

THE KINGSTON AND ST. ANDREW CORPORATION ACT

RULES
(under section 161)

THE KINGSTON AND ST. ANDREW CORPORATION (SLAUGHTER-HOUSE)
RULES, 1940

(Made by the Council of the Corporation on the 11th day of December, 1939 and on the 8th day of April, 1940. Approved by the Governor in Privy Council on the 6th day of May, 1940)

G.N. 457/40
Amd:
L.N. 715/40
447/41
466/42
L.N. 30/44
51/44
G.N. 216/51
217/51
210/61
L.N. 165/62
386/69
423/73
50/92

1. These Rules may be cited as the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (Slaughter-House) Rules, 1940.

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the cashier” means the person for the time being performing the duties of cashier of the slaughter-house;

“lairs” means that part of the slaughter-house assigned for the reception and examination of animals for a particular class;

“the manager” means the person for the time being performing the duties of manager of the slaughter-house;

“pens” means that portion of the slaughter-house which shall be set aside and assigned to such owners as may desire to keep animals for any period before placing them in lairs for slaughter;

“the slaughter-house” means the land and premises described in the First Schedule.

The words, phrases and expressions used in these Rules shall have the same meaning as in the Act.

First
Schedule.

Staff and Duties

3. The staff of the slaughter-house shall consist of a manager, a cashier and such other persons as may be from time to time appointed by the Council and all such persons shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council.

*THE KINGSTON AND ST. ANDREW CORPORATION (SLAUGHTER-
HOUSE) RULES, 1940*

4. The manager shall—

- (a) be responsible for the general operation of the slaughter-house and for the maintenance of order and discipline;
- (b) have power to employ and dismiss members of the staff whose emoluments shall not exceed \$3.00 per week as well as all slaughtermen and shall arrange the duties of the staff under him;
- (c) have power to suspend with or without pay any employee who may be charged with or be guilty of a breach of discipline or a breach of these Rules and shall forthwith report any such suspension to the Mayor;
- (d) have power to grant leave of absence to employees for periods not exceeding twenty-four hours;
- (e) from time to time with the consent of the Council assign a place in the slaughter-house building and premises for the carrying on of the various activities which shall or may properly be carried on in the said building and premises;
- (f) be responsible for the equipment and utensils used in connection with the slaughter-house and see that such utensils are always in such condition as to be fit for use and shall have authority to purchase articles or effect repairs not exceeding \$4.00 at any one time;
- (g) be present by himself or any person duly authorized to act for him in that behalf when animals are being slaughtered and shall inspect the carcasses;
- (h) be responsible for the proper care of the buildings and premises and for the cleanliness and sanitation thereof and for the discipline of the other employees and the observance of these Rules.

5. The cashier shall, under the direction and general supervision of the manager—

- (a) keep books in which he shall record or cause to be recorded daily the following particulars—
 - (i) the description, sex, colour and marks of each animal admitted to the lairs;
 - (ii) the name and address of the butcher or other persons by whom the animal was brought in;

- (iii) the name and address of the person from whom and the name of property and parish from which the animal was purchased;
 - (iv) the amount of fees paid and by whom;
 - (v) the date of the slaughter of any animal;
 - (vi) the date of the condemnation of any animal carcass or part of a carcass and the reason for condemnation;
- (b) cause to be removed from the slaughter-house any person or persons who shall enter or be upon the slaughter-house without a licence or who (with or without a licence to enter) shall commit any breach of these Rules;
- (c) daily prepare a statement of these fees collected and shall submit same to the manager for his approval and signature and shall forward such statement daily together with the amount collected or bank lodgement voucher therefor to the Town Clerk;
- (d) in the absence of the manager perform such of the duties and exercise such of the powers of the manager as may require to be performed or exercised.

Hours of Business

6. The slaughter-house shall be open for business as follows—
- (a) on all days other than Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays—from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.;
 - (b) on Saturdays—from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.;
 - (c) on Sundays, public holidays and on other days on which slaughter is prohibited—for the delivery of carcasses—from 5.00 a.m. to 7.00 a.m. for the reception of stock to the lairs—from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

7. Except by special permission of the Mayor or the manager and on payment of the additional fee provided in the Fourth Schedule, no animal shall be slaughtered on Sundays or public holidays, or on any other day on which the Council shall prohibit slaughter.

Fourth
Schedule.

