

TOWNSHIPS ACT  
(Cap. 40:02)

**JWANENG TOWN COUNCIL (CONTROL OF DOGS) BYE-LAWS, 1985**  
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ARRANGEMENT OF BYE-LAWS

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SCHEDULE

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Jwaneng Town Council by regulation 30 of the Township Council Regulations the following Bye-Laws are, with the approval of the Minister of Local Government and Lands, in accordance with the provisions of regulation 31 of the said Regulations, hereby made —

1. These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Jwaneng (Control of Dogs) Citation Bye-Laws, 1985.

2. In these Bye-Laws, unless context otherwise requires — Interpretation  
“dog” includes a bitch;  
“public place” any enclosed space vested in the Council includes.  
“Rabies Certificate” means a Certificate signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, within a period of three years of its issue stating that a dog has been vaccinated for rabies.

3. (1) No person shall keep within the Council area a dog over the age of six months unless it is licensed in terms of these Bye-Laws. Licencing of dogs

(2) A dog shall be licensed within four weeks of its attaining the age of six months.

(3) The Town Clerk or an officer duly authorised by him to do so, shall on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule, issue a dog licence to an applicant on production of a valid rabies certificate and a dog licence so issued shall be valid for period of twelve months from date of issue.

(4) A licence issued under these Bye-Laws shall be in form of a metal or plastic badge.

(5) Subject to the provisions of sub bye-laws 4 (2) and 5 (1) no person shall permit any dog which is required to be licensed under these Bye-Laws to be at large unless a current licence issued under these Bye-Laws is affixed to it by means of a dog collar.

(6) Where a licence is issued under these Bye-Laws is lost or destroyed, the Town Clerk or any officer duly authorised by him to do so, may issue a duplicate licence on payment of the appropriate fee as specified in the Schedule.

Yapping  
etc of  
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in season

4. (1) No person shall permit the continual yapping, whinnying or barking of dogs so as to disturb the comfort of any inhabitants in the Council area.

(2) No person shall allow any female dog to be at large at such times as she is on heat or in season.

Trouble-  
some,  
dangerous  
or  
infected  
dogs

5. (1) No person shall allow any troublesome, ferocious or dangerous dog, or any dog which suffers from a contagious disease, to be at large off the premises on which such animal is normally kept.

(2) Any person who keeps any dog of the nature described in sub-byelaw (1) shall display at the principal entrance of the property where the dog is normally kept, a clearly legible sign reading —

“BEWARE OF THE DOG” and “TSHABA NTSA”.

(3) The owner or person in charge of any dog which is affected or suspected of being affected by an infectious or contagious disease shall—

(a) as soon as reasonably practicable, give notice of the dog so affected to the Council or to a Veterinary Officer;

(b) as far as practicable keep such dog securely tied, confined and isolated.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-byelaw (3) - the Town Clerk who having received reasonable information concerning, or having reasonable grounds for suspecting that any person keeps a dog which is affected or suspected to be affected by an infectious or contagious disease shall instruct that the dog be sent to a veterinary officer or cause it to be destroyed.

Detention  
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of  
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or  
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dogs

6. (1) Any officer authorised by the Town Clerk to do so may seize and detain in kennels or other premises owned by the Council any dog found wandering at large in a public place.

(2) Any dog detained under the provisions of sub-byelaw (1) which is not claimed by or on behalf of its owner within a period of two weeks of such detention shall be deemed to be abandoned and the Council may destroy or otherwise dispose of such dog.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-byelaw (2) the Town Clerk may authorise the destruction of a dog so detained before the expiration of a period of two weeks where he has reason to believe that it suffers from an infectious or contagious disease of a serious nature and in his opinion the destruction of the dog is necessary for the prevention of spread of the disease.

(4) No person shall willfully obstruct or unlawfully interfere with any officer authorised by the Town Clerk in the carrying out of his duties under these Bye-Laws.

Claiming  
of  
detained  
dogs

7. Any dog detained under these Bye-Laws may be reclaimed by or on behalf of the owner on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule and chargeable for each day during which the dog is detained.

Penalties

8. Any person who contravenes the provisions of these Bye-Laws or fails to comply with any requirement thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding P20,00 or in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two months.

## SCHEDULE

Licence fee (under reg. 3 (3))	P 2,00 p.a.
Duplicate Licence fee (under reg. 3 (6))	P 1,00 p.a.
Detention fee (under reg. 3 (7))	P 2,00 per day
Renewal fee (under reg. 3 (6))	P 0,50 p.a.

MADE this 27th day of March, 1985.

O. PITSO,  
*Town Clerk,*  
*Jwaneng Town Council.*

APPROVED this 6th day of May, 1985.

J.L.T. MOTHIBAMELE,  
*Minister of Local Government*  
*and Lands.*

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