

Mberengwa Rural District Council (Control of Livestock) By-laws, 2023

Title

1. These by-laws may be cited as Mberengwa Rural District Council Control of Livestock by-laws, 2023.

Application

2. These by-laws shall apply within the council area.

Interpretation

3. In these by-laws—

“Council” means the Mberengwa Rural District Council;

“levy” means any charge imposed by council in terms of section 95 of Rural District Councils Act;

“livestock” means pigs, cattle, donkeys, goats, sheep or any other animals;

“owner”, in relation to livestock, means the person who has custody or control of the livestock;

“private livestock buyer” means any person who is buying livestock outside the publicly organised livestock sales.

Control of Livestock Marketing and Movement

4. (1) No person shall buy or sell livestock for commercial purposes—

(a) without a permit from council; or

(b) except at a livestock sale organised by the council.

(2) At all cattle sales, whether privately organised or organised by a local authority, a cattle levy of US \$10 per beast sold shall be collected from every buyer of cattle.

Movement of Livestock

5. (1) No person shall move livestock from one area to another without clearance from Police, Council and Veterinary Office.

(2) No person shall approach the Veterinary Office without a permit or supporting letter from the Council for livestock movement.

(3) In the case of cattle being moved outside the district or for slaughter, the council shall issue a supporting letter in support of the request before the veterinary services department issues such movement permit.

(4) Council shall refuse to issue a permit or supporting letter if there is reason to believe that the objective of removal of livestock from the district is for the purpose of evading levies or marketing fees arising from organised livestock sales.

Stray Stock

6. (1) Any person, whether an inhabitant or otherwise, who within the area regulated by these by-laws —

(a) fails to register any stray stock in his possession to police, councillor or council or Veterinary office within three months from its arrival; or

(b) falsely claims that the stock belongs to him or her; or

(c) dehorn or castrates any stray stock he or she held;

(d) whose livestock is found in service or business areas

shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level five.

Offences and penalties

7. Any person who contravenes any provision of these by-laws shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a fine not exceeding level 3.

Standard Scale of Fines

<u>Level</u>	<u>Dollars(US)</u>
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1	5
2	10
3	20
4	100
5	200
6	300
7	400
8	500
9	600
10	700
11	1000
12	2000
13	3000
14	5000