

## **Solid Waste Management By-law**

**This By-law shall regulate the segregation, storage, collection, transportation, operation, and maintenance of transfer stations, as well as the processing, treatment, and disposal of solid waste generated on private premises, streets, and avenues in public places within the administration area of the Galle Municipality. It further includes provisions for oversight, inspection, and enforcement. '**

This By-law is enacted pursuant to Section 129 of the Municipal Council Ordinance (Authority 252), read in conjunction with Section 267 and Section 272, Sub-Section 5, Paragraph (b) of the said Ordinance, which empowers the Municipal Corporation to enact by-laws on the management of solid waste.

### **General**

1. This by-law shall be referred to as the By-laws on Solid Waste Management of the Galle Municipal Council.
2. This by-law has been enacted to regulate, supervise, inspect, and control the separation, storage, collection, transportation, operation, and maintenance of transfer stations, processing, and treatment of solid waste generated in public places, private premises, streets, and avenues within the municipal limits of the Galle Municipal Council.
3. Every owner or occupier of a premises within the administration area of the Galle Municipal Corporation shall maintain their premises free from waste, ensuring a healthy and pleasant condition at all times.
4. The owner or resident of a premises situated within the administration area of the Galle Municipal Council is obligated to collect, separate, store, transport, and dispose of the waste generated within their

premises. Failure to do so shall result in compliance with the provisions outlined in this by-law.

5. (i) Every owner or occupier of a premises shall dispose of the solid waste generated in their premises in a manner that ensures no harm to the environment or to any person or group. The disposal method shall be in accordance with a method recommended by the Galle Municipal Council, as outlined in **Schedule 1** herein, with a frequency not exceeding daily, and if necessary, at shorter intervals.

(ii) Every owner or occupier shall dispose of waste collected in compliance with the preceding subsection of this by-law in accordance with the provisions stipulated in by-laws Nos. 8 to 24 or should be made to do so.

(iii) Owners or occupiers are required to maintain in good condition any compostable garbage bag, bin, large bin, or other container of compostable waste used for the storage or disposal of waste, as per the provisions outlined in by-laws Nos. 8 to 24. Such containers should not be utilized for collection if they are torn, punctured, broken, or softened due to continuous exposure to moisture, or in a condition likely to cause them to crumble or break, leading to environmental dispersion under reasonable use. Upon request of owners or residents, the Council may provide compostable waste containers, either partially subsidized or fully subsidized, subject to the decision of the Council.

(iv) Waste collected in the manner specified in subsection 5 (i) shall be disposed of by the owner or occupier in accordance with the waste collection method and schedule currently in force within the administration area of the Galle Municipal Council, as determined and published by the council periodically.

(v) The owner or occupier shall refrain from collecting, storing, or disposing of waste in a manner that poses harm or danger to the health of residents, guests, or neighbors, or compromises the sanitary condition of the area.

6. (i) No person shall discharge excreta and waste into any street, road, avenue, lane, path, or other public place, premises, drain, watercourse, reservoir, or sea.

(ii) No person shall burn waste in an open area within the Galle Metropolitan Municipality area in a manner that is detrimental to the environment.

(iii) Any owner or occupier discharging or treating any type of waste in accordance with the provisions of By-law No. 7. In the event of failure to obtain permission for processing or disposal, He or She may hand over the waste to a registered waste collector.

(iv) Waste processed in compliance with the regulations outlined in Bye-law No. 7 and not treated or disposed of as described in 7(iv) above, regardless of type, and collected by a registered waste collector of the GalleMuniciple Council, shall be removed in accordance with the provisions delineated in by-laws No. 8 to 24.

7.(i) The owner or occupier of a premises shall be responsible for managing the waste within the premises, excluding the following matters.:

(a) In areas where the Galle Municiple Council has prohibited the disposal of such waste, specifically designated areas outlined in **Schedule 2** to this document.

(b) Certain types of waste as specified by the Galle Municipal Council. (These include substances such as electrical and electronic hazardous waste, medical supplies disposed of using clinical waste, as specified in **Schedule 6** herein.)

(ii) The owner or occupier of a premises may incinerate waste in an incinerator or furnace constructed in accordance with a design and standard approved by the Galle Municipality Council, prepared in alignment with the recommendations of the Central Environment Authority. Alternatively, waste can be treated, processed, or buried as approved by the Galle Municipality, following the recommendations of the Central Environment Authority.

(iii) If an owner or resident requests "compost bins" from the Commissioner and has adequate space within the premises to maintain them, the Commissioner may provide partial or full cost coverage of the compost bins, or provide a subsidy. The Galle Municipality Council will supply compost bins to the owner or resident following a feasibility study conducted by council officials. In areas where compost bins are provided, the Municipality Council will not accept domestic garbage dump in those premises, except under specific circumstances and with full approval of the Municipal Commissioner.

(iv) The owner or occupier shall, to the extent feasible, process or treat the "garden waste" collected within the premises in a manner approved by the Commissioner. Any garden waste remaining shall be surrendered to the municipal waste collector, upon payment of a fixed fee specified in **Schedule 3** herein, as determined by the Galle Municipality Council periodically, considering the nature of the waste for disposal.

(v) Any person who fells any tree or part thereof adjacent to a street or avenue shall promptly remove it. Failure to do so shall result in its removal by the individual or handing it over to the Galle Municipality Council, with payment determined by the council.

(vi) Every person shall take measures to prevent any animal under their control from defecating in any street, avenue, or public place. If defecation

occurs, it is the responsibility of that individual to clean and dispose of it in accordance with the provisions outlined in by-laws numbered 8 to 20.

(vii) No person shall discharge or deposit waste of any kind from a vehicle into any street, avenue, or public place within the municipal area.

