

South Delhi Municipal Corporation
(VETERINARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

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Subject : “ Policy for grant of license to the Meat Shops and Meat Processing Plants/ Meat Storage Units of South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC)”.

The Corporation Vide Resolution No. 283 dated 26.02.2019, followed by amendments vide Resolution No 58 dated 18.09.2019 and Resolution no. 18 dated 27.07.2020 has approved the policy for grant of license to the Meat Shops and Meat Processing Plants/Meat Storage Units in the South Delhi Municipal Corporation as detailed under for compliance by all concerned:-

Short Title

This policy will be called as “Policy for grant of license to the Meat Shops and Meat Processing Plants/Meat Storage Units of South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC)”.

Commencement:

The policy shall come into force at once immediately after notification/issuance of office order by the Department of Veterinary Services, SDMC and will be in supersession of previous policy and all office orders issued in this regard.

Terms & conditions-

1. All meat sellers in the jurisdiction of South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) would obtain license for their shops from the Department of Veterinary Services of South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) for sale of meat of the species mentioned in this policy.
2. No person shall sale the meat at his shop without valid license in the jurisdictional area of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC).
3. The licenses to the meat shops will be issued on regular basis only. No license to any meat shop shall be granted on adhoc/temporary basis.
4. License would be given for sale of the meat of sheep, goats, buffalo, chicken, pork and fish.
5. As provisioned under section 415 of DMC Act, no license is required for place used for sale or storage for sale of preserved flesh /fish contained in airtight or hermetically sealed receptacles. However, the license would be required, if the meat shop keeper is selling/processing the meat after opening the hermetically sealed receptacles at his meat shop.
6. Live Poultry Birds and their slaughtering shall be allowed at the licensed meat shops located in commercial areas only as there is no Govt. Slaughter house of poultry in Delhi. Keeping of live poultry birds and their slaughtering shall be not allowed at the meat shops in residential and non-confirming areas. No slaughtering of poultry shall be done outside the meat shop.
7. If any complaint is received from Delhi Airport Authority regarding disposal of waste of slaughtered poultry in an open area/drains posing the threat to the aircrafts/public safety, the license granted to such meat shops shall be revoked.
8. The applicant shall, inter-alia, furnish all documents/information required for grant/renewal of license as the case may be, mentioned in this policy.
9. Each license shall,
 - (a) Unless cancelled, be valid from the date on which it is issued to 31st March of that year
 - (b) be renewed annually on or before 1st April of each year. The Zonal Dy. Director (VS)/ Zonal Veterinary Officer would be at liberty to start the process of renewal of license in their zones w.e.f. first March of the year of expiry of the license. However, there would be grace period

of one month beginning from 1st April to 30th April of each year for renewal of license without paying any penalty.

- (c) If the license holder fails to get his license renewed within the grace period of one month i.e. by 30th April each year, the concerned zonal Dy. Director (V.S.)/ Zonal Veterinary Officer would issue a notice to the license holder immediately after expiry of the grace period thereby asking him to get his license renewed within 15 days from the date of issuance of the notice failing which the zonal Dy. Director (V.S.)/ Zonal Veterinary Officer with the approval of the competent authority as mentioned in this policy would seal the meat shop immediately after expiry of the period of notice served upon him. The meat shop sealed on the ground of non-renewal of license would be de-sealed only upon renewal of license by the holder and deposition of the required renewal fee, late fee and penalties etc. The meat shop shall also be de-sealed by the zonal Dy. Director (V.S.)/ Zonal Veterinary Officer, if the meat shop keeper gives an undertaking that he will close the trade of meat at the shop in question.
10. The meat shopkeeper/license holder would allow the Zonal Dy. Commissioner /Director (Veterinary Services)/Zonal Dy. Director (VS)/ Zonal Veterinary Officer/any officer of South Delhi Municipal Corporation to inspect the meat shop /premises at any time.
 11. Where applicant is refused to grant a license he will be given the right to appeal.
 12. No person who has a communicable skin disease or infection shall be granted the license. Each applicant will submit a medical certificate from the qualified Medical Officer/practitioner along with his application form to this effect that he is not suffering from any communicable skin disease or infection.
 13. The minimum age for grant of license to the meat shop owners shall be 18 years.
 14. The applicant would submit any one of the documents as a proof of his age issued by any Govt. authority i.e. voters ID Card/Passport/Adhaar Card/Driving license. If it is not available due to any reason whatsoever, the applicant may submit an undertaking in the form of affidavit regarding his age proof.
 15. All licenses issued shall be renewed only on the submission of the required documents, fee, penalties etc mentioned in this policy under the title "**Documents required for renewal**". It is clarified that at the time of renewal of license no other documents, except mentioned in the policy shall be asked from the applicant.
 16. The licenses to the meat shops shall be granted in commercial areas, residential areas including Non-confirming/unauthorized colonies subject to the fulfillment of the terms and conditions mentioned in the policy. In residential areas, the licenses shall be granted to the meat shops located on the ground floor only up to the maximum size of 20 sq meters. In addition to the ground floor, the license to the meat shops in commercial areas would also be granted on first floor provided that there is an arrangement of water for cleaning and its drainage.
 17. Every person employed for handling of meat at the meat shop shall be medically examined by the authorized registered medical practitioners and it shall include examination of sputum and x-ray of the chest for tuberculosis, every year. The medical examination shall also include examination of stool for protozoan and helminthes infestations for those parasites, which are transmitted by ingestion, and also for the presence of enter pathogenic Escherichia coli, Salmonella, Shigella species and Vibrio cholera. The medical report will be enclosed by the applicant while applying for the license (fresh/renewal) of the meat shop.
 18. It would be the responsibility of the meat shop owner/license holder to maintain proper hygiene inside the shops including personnel hygiene of the workers.
 19. The floor and other articles at the shops should be washed with appropriate disinfectant/detergent/sanitizer/hot water.