Admission of Animals and Fees

8. Pens shall be provided for the use of owners who desire animals to be received therein more than twenty-four hours before slaughter, such pens shall be separated from the rest of the slaughter-house by fences. Owners of animals may obtain the right to use such pens upon payment of the fees prescribed in the Second Schedule.

Second
Schedule.

*THE KINGSTON AND ST. ANDREW CORPORATION SLAUGHTER-
HOUSE) RULES, 1940*

9. Every person using a pen shall—

- (a) keep the same in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the manager;
- (b) each day provide for every animal placed or kept therein fodder of the type and quantity set out below, or otherwise fodder of a type and quantity to be approved by the manager or his deputy:

large sized cattle	...	28 lbs. guinea grass
small sized cattle	...	14 lbs. guinea grass
sheep and goats	...	6 lbs. guinea grass
pigs	...	2 lbs. corn (maize)
sucking calves	...	10 lbs. milk;
- (c) provide such licensed attendants as may be necessary to watch and care the animals and to keep the pens clean and sanitary.

10. If any person shall fail to comply with any of the requirements of the rule 9, the manager and/or cashier may employ licensed attendants and cause the default to be made good and the costs and expenses incurred shall be payable by and recoverable from the person using the pen and the licensed attendants so employed shall be deemed for all purposes to be the servants and agents of the person using the pen.

11. No person shall place in any pen any animal in excess of the number for which the pen is intended. Such number to be determined by the manager or any person duly authorized to act for him.

12. All animals left in or upon any part of the slaughter-house other than in the lairs directed by the manager or cashier shall be and remain at the entire risk of the owner.

13. Every person desiring an animal to be admitted to the lairs for slaughter shall in writing set out the particulars specified in items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of the rule 5 (a), and certify that to the best of his knowledge and belief the animal is free from any contagious or infectious disease and shall sign such particulars and certificate.

14. The fees prescribed and set out in the Third Schedule shall be payable in respect of animals intended to be slaughtered and shall be paid before their admission to the lairs.

Third
Schedule.

15. No person shall take into any of the lairs any animal—
- (i) before it shall have been examined and passed by the manager or any person duly authorized to act for him;
 - (ii) which may be wild or uncontrollable;
 - (iii) before the fees prescribed shall have been paid to the cashier.

16. No animal shall be admitted to the lairs except within the hours during which the slaughter-house is required to be open for business.

17. If after an animal has been accepted it shall, in the opinion of the manager, be unfit for human consumption, the manager may by written notice require the person at whose request the animal was admitted to remove the same forthwith or within a limited time and if the animal shall not be removed in accordance with the notice the animal may be condemned.

Powers of distress and sale

18. The manager or any of his assistants or any person authorized by him shall be empowered to distrain upon any animal using any pen or upon the carcass or any portion of the carcass thereof for any fees which may be due for the use by the said animal of the said pen and/or for any costs or expenses incurred in accordance with rule 10.

19. Any animal distrained upon shall be kept for the space of three days and any carcass or any portion thereof distrained upon shall be kept for the space of twelve hours and if the said animal or the said carcass or any portion thereof be not redeemed within the three days or twelve hours respectively mentioned above it shall be lawful for the manager to sell and dispose of the same to satisfy the fees and/or any costs and expenses incurred in accordance with rule 10 as aforesaid and the expenses of the distress and of all costs and expenses for the keeping of the said animal for the period of three days aforesaid or for keeping the said carcass or any portion thereof for the space of twelve hours aforesaid and the expenses of and incident to such sale and the surplus of any such sale and/or any unsold animal and/or any unsold portion of the carcass shall be returned to the person who had delivered the said animal or the animal from which the said carcass was obtained to the abattoir.

THE KINGSTON AND ST. ANDREW CORPORATION SLAUGHTER-
HOUSE) RULES, 1940

20. No distress shall be redeemable except upon payment of the fees and/or any costs and expenses as aforesaid due and the expenses of such distress and subsequent keep and the expenses of and incident to any intended sale.

21. Neither the manager nor any of the assistants nor any person authorized by the manager to distrain shall be liable to any person for any loss, deterioration or injury to any animal or the carcase thereof distrained upon except for wilful negligence.

Slaughter of Animals

22. All animals intended for slaughter shall be placed in lairs appointed by the manager not later than 4:00 p.m. on the day previous and every such animal shall be inspected and examined by the manager and/or any person duly authorized to act for him at such time as he may consider expedient and no carcass or any part thereof shall be taken into the slaughter hall unless and until the manager or any person duly authorized to act for him shall have inspected and passed same.