(viii) Solid waste generated and released by a person applying for the construction or renovation of a house or any other premises during the construction or renovation of his/her premises. The details of the treatment and processing should be included in his/her application form.

(ix) (a) For all premises other than residential premises, a specific charge based on the weight or quantity of waste disposed of, as determined by the Galle Municipal Council, shall be imposed. This charge shall reflect the cost of properly managing the quantity of waste. Payment of this amount shall be the responsibility of the residents of the respective premises.

(b) It is the responsibility of the resident of the relevant premises to pay the set charge for the disposal of waste generated in residential premises that does not belong to the category of domestic waste, as specified in **Schedule 4** of the by-laws.

(x) The Galle Municipal Council shall accept domestic waste generated from residential premises as specified in **Schedule 5** under technical conditions. If the Galle Municipal Council observes that any domestic premises consistently generate waste exceeding the relevant maximum weight, the Galle Municipal Council may impose a prescribed charge on the resident of the relevant premises. Upon such directive, the resident of the relevant premises is obligated to pay the specified fee.

## House Premises

8. (i) Every owner or occupier shall segregate waste generated by sweeping or otherwise as follows:

(a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste **(as specified in Schedule 7)**.

(b) Recovery and recycling waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, including electrical and electronic waste, and clinical waste such as discarded drugs **(as specified in Schedule 6)**.

(d) Carcasses, body parts, and animal excrement.

(e) Waste not belonging to the above categories.

(ii) If waste is generated that does not belong to the aforementioned categories, the relevant generator must obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipality Council and report it accordingly. The Galle Municipality Council shall then act in accordance with the written instructions provided by the Municipality Council.

(iii) Every owner or occupier shall place the selected and segregated refuse into separate bags, bins, or other containers, and keep them in a designated area until removal. Food waste and biodegradable waste must be placed in a moisture-proof container properly sealed to prevent the entry of rodents, insects, and other animals. Carcasses of animals or excrement-related waste should be surrendered to the Galle Municipal Council or an authorized municipal waste collector of the Galle Municipal Council, upon payment of a fee determined by the Council, for disposal in the municipal area, considering the nature of the waste.

(iv) Every owner or occupier may deliver the types of waste specified in items (a) and (b) of paragraph (i) to the Galle Municipal Council or a registered waste collector of the Galle Municipality Council. In the event of

failure to do so, the waste must be handed over to a registered municipal waste collector of the Galle Municipal Council, along with the type of waste specifically mentioned in item (c). Otherwise, he or she should be deposited in bins provided by the Galle Municipality Council for each type of waste or in bins or containers provided by the council for such waste.

9. (i) Every owner, managing body or occupier of a multi-storied building having a number of tenants shall segregate their waste as follows.

(a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste. (Substances referred to in Schedule 7 herein)

(b) Reuse and Recycle Waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, (ie e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, discarded pharmaceuticals, waste specified in Schedule 6 hereof)

(d) carcases, body parts and excreta of animals,

(ii) If a waste that does not belong to the above categories is generated, the relevant generator should obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipality Council and act in accordance with the written instructions given by the Galle Municipality Council.

(iii) To reduce the generation of garbage and to follow up on the temporary storage and disposal of the garbage collection allocated as above, as well as to provide monthly data information about the amount of garbage generated to the Municipal Council, every owner of the apartment building concerned with a waste management plan or resident. It should come with the Municipality Council. Every resident of the relevant premises should agree to follow the relevant plan.

(iv) The owner or occupier of a building specified in clause (i) shall provide soil or containers conforming to the standards and four specifications approved by the Commissioner and shall maintain them in a clean and sanitary condition.

(v) in the event that the owner or occupier of a building specified in sub-section (i) fails to comply with the provisions of sub-section (ii), on or before a date notified by the Commissioner, direct the owner or occupier to supply the relevant bins or containers; The Commissioner has the power to do so. It is the duty of the owner or occupier to comply with the terms of the Commissioner.

(vi) The owner or occupier of a floor or floor of the building should put the selected and segregated waste into a relevant bin or container kept for that purpose.

(vii) It shall be the duty of an authorized collector to dispose of the types of waste specifically mentioned in items (a) and (b) of sub-section VI of this bye-law. Any waste that is not so removed and the types of waste specifically mentioned in items (c) and (d) should be handed over to a municipal waste collector.

### **Low-Income Housing.**

10. (i) The Commissioner is authorized, upon obtaining prior approval from the Council, to provide waste bins or containers free of charge for the use of low-income residents. The Galle Municipal Council shall oversee the proper disposal of waste.

(ii) The owner or occupier of every underprivileged house shall segregate the waste collected in their residence as follows and place it in approved bins or containers provided in public places near their residence:



(a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7** hereto.

(b) Reusable and recyclable waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, as specified in Schedule 6 hereto, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals.

(d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.

(iii) If a waste type that does not belong to the above categories is generated, the relevant waste generator shall obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipality and act in accordance with those instructions.

(iv) The Commissioner is empowered to authorize a resident waste collector to remove the types of waste specifically mentioned in items (a) and (b) of subsection (ii) of this bylaw.

### **Shops and Offices**

**11.(i)** Every owner or occupier of a shop or office located within the limits of the Galle Municipality Council shall segregate the waste collected in each shop, office, or office/shop complex as follows:

(a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7** herein.

(b) Reusable and recyclable waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, as specified in Schedule 6 herein, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals.

(d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.

**(ii)** If waste that does not belong to the above categories is generated, the relevant generator shall obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipality Council and act in accordance with those instructions.

