

Ruwa Local Board (Urban Agriculture), By-laws, 2020

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IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Local Government and Public Works has, in terms of section 229 of the Urban Councils Act [*Chapter 29:15*], approved the following by-laws made by Ruwa Local Board:—

*Title*

1. These by-laws may be cited as the Ruwa Local Board (Urban Agriculture) By-laws, 2020.

*Interpretation*

2. In these by-laws—

“council” means the Ruwa Local Board;

“crop residue” means any plant or crop material left in a field after harvesting;

“cultivate” means to prepare and use land in order to grow crops on it;

“Town Secretary” means the person holding office under the council as Town Secretary, and includes any employee of the council who is authorised by the Town Secretary to perform any of the functions or exercise any of the powers assigned to the Town Secretary in terms of these by-laws.

*Permit requirements*

3. (1) No person may cultivate on any land without a permit from the council.

*General conditions for permits*

4. (1) A permit issued in terms of section 3 shall specify the—

(a) crop to be planted; and

(b) area to be planted; and

(c) duration for which the land may be cultivated; and

(d) land conservation conditions.

(2) A permit issued in terms of section 3 shall be subjected to annual renewal.

*Disqualification from obtaining a permit*

5. The Town Secretary shall not grant a permit unless satisfied that—

- (a) the cultivation will no way detract from the value of the land or its suitability for future development; and
- (b) the applicant is capable of managing the land in accordance with sound and best farming practices; and
- (c) the cultivation will in no way cause a nuisance to the neighbouring land users.

*Prohibition of structures on land for cultivation*

6. (1) No person shall erect any structure, whether temporary or permanent, on any council land which has been issued a permit for cultivation.

(2) Any person who contravenes the prohibition on building structures referred to in subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level 3.

*Crop residue*

7. (1) Every person who has cultivated land within the council area shall ensure that all crop residue is removed from the land immediately after harvesting.

(2) Council undertakes to remove all leftover crop residue from cultivated land:

Provided that such costs of removal shall be borne by the land user.