

## No. 15 of 1887.

### An Ordinance relating to the employment of Guides within Municipalities.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made for regulating and controlling the employment of persons plying for hire as guides within the municipalities in this island : Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

Short title.

Ordinance to apply to Colombo Municipality only, but Governor in Executive Council may extend it to other municipalities by Proclamation.

1 This Ordinance, which may be cited as "The Guides' Ordinance, 1887," shall apply to the Municipality of Colombo only ; but the Governor in Executive Council may, by Proclamation, extend it to any other municipality or municipalities established under the provisions of "The Municipal Councils' Ordinance, 1887."

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**2** In this Ordinance the term "licensed guide" shall mean any guide who is registered and licensed under section 4.

Interpretation clause:  
"Licensed guide."

**3** From and after the passing of this Ordinance every person plying for hire as a guide within a municipality shall be duly registered and licensed as hereinafter provided.

Persons plying for hire as guides to be licensed.

**4** It shall be the duty of the municipal council to cause to be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and to be called "The Register of Licensed Guides," in numerical order, the name, description, and such other particulars as may be necessary for identification of every person applying to be licensed to be employed as a guide; and the municipal council shall thereupon issue to such person a license to be employed as aforesaid, which license shall bear the registered number of the applicant, and shall be in the form in the schedule hereto, and shall be in force for such time, not exceeding twelve months, as shall be mentioned therein; and the date of such license, together with the period for which it shall be granted, shall be registered in "The Register of Licensed Guides."

Municipal council to keep register and to issue licenses.

Particulars to be entered in register.

Provided, however, that the municipal council may, for good cause, refuse to issue a license to any person applying therefor, and may from time to time renew any license which may have expired; and such refusal or renewal shall be duly registered in the register.

Proviso.  
Municipal council may refuse to issue license.

**5** The municipal council shall cause to be delivered to each licensed guide a badge of uniform pattern, bearing thereon the number of his license, the cost of which badge shall be paid by the person to whom the same is delivered; and it shall be the duty of every guide, when acting as such, to wear such badge conspicuously exposed upon his person; and in case the owner of such badge shall at any time satisfy the municipal council that such badge has been lost or destroyed, it shall be lawful for the municipal council to cause another badge to be delivered to such guide upon payment of the cost thereof.

Licensed guides to have badges, and to wear them.

Provision for lost badges.

**6** By-laws for the general government of licensed guides, and for regulating the fees which may lawfully be demanded by them, shall, from time to time, be prepared by the municipal council, consistently with the provisions of this Ordinance, which by-laws, when approved by the Governor in Executive Council, and published in the *Government Gazette*, shall have the effect of law; and the municipal council shall have power to alter, amend, or cancel any such by-law or by-laws, subject, however, to the approval of the Governor in Executive Council.

Municipal council may make by-laws.

**7** Every licensed guide—

Offences.

- (a) Who shall act as such without wearing his proper badge exposed in a conspicuous manner; or
- (b) Who shall use or exhibit any badge other than his own; or

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- (c) Who in the course of his employment shall use violent or abusive language to, or who shall threaten or molest, or by any means extort money from, any person ; or
- (d) Who shall violate any by-law made under the authority of this Ordinance ;

and every unlicensed person—

- (a) Who shall ply for hire as a guide ; or
- (b) Who shall use or exhibit, with intent to deceive, a licensed guide's badge or any other badge intended to represent a licensed guide's badge ;

Penalties.

shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty rupees, or to simple or rigorous imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month.

Municipal council may suspend or cancel licenses.

8 If any licensed guide shall be convicted of any offence against this Ordinance, the municipal council may, in addition to any penalty which may have been imposed upon the offender, suspend or cancel the license of such guide ; and any guide whose license shall have been suspended shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, during the period of such suspension, be deemed an unlicensed person.

Entry of suspension or cancellation to be made in register, and license and badge to be delivered up to the municipal council.

9 When the license of any guide shall have expired and shall not have been renewed, or when it has been cancelled or suspended under the provisions of the next preceding section, the municipal council shall cause an entry thereof to be made in the register, and the guide whose license shall have expired and shall not have been renewed, or whose license shall have been cancelled or suspended, shall forthwith deliver up to the municipal council his license and badge ; and it shall be the duty of the municipal council to return to the person whose license shall have expired and shall not have been renewed, or whose license shall have been cancelled, the original cost of such badge, and to return to the person whose license has been suspended his license and badge when his period of suspension has expired ; and any licensed guide who shall neglect or refuse to deliver up his license and badge as required by this section shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty rupees, or to simple or rigorous imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month.

Penalty for neglecting to deliver up license and badge.

Fees to be levied on licenses, and to be paid into municipal fund.

10 It shall be lawful for the municipal council to levy the under-mentioned fees in respect of all licenses issued or renewed by them under this Ordinance ; and such fees shall be paid into the municipal fund :—

- (a) When the license is for a period not exceeding three months, three rupees.
- (b) When the license is for a period not exceeding six months, five rupees.

(c) When the license is for a period not exceeding twelve months, seven rupees and fifty cents.

11 All powers and duties by this Ordinance vested in, and imposed on, the municipal council may be exercised and performed by the chairman; and all documents and instruments under the hand of the chairman or secretary shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, be deemed to have been issued by the municipal council.

Chairman to exercise and perform all powers and duties under this Ordinance; and instruments under the hand of the chairman or secretary to be deemed as having been issued by the municipal council.

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SCHEDULE.

*By the Municipal Council of* \_\_\_\_\_.

This is to license \_\_\_\_\_ as a Guide under "The Guides' Ordinance, 1887," within the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_, for the period of \_\_\_\_\_ from the date hereof.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman (or Secretary) of the Municipality.

*Not transferable.]*

2nd November, 1887.

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