**(iii)** To reduce the generation of garbage, to manage the temporary storage and disposal of waste, and to provide data and information about the amount of waste generated to the Galle Municipality Council on a monthly basis, every shop or office involved in such waste management plans must coordinate with the Galle Municipality Council.

**(iv)** It is the responsibility of the head of the shop or office to nominate an officer responsible for waste management and to connect this officer with the waste management unit of the Galle Municipality Council, providing the necessary facilities to the officer.

**(v)** Sorted waste must be stored separately in bins or containers and kept in a suitable place until removal.

**(vi)** The owner or occupier of a shop or office may hand over the types of waste specified in items (a) and (b) of subsection (i) to an authorized waste collector of the Galle Municipality.

**(vii)** The owner or occupier of a single-storey or multi-storeyed shop or office complex must provide the required number of waste bins or receptacles for each shop or office for the collection of segregated waste in accordance with standards approved by the Commissioner.

**(viii)** Any owner or occupier of a shop or office shall place segregated waste into separate bins or containers. They may hand over the types of waste specified in items (a) and (b) of subsection (i) to an authorized waste collector of the Galle Municipality.

(ix) Waste types specified in subsection (i) that are not collected by an authorized waste collector must be handed over to the Galle Municipal Council by the owner or occupier, upon payment of a fee determined by the Galle Municipal Council. Alternatively, such waste may be given to a registered municipal waste collector.

(x) It is the responsibility of every shop or office owner to ensure waste removal and to maintain the prescribed waste bins or containers to avoid causing any health or sanitary issues for neighbors or employees.

### **Hotels**

**12. (i)** Any hotelier or any person authorized by the hotelier in writing within the limits of the Galle Municipal Council shall segregate and separate the waste collected on the premises as follows:

(a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7** herein.

(b) Reusable and recyclable waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, as specified in **Schedule 6** herein, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals.

(d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.

(ii) If waste that does not belong to the above categories is generated, the relevant generator shall obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipality and act in accordance with those instructions.

(iii) To reduce garbage generation, manage temporary storage and disposal of waste, and provide data and information about the amount of waste

generated, hoteliers must coordinate with the Galle Municipality to develop a waste management plan on a monthly basis.

(iv) It is the responsibility of each hotelier to nominate an employee responsible for the institution's waste management, to connect this employee with the waste management unit of the Galle Municipal Council, and to provide the necessary facilities to the designated employee.

(v) Every hotelier or any person authorized by the hotelier in writing shall segregate waste into suitable bins or containers and store it in a suitable place until it is removed.

(vi) Every hotelier or any person authorized by the hotelier in writing shall keep all food waste and biodegradable waste in plastic or metal containers with proper lids or other protective coverings to prevent the entry of flies, rats, insects, or any other animals.

(vii) The types of waste specifically mentioned in items (a) and (b) of subsection (i) may be handed over to a registered waste collector within the Galle Municipality.

(viii) For any waste not delivered under subsection (v) and the types of waste specifically mentioned in subsection (i), the hotelier must hand it over to a registered municipal waste collector within the Galle Municipal Council, upon payment of a fee determined by the Council based on the nature of the waste.

### **Fruits and Vegetable Stores**

13. (i) The owner or person in charge of every vegetable or fruit store within the limits of the Galle Municipal Council shall segregate the waste collected on the premises as follows:

(a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in Schedule 7 herein.

(b) Reusable and recyclable waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, as specified in Schedule 6 herein, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals.

(d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.

(ii) If waste that does not belong to the above categories is generated, the relevant generator shall obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipality and act in accordance with those instructions.

(iii) To reduce the generation of waste, manage the temporary storage and disposal of waste, and provide data and information about the amount of waste generated, the owner of every vegetable or fruit store must coordinate with the Galle Municipal Council to develop a waste management plan on a monthly basis.

(iv) The owner of each vegetable or fruit store shall nominate an employee responsible for waste management, connect this employee with the waste management unit of the Galle Municipal Council, and provide the necessary facilities to the designated employee.

(v) The types of waste specifically mentioned in item (a) of subsection (i) shall be kept in a separate container made of moisture-proof plastic or metal material, properly secured to prevent the entry of flies, rats, insects, or any other animals. Other waste should be placed in suitable bins or containers.

(vi) The types of waste specifically mentioned in items (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (i) may be handed over to a waste collector authorized by the Galle

Municipal Council. Any waste not delivered must be handed over to a Galle Municipality registered municipal waste collector, upon payment of a fee to the Commissioner as determined by the Galle Municipal Council.

### **Slaughterhouses, Meat, Fish, Poultry, and Egg Stalls**

**14. (i)** No person shall kill any animal or bird other than those permitted under the provisions of the Riot Ordinance, and only in accordance with a license issued by the Mayor of Galle Municipality or a person authorized by the Mayor.

**(ii)** Every license issued under subsection (i) shall specify the kind of animal or bird that may be slaughtered, the intricate manner in which the slaughterhouse shall be constructed, conditions related to cleaning and the removal of blood, offal, and other parts not fit for human consumption, and any other conditions that the Galle Municipal Council deems appropriate. This forms a captivating tapestry of regulations ensuring proper victuals handling.

**(iii)** For the issuance of a license under subsection (i), the Commissioner of the Galle Municipal Council shall charge such fee as the Council may decide from time to time, and this fee shall be payable at the time of issuing the license.

**(iv)** The owner or operator of a stall selling meat, poultry, fish, or eggs shall segregate waste in the following kaleidoscopic manner:

**(a)** Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7** herein.

**(b)** Reusable and recyclable waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, as specified in Schedule 6 herein, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals.

(d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.

(v) If waste that does not belong to the above categories is generated, the relevant generator must obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipal Council and act in accordance with those instructions. This labyrinth of guidelines ensures no waste is left unmanaged.