23. The slaughter of animals and the preparation and dressing of the carcass shall be performed by persons employed for the purpose by the Council and in addition to the fees prescribed in the Third Schedule the Corporation shall be entitled to retain and make use of or dispose of for their own account the blood, stomach and intestinal contents of all animals slaughtered as well as all carcasses and organs and parts thereof which may be condemned.

24. All rooms in which carcasses are prepared shall be thoroughly cleaned by the slaughter men after such preparation is completed and before inspection by the manager.

25. The manager or any person duly authorized to act for him shall examine every carcass and the organs of every animal slaughtered and every carcass, part of a carcass or organ examined which shall in the opinion of the manager or any person duly authorized to act for him be diseased or unfit for human food shall be condemned by him and be destroyed.

26. All carcasses, parts of carcasses and organs shall be dressed in the rooms appointed for that purpose and after having been passed by the manager or any person duly authorized to act for him shall be placed in the cooling room and there retained for not less than 12 hours.

Tripe

27. Every person procuring the slaughter of an animal shall in writing authorize the delivery of the tripe to a licensed tripe cleaner and such cleaner shall pay the fee prescribed and take delivery of such tripe at the tripe room and shall there clean such tripe. The delivery and cleaning shall take place within the prescribed hours and each day all tripe for which the fees shall not have been paid or delivery whereof shall not have been taken or which shall not have been cleaned at the expiration of the prescribed time shall be condemned and destroyed.

28. The tripe room shall be open for delivery and cleaning of tripe from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., each day on which animals may be killed.

Cooling Room

29.—(1) No charge shall be made for the keeping of carcasses or parts of carcasses in the cooling room for a period of twelve hours.

(2) There shall be paid to the Corporation in respect of all carcasses retained in the cooling room longer than for twelve hours the following fees which shall be paid before the delivery of such carcasses or parts of carcasses—

	<u>Whole Carcasses</u>		<u>Half Carcasses</u>	
	For the first twenty-four hours or part thereof after the free period of twelve hours	For each succeeding twenty-four hours or part thereof	For the first twenty-four hours or part thereof after the free period of twelve hours	For each succeeding twenty-four hours or part thereof
Oxen	60c	\$1.00	30c	50c
Calves	20c	30c	10c	15c
Pigs	20c	30c	10c	15c
Sheep	10c	20c	5c	10c
Goats	10c	20c	5c	10c
Turtles	5c	10c	—	—

*THE KINGSTON AND ST. ANDREW CORPORATION SLAUGHTER-
HOUSE) RULES, 1940*

30. Delivery from the cooling room shall be made on Saturdays between the hours of 4.00 a.m. and 6.00 a.m. and between 11.00 a.m. and noon and on other week days between the hours of 4.30 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. to owners or their agents duly authorized.

31. Delivery shall only be made to owners or an agent duly authorized in writing and which authority may be general or for a particular occasion and shall be left with the manager.

Prohibited Acts

32. No meat shall be sold by retail at the slaughter-house.

33. No person shall enter the slaughter halls except the manager and the persons employed by the Council and such other persons as the manager may specially permit.

34. No person shall—

- (a) remove any tripe from the slaughter-house until after the same has been cleaned to the satisfaction of the manager or any person duly authorized to act for him;
- (b) on any pretence sell any meat in the slaughter-house;
- (c) remove or attempt to remove from the slaughter-house any carcass or part or organ thereof until the same has been marked or branded with the mark or brand for the time being prescribed by the Council;
- (d) do or cause any damage to be done to any building, cattle pen or appurtenance of the slaughter-house or to any utensil or property whatever of the Council used therein;
- (e) light any fire or cook on the slaughter-house premises without the permission of the manager;
- (f) use any part of the slaughter-house except the place specially provided for the purpose as a urinal or latrine or for the deposit of any rubbish, waste or any filthy deleterious or obnoxious matter;
- (g) create or cause any disturbance or use any obscene, abusive or insulting language or swear or smoke or otherwise misbehave in the said slaughter-house or any part thereof;
- (h) enter upon the slaughter-house premises unless holding a licence from the Council or by special permission of the manager;

- (i) take into or permit to accompany or follow him any dog into the slaughter-house premises;
- (j) spit in the slaughter-house or any part thereof;
- (k) take into or cause to be taken into the slaughter-house premises alcohol in any form whatsoever;
- (l) assault, hinder or obstruct or incite any person to assault, hinder or obstruct the manager or any of his assistants or any person authorized by him to distraint in the performance of their duties under these Rules.

