

Byelaws

made under Section 12 (1)
of the Slaughterhouses Act 1974
by City of Bradford Metropolitan Council

- (a) for securing that knackers' yards are kept in a sanitary condition and are properly managed, and
- (b) requiring persons licensed under the said Act to keep knackers' yards to keep, and produce when required, records of animals brought into the yards and of the manner in which those animals and the different parts thereof were disposed of.

PART ONE

INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION AND PENALTIES

- 1. Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions used in these byelaws shall have the same respective meanings as in the Slaughterhouses Act 1974.
- 2. The provisions of these byelaws shall have effect in relation to every knacker's yard and if any of the provisions thereof are not complied with the occupier of the knacker's yard concerned shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100 and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding £5 for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

PART TWO

GENERAL

- Every knacker's yard shall be provided with suitable and sufficient means of ventilation, which shall be so used as to secure that the air therein is kept in a fresh and wholesome condition.
- 4. There shall be provided and maintained in every part of the premises suitable and sufficient means of lighting, either natural or artificial, to enable these byelaws to be complied with.
- 5. There shall be provided for the use of employees sufficient sanitary conveniences, adequate personal washing facilities with both hot and cold water and adequate accommodation for changing and hanging clothes.
- 6. The floors shall be constructed of such material and in such a manner as to render the surface impervious so that it is practicable to remove any liquid matter which may fall thereon and shall be so sloped and provided with gullies or channels of some impervious material as to convey such liquid matter to a suitable and properly trapped drain, which shall be kept at all times in a proper condition and efficient action, and thence to a suitable place of disposal.
- 7. The surface of all walls, floors and pavements shall be kept in such good order, repair and condition as to prevent the absorption therein of any blood or refuse or filth which may be spilled or splashed thereon, or any offensive or noxious matter which may be deposited thereon or brought into contact therewith.
- 8. The internal surface of all walls and the surface of all ceilings, floors and pavements shall be cleaned as often as may be necessary to maintain a proper state of cleanliness by limewashing or other means satisfactory to the Council.
- 9. Each day after the completion of business all floors, pavements, fittings and equipment and all internal surfaces of walls on which any blood or liquid, refuse or filth may have spilled or splashed, or with which any offensive or noxious matter may have been brought into contact during the day, shall be thoroughly washed and cleansed.

- 10. The internal surface of all walls and all accumulated refuse shall be sprayed at frequent intervals with a suitable insecticide to eliminate or reduce to a minimum the presence of flies in and about the premises.
- 11. There shall be provided in or in connection with the premises a sufficient supply of hot and cold water for the purpose of cleansing in accordance with these byelaws.
- 12. Suitable and sufficient vessels or receptacles, properly constructed of galvanised iron or other non-absorbent material which can be easily cleaned and having closely fitting covers, shall be provided for the collection or removal from the knacker's yard of any blood, garbage and other refuse (other than manure).
- 13. Forthwith upon the completion of the slaughtering of any animal or the flaying or cutting up of any carcase, all blood, garbage and other refuse shall be deposited in the aforesaid vessels or receptacles.
- 14. The contents of every vessel and receptacle containing blood, garbage or other refuse shall be removed from the premises at least once in every 24 hours.
- 15. Every vessel, receptacle, instrument and appliance used in the knacker's yard shall when not in use be kept thoroughly clean and when in use shall be thoroughly cleansed as frequently as may be necessary to maintain it and to enable work to be done in a cleanly manner.
- 16. A manure bin or bay shall be provided and properly maintained in a suitable position, such bin or bay to have impervious walls and floor and to be drained to a suitable outlet, the contents of every such bin or bay to be removed from the premises at least once in every three days.
- 17. The flesh, skins, hides, bones, fat, offal and any other parts of animals shall be removed from the slaughtering or dressing room or bay as soon as reasonably practicable or otherwise disposed of so as to keep the premises in a sanitary condition and, pending such removal or disposal, shall be stored in a sanitary manner.
- 18. (1) There shall be provided outside the slaughtering or dressing room or bay sufficient hanging accommodation for all meat and meat products intended for sale for animal food; and

- (2) Such meat and other products shall at all times whilst in and about the knacker's yard be kept in a clean and wholesome condition.
- 19. There shall not at any time be kept or caused or allowed to be kept in the knacker's yard any animal not intended for slaughter and all reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent any domestic animal or domestic bird having access at any time to such knacker's yard or any material therein or any drainage emanating therefrom:
 Provided that nothing in this byelaw shall prohibit the presence in the knacker's yard of a horse taken there solely for haulage purposes.

PART THREE

RECORDS

- 20. There shall be kept in respect of every knacker's yard an accurate record of all animals or carcases received into the yard showing—
 - (a) the category or description of each animal or carcase so received;
 - (b) the date the animal or carcase is received into the yard and the date of the slaughter of the animal;
 - (c) the name and address of the person on whose behalf the animal was slaughtered or, as the case may be, from whom the animal or carcase was purchased by the occupier of the yard, whether on his own behalf or on behalf of some other person;
 - (d) the manner in which each carcase or different parts thereof were disposed of, the date of disposal and the name and address of the person to whom they were delivered or consigned.
- 21. Every such record as aforesaid shall be retained for not less than one year from the date of the transaction to which it relates.

- 22. Where under any enactment for the time being in force the occupier of the knacker's yard keeps a record of animals brought into the yard and the manner in which those animals and the different parts thereof are disposed of, the retention and production of that record if required shall as respects such of the particulars mentioned therein as are required to be kept by these byelaws be a sufficient compliance with the provisions of these byelaws.
- 23. Such records as aforesaid shall be kept readily available at the knacker's yard and shall be produced for inspection at all reasonable times on request by an authorised officer of the Council.

REPEAL OF BYELAWS

24. The byelaws relating to the sanitary conditions, management and keeping of records for knackers' yards made by the Urban District of Denholme on 2 April, 1957 and confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 13 May, 1957 are hereby repealed.

THE COMMON SEAL of
City of Bradford Metropolitan
Council was hereunto affixed on
the 10th day of September 1976
in the presence of:—

Chief Solicitor

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food this 21st day of December 1976, and shall come into operation on the 18th day of January 1977.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food this 21st day of December 1976.



K. A. BIRD
Assistant Secretary.