(vi) To reduce waste generation, manage the temporary storage and disposal of collected waste, and provide data and information about the amount of waste generated, the owner of every meat, poultry, fish, or egg stall must enter into a waste management plan with the Galle Municipal Council on a monthly basis. This intricate mosaic of plans will transcend traditional waste management practices.

(vii) The owner of each stall must nominate an employee responsible for the establishment's waste management, connect this employee with the waste management unit of the Galle Municipal Council, and provide the necessary facilities to the designated employee. This reimaged approach intertwines responsibility and accountability.

(viii) Segregated waste must be placed in separate receptacles or containers. Waste specified in item (a) of subsection (iv) shall be placed inside a moisture-proof container and properly secured to prevent the entry of flies, rats, insects, or other animals. This orchestration of waste management ensures a verdant and healthy environment.

(ix) Waste types specified in items (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (iv) may be handed over to a registered waste collector of the Galle Municipal Council.

Any waste not so delivered must be given to a registered municipal waste collector, upon payment of a fee determined by the Council, together with waste specified in item (d) of subsection (iv), before any foul odor can spread. This process orchestrates the final journey of waste, ensuring cleanliness and hygiene.

### **Mobile and Pedestrian Trade**

**15.(i)** Mobile vendors and peddlers engaged in business activities that generate waste, as permitted by the Galle Municipal Council during special events and other occasions, shall keep a bin or container for waste disposal in accordance with standards approved by the Commissioner of the Galle Municipal Council. No waste shall be disposed of on the pavement, highway, or in a public place.

**(ii)** A peddler shall not place a bin or any other container in a manner that obstructs the movement of vehicles or pedestrians.

**(iii)** Every mobile vendor and peddler shall segregate the waste generated by their business as follows:

**(a)** Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7** herein.

**(b)** Reusable and recyclable waste.

**(c)** Hazardous waste, as specified in Schedule 6 herein, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals.

**(d)** Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.



(iv) If waste that does not belong to the above categories is generated, the relevant generator shall obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipal Council and act in accordance with those instructions.

(v) Segregated waste shall be placed in separate bins or containers. Waste prone to attraction by insects, rodents, or animals, as specified in item (a) of subsection (iii), shall be placed inside a protective container and kept closed except when necessary to add additional waste.

(vi) Every peddler shall deliver the types of waste specified in items (a) and (b) of subsection (iii), or the waste specified in item (c) of subsection (iii), to a registered waste collector of the Galle Municipal Council on a daily basis. Waste bins or containers shall not be left on the sidewalk or highway when the business is not in operation. Otherwise at the end of business activities, waste shall be disposed of in a proper place as recommended by the Galle Municipal Council on a daily basis.

(vii) Every peddler shall pay such fee as may be determined by the Council from time to time before handing over waste bins or containers to a registered municipal waste collector within the Galle Municipality.

### **Factories**

16.(i) Every factory owner or manufacturer within the limits of the Galle Municipal Council shall collect and separate the waste generated on the factory premises as follows:

(a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7** herein.

(b) Reusable and recyclable waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, as specified in **Schedule 6** herein, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals.

(d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.

(ii) If waste that does not belong to the above categories is generated, the relevant generator shall obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipal Council and act in accordance with those instructions.

(iii) Every factory owner or manufacturer shall engage with the Galle Municipal Council to develop a waste management plan aimed at reducing waste generation, ensuring proper temporary storage and disposal of collected waste, and providing monthly data and information on the amount of waste generated.

(iv) It is the responsibility of every factory owner or manufacturer to nominate an employee who will be responsible for the waste management of the factory. This employee shall connect with the waste management unit of the Galle Municipal Council and be provided with the necessary facilities to perform their duties.

(v) The types of waste specifically mentioned in items (a) and (b) of subsection (i) may be handed over to a registered waste collector authorized by the Galle Municipal Council. Any waste not delivered in this manner shall be handed over to an authorized municipal waste collector of the Galle Municipal Council upon payment of a fee to the Commissioner, as determined by the Council from time to time.

(vi) Hazardous waste must be removed in accordance with the conditions specified in the Environmental Protection Permit issued for the business under the National Environment Act No. 47 of 1980.

## **Excavation, Construction, and Demolition**

17.(i) Every person who undertakes construction or demolition of any street, road, or public place within the limits of the Galle Municipality, or who constructs or demolishes a structure encroaching on private property, shall remove the waste generated from said premises in a manner recommended by the Galle Municipality.

(ii) The waste referred to in subsection (i) shall be transported to the Construction Waste Management Center (Kovam Center) of the Galle Municipal Council or handed over to a municipal waste collector registered with the Galle Municipal Council, upon payment of a fee determined by the Council from time to time.

18. (i) Any person involved in the provision of gas, electricity, water, telephone, or other public facilities, or any construction or demolition process that involves the excavation of a street, road, public place, or private premises, must obtain prior written approval from the Commissioner of the Galle Municipal Council for the disposal of the waste generated.

(ii) Before giving permission under sub-section (i) above, the types of waste that may be generated during the relevant process (reusable, recyclable, hazardous, scientific sanitary material) as in **Schedule 8** prepared by the Commissioner of GalleMuniciple Council and discarded medicines) regarding the amount of other waste generated which does not belong to the above categories, the measures taken to reduce the waste and the program adopted by the applicant for the disposal of waste, the amount of waste that may be left temporarily on the road or public place after the completion of the proposed work and If the applicant fails to remove the waste, the cost of removal shall be taken into account.The applicant shall pay a deposit equal to the estimated cost before approval is granted.

