
41. Transport and freight services.
42. Pest control services.
43. Cellular phone repairs.
44. Photo studios.
45. Surveying
46. Computing services and training.
47. Gas Filling
48. GYM Houses
49. Glass Cutting
50. Money lending.
51. Spray painting and panel beating.
52. Video club and video game shop.
53. Cover packaging and sales.
54. Radio and television repairs.
55. Electrical repairs.
56. Mobile pay phones.
57. Fixed pay phones.
58. Incinerator.
59. Cellular services (per booster).
60. Sign writing.
61. Drawing and art business.
62. Cycle repairs.
63. Shoe repairs

SECOND SCHEDULE *(Section 4 and 5)*

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PART 1
FEES

Form No.	Form Description	Fee	Late Registration US\$
NTC (Trading)1	Application for trading licence	As prescribed in the Council budget	As prescribed in the Council budget.
	Renewal of trading licence	As prescribed in the Council budget	As prescribed in the Council budget.

**PART 11
FORMS**

Form VFCC (Trading) 1

VICTORIA FALLS CITY COUNCIL (TRADING) BY-LAWS, 2021

APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE/RENEWAL OF A TRADING PERMIT

(This application form must be accompanied by appropriate fee)

Tick the appropriate box

Issue

Renewal

1. Full name of applicant:
2. National registration particulars (if any):.....
3. Residential address:.....
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4. Postal address:.....
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5. Location of trading business in respect of which application is made.....
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6. Have you ever applied for a permit before Yes/No?.....
If yes, state the date of application:.....

I undertake to comply with all by-laws made by Victoria Falls City Council in so far as they affect my business.

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Date

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Signature of applicant

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Date

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Signature of authorized person

Date stamp