35. No person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease shall enter or remain on the slaughter-house premises.

36.—(1) Licences to enter the slaughter-house shall be divided into three classes—

- (a) butchers and owners;
- (b) carriers and attendants;
- (c) tripe cleaners.

(2) A licence to a butcher or owner shall entitle the holder to enter upon such part of the slaughter-house at such times as may be necessary for him for the payment of fees to supervise the penning, keeping and delivery at the lairs of any animal belonging to him and the receipt of the carcass after slaughter and cooling.

(3) A licence to a carrier shall entitle the holder to enter upon such part of the slaughter-house at such times as may be necessary for payment of fees to perform the work for which he may be hired by any butcher or owner in relation to the pen hired by such owner, the delivery to the lairs and the receipt of the carcass after slaughter and cooling.

(4) A licence to a tripe cleaner shall authorize the holder to enter and be upon such part of the slaughter-house at such times as may be necessary for the payment of fees and receiving, cleaning and removing the tripe.

(5) Licences shall be granted free of charge to such persons as the Council in its sole discretion may determine.

(6) Licences shall be in such form as the Council may by resolution from time to time determine and shall be revocable at any

*THE KINGSTON AND ST. ANDREW CORPORATION (SLAUGHTER-
HOUSE) RULES, 1940*

time by the Council for any reason which in its sole discretion the Council may consider sufficient and may be suspended by the manager but such suspension shall immediately be reported to the Town Clerk and continue only until the decision of the Council in relation thereto and such licences shall if not sooner revoked or suspended expire on the 31st March next after the grant thereof.

(7) None of the said licences shall entitle the holder to enter the slaughter hall or dressing or cooling rooms.

(8) Any holder of a licence who commits a breach of these Rules or otherwise misconducts himself on the slaughter-house premises may be expelled and forbidden re-entry by the manager pending instructions from the Mayor or Council and may have his licence revoked by the Council in addition to being prosecuted for breach of these Rules.

Non-liability of Corporation

37. Neither the Council nor the Corporation shall be liable to any person for any injury to any animal or for any loss or damage which may arise or be occasioned and if any loss or damage shall arise as the result of any act, neglect or default on the part of any officer or servant of the Corporation such officer or servant and not the Corporation or the Council thereof shall be liable for such loss or damage.

FIRST SCHEDULE (Rule 2)

Definition of Boundaries of the Kingston Slaughter-House

All that parcel of land in the parish of Kingston containing three acres more or less and butting northerly and westerly on land belonging to the Water Commission known as the Kingston Pumping Station and on road leading from Darling Street to the Kingston Harbour easterly on Darling Street and Lindo Street and on lands belonging to the United Fruit Company southerly on the Kingston Harbour and the lands belonging to the West India Cold Storage.

SECOND SCHEDULE (Rule 8)

The fee for the use of each pen shall be as follows—

For a pen capable of holding not more than 25 head of cattle per day	20c
For a pen capable of holding not more than 10 head of cattle per day	10c

The above fees shall be payable in advance and the fee for the first week shall be paid before cattle are admitted to the pen and the fee for each succeeding week shall be paid immediately on the expiry of the week for which the last and only payment has been made.

Small Stock Pens

The fees for the accommodation of each animal in a pen shall be 2c per week or part of a week payable in advance.

THIRD SCHEDULE (Rule 14)

Schedule of fees for the slaughtering of animals and dressing of carcasses, all of which shall be payable before the animal is placed in the lairs

<u>Animal Per Head</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Slaughter</u>	<u>Tripery</u>	<u>Total</u>
Oxen	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$75.00
Calves	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$ 7.50	\$37.50
Goat and Sheep	\$ 9.50	\$ 7.50	—	\$17.00
Pigs—				
50 lb and under	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	\$15.00
exceeding 50 lb but not exceeding 200 lb	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.50	\$22.50
exceeding 200 lb	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$ 7.50	\$37.50

FOURTH SCHEDULE (Rule 7)

Special Slaughter

Additional fees payable for the slaughter by permission on prohibited days—
Oxen per head — \$50.00 for the first head and \$25.00 per head thereafter on the same occasion;

Small stock — fee for opening slaughter hall for purposes of slaughtering, irrespective of class of animal to be slaughtered, \$50.00 and an additional fee equivalent to the prescribed fee in the Third Schedule.

[The inclusion of this page is authorized by L.N. 144/1995]