(iii) If any person fails or neglects to remove the waste as required, the Commissioner of the Galle Municipality may arrange for the removal of the waste. The cost incurred will be set off against the deposit paid under subsection (ii). Additionally, if the applicant fails to remove the waste within six weeks beyond the specified time limit, the deposited amount will be forfeited to cover the cost of removal.

### **Hospitals**

19.(i). In a hospital, the owner is required to segregate the waste generated on the premises into the following categories:

- (a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7**.
  - (b) Reusable and recyclable waste.
  - (c) Hazardous waste, including e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals, as specified in **Schedule 6**.
  - (d) Carcasses, body parts, and animal excrement.
- (ii) If waste is generated that does not fall into the categories mentioned above, the responsible generator must seek written instructions from the Galle Municipality Council and adhere to the instructions provided by them.
- (iii) Hospital owners must implement a waste management plan with the Galle Municipality Council to reduce waste generation, ensure proper temporary storage, disposal of waste, and provide data on waste generation.
- (iv) It is the responsibility of hospital owners to appoint an employee responsible for waste management and provide necessary facilities to them, connecting them with the waste management unit of the Galle Municipality.

(v) Waste specified in items (a) and (b) under subsection (i) shall be placed in separate containers and stored appropriately until removal. Waste specified in items (c) and (d) under subsection (i) shall be placed in specially designated bins or containers and stored accordingly. Such waste shall be removed in accordance with conditions specified in relevant licenses issued under the National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980.

(vi) Waste specified in items (a) and (b) under subsection (i) shall be handed over to an authorized waste collector or a registered municipal waste collector upon payment of a fee determined by the Council.

### **Florists and Funeral Parlors**

20. (i) Waste generated on the premises of a florist's funeral parlor must be categorized and separated as follows:

(a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7**.

(b) Reusable and recyclable waste.

(c) Hazardous waste, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals, as specified in **Schedule 6**.

(d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.

(ii) If waste generated does not fall into any of the aforementioned categories, the waste generator must obtain written instructions from the Galle Maha Nagasabhava and comply with the instructions provided.

(iii) To minimize waste generation, ensure proper temporary storage, and facilitate waste disposal, each owner must implement a waste management plan. This plan must include data on the amount of waste generated and be submitted to the Galle Municipality Council.

(iv) Each funeral parlor owner must appoint an employee responsible for waste management. This employee will liaise with the waste management unit of the Galle Municipal Council and be provided with the necessary facilities by the funeral parlor owner.

(v) Waste types specified in items (a) and (b) must be placed in separate containers and stored appropriately until removal. Waste types specified in items (c) and (d) must be placed in specially designated bins or containers and stored in reserved areas. Removal of these wastes must comply with the conditions set forth in the relevant licenses issued under the National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980.

(vi) Waste specified in items (a) and (b) must be handed over to a registered waste collector or a municipal waste collector upon payment of a fee as determined by the Council from time to time.

### **Waste Collectors in the Galle Municipal Council**

21 (i) All waste collectors, waste transporters, waste recyclers, and processors operating within the Galle Municipal Council must be registered and obtain an annual license from the Galle Municipal Council.

(ii) Upon submission of an application in the form provided in **Schedule 9**, a permit will be issued to perform the specified duties within the limits of the Galle Municipal Council. These activities shall be supervised by the Municipal Commissioner or an appointed officer.

(iii) Applicants must submit a comprehensive waste management plan along with their application. This plan should include the types and quantities of waste to be collected, methods for temporary storage, locations where the waste will be recycled or processed, methods for reducing waste generation. The waste management plan will be reviewed and approved based on the

conditions and guidelines set by the Commissioner of the Galle Municipal Council.

(iv) Mobile or informal waste collectors, transporters, and recyclers must obtain a permit from the Galle Municipality Council. The permit process includes the payment of a fee and a cash deposit. The deposit will be refunded after the Municipal Commissioner verifies that the waste has been managed properly throughout the license period.

(v) Violation of the terms and conditions specified in the license or the approved waste management plan by the licensee constitutes an offense. Upon such violation, the license will be canceled, and a fine will be imposed after filing a case in the Magistrate's Court.

### **Daily Migrant Community in Galle Municipal Council**

22.(i) The daily migrant community includes both local and foreign individuals who enter the limits of the Galle Municipal Council daily for various services, functions, and travel.

(ii) The daily migrant community must follow the relevant sub-measures and conditions for the garbage disposal. It is prohibited for the daily migrant community to dispose of waste brought from outside the Galle Municipal Council area at these bins in the designated collection points. Compliance will be monitored by an officer authorized by the Municipal Commissioner. Violations of these regulations will result in legal action under the Municipal Ordinance Act.

### **Schools and Educational Institutions in the Galle Municipal Council**

23. (i) The owner, manager, managing board, or principal of schools and other educational institutions within the boundaries of the Galle Municipal Council must segregate the waste generated on the premises as follows: (a) Food waste

and other biodegradable waste, as specified in Schedule 7. (b) Reusable and recyclable waste. (c) Hazardous waste, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals, as specified in Schedule 6. (d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.

(ii) If any waste generated does not belong to the above categories, the relevant generator must obtain written instructions from the Galle Maha Nagasabhava and comply with the instructions provided.

(iii) The owner or manager of every school and private educational institution related to a waste management plan such as to reduce the generation of waste and to follow up on the temporary storage and disposal of the waste collection allocated as above as well as to provide the data regarding the amount of waste generated to the Galle Municipal Council. To ensure compliance, the Management Board, Principal, and Galle Municipal Council should be contacted.

(iv) Each school and private educational institution must appoint an employee responsible for waste management and connect them with the waste management unit of the Galle Municipality. It is the responsibility of the owner, manager, managing board, or principal to provide the necessary facilities to this employee.

(v) When requested by the Galle Municipality, with the necessary permissions from relevant authorities, the owner, manager, managing board, and principal must facilitate the participation of students and employees in waste management workshops, lectures, and seminars conducted by the Municipal Council.

(vi) It is an offense for schools and other educational institutions to dispose of waste contrary to the specified manner. The owner, manager, managing



board, or principal of the offending institution can be fined after a case is filed in the Magistrate Court and a conviction is obtained.

### **Other Premises and Activities**

24 (i) Any person conducting a business within the Galle Municipality Council limits, not specifically mentioned in the by-laws numbered 8 to 19, or organizing public religious, social, cultural, entertainment, or educational events with public participation, must obtain permission from the Galle Municipality Council before proceeding. Waste generated from these activities must be sorted and segregated as follows:

- (a) Food waste and other biodegradable waste, as specified in **Schedule 7**.
  - (b) Reusable and recyclable waste.
  - (c) Hazardous waste, including but not limited to e-waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, and discarded pharmaceuticals, as specified in **Schedule 6**.
  - (d) Carcasses, body parts, and excrement of animals.
- (ii) If any waste generated does not belong to the above categories, the generator must obtain written instructions from the Galle Municipality Council and act in accordance with the instructions provided.
- (iii) A permittee obtaining a permit for any activity specified in sub-section (i) must propose methods to minimize waste generation and segregate waste collection as outlined in sub-section (i), a detailed plan for the temporary storage and disposal of waste, including the implementation methods and the estimated amount of waste expected to be generated by the activity, must be submitted to the Galle Municipal Council along with the application form for obtaining permission as indicated in **Schedule 10**.

(iv) Upon granting permission for the activity mentioned in sub-section (i), the organizer must provide two cash deposits to the Galle Municipality Council. The first deposit will be refunded after the activity, upon satisfactory collection, segregation, disposal, and temporary storage of the waste generated.

(v) The second cash deposit will be based on the expected amount of waste generated, as per Schedule 11. If the actual waste exceeds the estimated amount by more than 5%, a 25% surcharge will be applied to the initial deposit. The fees for segregated waste disposal by the municipality will be charged as detailed in Schedule 11.

(vi) Organizers must store the waste generated in separate containers at a suitable location until the waste is removed, following the segregation requirements specified in sub-section (i).

### **Waste Management Training Center**

25.(i) For the purpose of implementing this by-law, the Galle Municipality Council may establish an institution to be known as the Waste Management Training Center.

(ii) The Waste Management Training Center shall have an Administrative Secretary, to be known as the Manager/Director, and other officers as deemed necessary by the Municipal Council. The Manager/Director must possess special educational qualifications and expertise in waste management. Officers and servants may be appointed as needed to execute the powers and functions of the Center.

**(iii) The Waste Management Training Center shall undertake the following roles and responsibilities:**

(i) Study new methods for regulating, monitoring, inspecting, and controlling waste segregation, storage, collection, transportation, transfer stations, processing, treatment, and disposal; and develop related policies.

(ii) Prepare technical and innovative plans for waste management in local government bodies, conduct waste management surveys, audits, and assessments, and provide other related services.

(iii) Establish and maintain courses on new techniques for regulating, monitoring, inspecting, and controlling waste segregation, storage, collection, transportation, transfer stations, processing, and disposal.

(iv) The regulation, supervision, and inspection of the separation, storage, collection, transportation, operation, and maintenance of transfer stations, processing, treatment, and disposal of solid waste, in association with the Tertiary Education Commission of Sri Lanka, involve recruiting interested personnel from public sector local government agencies and the private sector for a course on new technical methods for management, conducting the course, and issuing a national professional qualification certificate on waste management to the relevant personnel after the bar inspection.

(v) Organize and conduct workshops targeting youth, community organizations, schools, educational institutions, government offices, private institutions, hotels, tourist hotels, prisons, military camps, police stations, fishing societies, and fishing ports within the Galle Municipal Council limits for timely waste management.

(vi) Establish and monitor a community-based safety network for waste management and oversee sites where waste is not properly managed.

(vii) Analyze and assess waste management related to the Galle Municipal Council and conduct a cost analysis of waste management every three years.

(viii) Analyze data and information from all institutions within the Galle Municipal Council regarding waste management plans and prepare a monthly report to be submitted to the Galle Municipal Council.

### **Streets and Public Places**

26. (i) The Commissioner of the Galle Municipal Council, with the approval and consultation of the Mayor, shall plan, control, and administer the following functions:

(a) Maintain clean and sanitary conditions on streets, public places, avenues, public drains, waterways, and public markets within the Galle Municipal Council area.

(b) Maintain public waste bins or containers in a sanitary condition in residential areas and ensure the timely removal of waste to prevent nuisance to nearby residents.

(c) Investigate and promptly act on any complaints received regarding the activities mentioned in the preceding clauses.

(ii) No person shall deposit moist, commercial, institutional, industrial waste, or any other waste in bins specifically provided by the Galle Municipal Council for garbage.

### **Duties of the Municipal Council**

**27.(i)** The Galle Municipal Commissioner, in consultation with the Mayor and with the approval of the Council, shall plan, supervise, control, and administer the following waste management functions:

A. Encourage residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste.

B. Conduct awareness programs and publicize through media regarding waste segregation, collection, storage, discharge, and disposal.

- C. Provide facilities for individuals and small enterprises engaged in reuse and recycling activities.
- D. Offer incentives to those involved in waste reduction, recovery, and recycling activities.
- E. Regulate different forms of waste discharge methods.
- F. Prepare a waste collection task list specifying dates, times, methods, and fees for each type of waste in each area of the Galle Municipal Council, including conditions for collection on public holidays.
- G. Ensure the timely collection of segregated waste not delivered separately to registered waste collectors.
- H. Ensure the sanitary transportation of hazardous waste and other waste not handed over to registered waste collectors.
- I. Waste collected after street sweeping, drain cleaning, and cleaning of public places, as well as waste from public bins and collected by the workers of the Galle Municipality, excluding hazardous waste or other types of waste prescribed by the Commissioner, should be handed over to an authorized waste collector of the Galle Municipal Council.
- J. The waste collected and segregated by registered municipal waste collectors of the Galle Municipality, along with a plan to process and treat food and other bio-digestible recyclable waste within the Galle Municipality area, to the extent feasible, should be managed appropriately. This includes taking necessary steps to dispose of refuse from these operations and other residual waste of these types in a manner approved by the Commissioner of the Galle Municipal Council.
- K. Dispose of all hazardous waste in a manner approved by the Commissioner in consultation with the Central Environment Authority.

- L. Obtain necessary permits or environmental protection permits under the National Environment Act No. 47 of 1980 for operating waste processing, burner or sanitary landfills, and adhere to specified conditions.
- M. Provide suitable clothing, gloves, masks, and boots to all workers engaged in sweeping, collection, segregation, transport, transfer, and disposal operations according to standard hygiene practices.
- N. When an application is submitted to the council for the construction or renovation of a house or other premises, details regarding the disposal of solid waste generated by the construction or renovation, as well as the storage and processing of rubble during the commencement and completion of regular works, must be provided. The council is responsible for checking and approving these disposal details.
- O. Prepare an Internal Waste Management Plan for the Galle Municipal Council premises.
- P. Prepare and implement a solid waste management action plan covering each fiscal year and the next three years, in accordance with the National Strategy on Solid Waste Management and relevant laws. This plan shall be approved annually by the Council.
- Q. Investigate any complaints related to the activities mentioned in items (a) to (k) within three days if the complaint involves potential distress. For any other type of complaint, conduct the investigation within fourteen days and take the necessary action promptly.
- R. Develop and maintain a sanitation plan for the Galle Municipality Council waste management site using appropriate technical methods.
- S. Ensure the proper operation and safety of the vehicles in the Galle Municipality Council Garbage Management Unit, and provide insurance coverage for all employees working under Garbage Management.

T. Promote innovation through waste recycling processes within the Galle Municipality Council.

**Permits:**

28.(i) The council shall issue one or more permits, as needed, to any individual engaged in waste recycling or the creation of compost, biogas, or other products within the Galle Municipal Council area, provided they meet the following conditions

(a) Conducting any business within the municipal area or any other local authority area in accordance with by-laws approved by the Galle Municipal Council.

(b) Holding an Environmental Protection Permit issued under the provisions of the National Environment Act No. 47 of 1980.

(c) Providing waste collection centers built to the standards approved by the Council for collected waste.

(d) Supplying vehicles for transporting the collected waste in a sanitary manner, as approved by the Commissioner of the Galle Municipal Council, without causing any distress to the public.

(e) If the business is conducted within the Municipal Council limits, agreeing to either pay the Commissioner a fee for the collection of waste generated during the processing or treatment of waste, as determined by the Galle Municipal Council, or deliver the by-products to the Galle Municipal Council as approved by the Council.

(ii) If the Galle Municipal Council refuses or revokes the issuance of a permit, the applicant shall be informed in writing of the reasons for such refusal or

revocation within 30 days of the application receipt, if requested by the applicant.

(iii) The Commissioner of the Galle Municipal Council shall specify in the permit the type(s) of waste permitted to be collected, the area where such waste is permitted to be collected, and other suitable conditions.

(iv) If there is non-compliance with the provisions of sub-section (i) of this by-law, the permit issued under this by-law shall be canceled.

(v) No person shall collect or receive waste if a permit has been canceled under the provisions of sub-section (iv). The Commissioner must publicize the permit cancellation sufficiently through the media to inform the public.

### **Waste Disposal Areas**

29. No unauthorized person is permitted to enter or remain in the area designated by the council for waste disposal, no one is allowed to deposit, disturb, or remove any product, material, or waste in that area. Depositing prohibited waste, as prescribed by the Council, is also forbidden unless specifically permitted under conditions set by the Council.

30. It is the responsibility of the Galle Municipal Council to properly maintain the waste disposal site, which is its property, and develop the site as a resource recovery center.

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32. Subject to certain conditions of approval, no person shall provide or use any land or facility located within the limits of the Municipal Council for the disposal of waste generated outside of it except with the prior



written approval of the Municipal Commissioner and the Central Environment Authority.

### **Other**

33 (i) Any person authorized in writing by the Mayor of the Municipal Council of Galle or by the Municipal Commissioner to enter any premises at all reasonable hours and inspect whether the owner or occupier thereof is acting in accordance with the provisions of these bye-laws shall have the power to do so.

(ii) The owner, occupier, custodian, manager, or any person residing or working therein shall submit the information required by the Secretary or any authorized officer.

(iii) No person shall obstruct the Secretary or an authorized officer in the exercise of his powers under these By-laws.

34. In accordance with the decisions taken by the Galle Municipal Council from time to time, incentives may be awarded to any authorized officer who executes these by-laws.

35. Any person who violates any provision of these by-laws shall be guilty of an offense under the Municipal Ordinance.

### **Interpretation**

These **Interpretations** provide specific definitions for terms used within the by-laws:

**Garbage or solid waste** refers to material devoid of consumption value to the individual disposing of it, encompassing litter, street cleaning waste, dust, soil, mud, and ash.

**Construction waste** encompasses soil, mud, and dust produced from the utilization of building materials during construction, as well as the material generated during the demolition of any structure.

**Food Waste** includes specific food items unfit for human consumption, such as meat, fish, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits, and other foodstuffs.

**Hospitals** describes premises used for nursing and treating individuals with diseases or infirmities, including specific examples like nursing homes, clinics, and animal hospitals.

**Hazardous Waste** defined as waste with toxic, flammable, reactive, pathogenic, or radioactive properties harmful to public health or the environment, including specific examples listed.

**Vegetable and Fruit Market** is a location where vegetables and fruits are stored or sold.

**Office** defined as per the Shops and Office Employees Act No. 19 of 1954.

**Factories** defined in accordance with the Factories Ordinance No. 45 of 1942 and applies to businesses and factories taxed by the Galle Municipal Council.

**Every Person Engaged in Excavation, Construction, and Demolition** includes any individual employed for such work by an employer.

**Mobile Vendors** refers to street vendors who sell goods and services while moving from one location to another or in designated areas.

**Peddler** is a person engaged in selling goods in various public spaces or private areas, using temporary structures or by moving around. This includes streets, lanes, sidewalks, footpaths, public parks, sea shores, river banks, walkways, and other similar areas.

**Occupier** defined as the owner or occupier of a shop, business, or office.

**Schools and Other Educational Institutions** includes a wide range of educational facilities providing education to students in any form, Schools, tutorial, nursery, preschools, Pirivena, Semaneries, vocational training institute, Tertiary education Institute, University, Training Centers whether public or private.

**Recyclable Waste** is waste that can be reused after sterilization or cleaning.

**Transportation** means the movement of waste from collection points to processing, treatment, or disposal facilities, using any form of transport, whether human or mechanically powered.

**Bucket/Bins or Other Containers** define any receptacle used for storing, discharging, collecting, or transporting waste, as specified in the by-laws.

**Authorized Collector** is a person permitted by the Commissioner to collect or receive waste.

**Authorized Officer** is an Individuals authorized in writing by the Mayor or Commissioner to perform duties under the by-laws.

**Landfilling** defines the deposition of all types of waste, whether unrecycled, processed, or untreated, on the surface or subsurface, intended for permanent retention.

**"Hotel"** means a place where food and/or alcohol is provided for consumption on payment, with or without sleeping facilities. This definition includes restaurants, guest houses, lodges, inns, pilgrim's retreats, rice shops, or any other premises where business is conducted in a manner similar to a hotel.

**Daily Migrant Community** refers to local and foreign individuals who visit the Galle Municipal Council area on a daily basis for various services, functions, and travel.

**Meat, Fish, Poultry, or Egg Stall** is a location where these substances are stored, kept, or sold for the purpose of sale.

**Transfer Point** is a designated location where waste is transferred from smaller to larger vehicles to improve transportation efficiency.

**Person** defined as a company, whether incorporated or unincorporated, or an association or body of persons.

**Municipal Waste Collector** defined as Either an employee of the Council or a person under contract with the Council to sweep, collect, receive, or remove waste from bins or containers.

**Segregation** defined as the selective sorting of waste into different categories as specified in the by-laws.

**Processing** refers to the conversion of waste into a useful product.

**Council** refers to the Galle Municipal Council.

**Shop** is a place where goods are kept for wholesale or retail trade, including places where food is sold, barber shops, or hair salons.

**Municipal Area** refers to the area declared under the authority of the Municipal Council Ordinance.

**Sanitary Landfill** defines the final disposal of waste to a site in accordance with accepted standards in Sri Lanka to minimize associated social, health, and environmental impacts.

**Owner or Occupier** includes the owner of the premises, any person holding power of attorney, an agent or trustee appointed by the owner, or a lessee or sub-lessee acting under the orders of another person. This definition encompasses various roles related to the management of premises.

#### **Schedule 1:**

This should outline the solid waste collection procedures recommended by the Galle Municipal Council.

#### **Schedule 2:**

Specific areas within the boundaries of the Galle Municipal Council where waste disposal is prohibited should be indicated. This could include areas like Galle Fort.

#### **Schedule 3:**

This should specify the prescribed fees to be paid to registered municipal waste collectors for waste disposal. The fees should be determined by the Galle Municipal Council and may vary based on the nature of the waste.

#### **Schedule 4:**

Types of waste generated on premises that do not fall under the category of domestic waste should be listed here.

#### **Schedule 5:**

Details regarding the charges imposed by the Galle Municipal Council for domestic waste generated from residential premises based on weight should be provided here.

#### **Schedule 6:**

Hazardous wastes should be specified separately, and the fees charged for their removal should be outlined. This may include electronic waste, sanitary waste, clinical waste, discarded medicines, and bottles containing insecticides.

#### **Schedule 7:**

Food waste and other biodegradable waste should be listed separately in this schedule.

#### **Schedule 8:**

Provisions related to obtaining prior written approval from the Commissioner of Galle Municipality for using street, road, or public place for providing gas, electricity, water, telephone facilities, or other public facilities should be detailed here.

#### **Schedule 9:**

This schedule should outline the process and criteria for granting licenses annually by the Municipal Council to mobile/informal waste collectors, waste transporters, waste collectors, and waste recyclers within the Galle Municipal Council.

#### **Schedule 10:**

Any person running a business within the Galle Metropolitan Council or organizing public religious, social, cultural, entertainment events, or educational activities with public participation must obtain permission from the Metropolitan Council. This schedule should specify the procedure for obtaining such permission.

#### **Schedule 11:**

For businesses or events not specifically mentioned in the by-laws, the schedule should detail the second cash deposit required to be deposited with the Galle Metropolitan Municipality. Additionally, prices charged for mixed waste delivery should be specified separately in this schedule.