20. The meat shopkeeper shall keep refrigerator/freezing cabinet of adequate size at the meat shops and would ensure that it is well cleaned and functional.
21. The carcasses at the meat shop shall not be allowed to cover with wet-clothes.
22. The meat shopkeeper shall not slaughter the animals at his meat shop. If the slaughtering of animals is found at any meat shop/premises, the same shall be sealed on the spot by the zonal Dy. Director (VS)/Zonal veterinary officer/Dy. Director (V.S.) of Central Meat Raid Team/Veterinary Officer of Central Meat without issuance of any show cause notice to its owner/license holder and also without waiting for approval of the competent authority mentioned in this policy.
23. The meat obtained from the authorised Slaughter House shall only be sold at the meat shops. If upon inspection, it is found that the meat of illegally slaughtered animals is being sold on the licensed meat shop, the fine/composite fee as mentioned in this policy/decided from time to time shall be imposed at the meat shopkeepers on each time, provided that the meat is fit for human consumption. If on inspection, it is found that the meat is not fit for human consumption or meat shopkeeper refuses to pay the fine, the same shall be seized and destroyed by the zonal Dy. Director (VS)/Zonal veterinary officer/Dy. Director (V.S.) of Central Meat Raid Team/Veterinary Officer of Central Meat Raid Team as deem fit by them under the circumstances.
24. If any person is found selling meat at the meat shop even after revocation of license, the Zonal Dy. Director (VS)/Zonal veterinary officer/Dy. Director (V.S.) of Central Meat Raid Team/Veterinary Officer of Central Meat Raid Team posted at HQ shall seal the shop on the spot without approval of the competent authority.
25. Under Delhi Agricultural Cattle Preservation Act 1994, which is administered by Govt. of NCT of Delhi, the slaughtering of cow or its progeny is prohibited in Delhi. If the Zonal Dy. Director (VS)/Zonal veterinary officer/Dy. Director (V.S.)/Veterinary officer of Central Meat Raid Team or any veterinary doctor of SDMC upon inspection of any premises/meat shop observe cow slaughtering, he shall immediately inform the police and the Director (Animal Husbandry), GNCTD or Veterinary Officer of area Veterinary Hospital of Govt. of NCT, Delhi who would lift the meat samples for laboratory examination. The Zonal Dy. Director (VS)/Zonal veterinary officer/Dy. Director (V.S.) of Central Meat Raid Team/Veterinary Officer of Central Meat Raid Team of South DMC shall seal such premises/shop immediately on the spot without waiting for approval of any authority and also lodge the FIR in the concerned Police Station against the persons involved in cow slaughtering to initiate the action against them as per law. The Zonal Dy. Director (V.S.)/Zonal Veterinary officer will also revoke the license of the meat shop immediately without approval of any authority.
26. If a person is found selling the meat at his shop suspected for cow or its progeny, the Zonal Dy. Director (VS)/Zonal veterinary officer/Dy. Director (V.S.) of Central Meat Raid Team/Veterinary Officer of Central Meat Raid Team would immediately contact the Director (A.H.) GNCTD/Veterinary Officer of area Veterinary Hospital of Govt. of NCT Delhi to lift the meat samples for laboratory testing. If the laboratory report confirms that the meat sample belongs to cow or its progeny, Zonal Dy. Director (VS)/Zonal veterinary officer/Dy. Director (V.S.) of Central Meat Raid Team/Veterinary Officer of Central Meat Raid Team of South DMC would seal the meat shop immediately after arrival of the laboratory report without approval of any authority and would lodge the FIR in the concerned police station. The Zonal Dy. Director (V.S.)/Zonal Veterinary Officer shall also revoke the license of that meat shop.
27. If slaughtering of cow or its progeny/sale of meat of cow or its progeny is found at any meat shop/premises, the Zonal Dy. Director (V.S.)/zonal Veterinary Officer shall not grant/renew the license to those shops/premises in future, after it is revoked on the above ground. Further, if any person is found involved in slaughtering of cow or its progeny/sale of meat of cow or its progeny, no license for sale of the meat in future shall be granted/renewed in the name of that person in any municipal zone and the concerned Zonal Dy. Director (V.S.)/Zonal Veterinary Officer shall also circulate the name of such persons to all zonal Dy. Director (V.S.) for their information and to take action as proposed above.

28. The premises/meat shop sealed on the ground of illegal slaughtering of animals/sale of meat of illegally slaughtered animals/violation of terms & conditions of the policy shall be de-sealed by the Zonal Dy. Director (V.S.)/zonal Veterinary officer with the approval of the competent authority as mentioned in this policy.
29. The premises/meat shop sealed on the ground of slaughtering of cow or its progeny or sale of meat of cow or its progeny shall remain sealed till the outcome of the decision/orders of the Hon'ble court. Decision/approval for de-sealing of the meat shops shall be taken/granted by the Addl. Commissioner (In-charge of zone).
30. Keeping in view the public health aspects, no sale, purchase of fish/chicken/mutton/buffalo meat/pork or any other meat would be allowed at any open platform/place open to sky. The license for sale of meat at the sites allotted under tehbazari scheme can be granted only in case the same has pucca structure with roof having the size mentioned in this policy provided that the applicant has submitted a permission granted by the Licensing and Tehbazari Department of SDMC/any other Govt. body, as the case may be, allowing him to erect the pucca structure including roof and also to sale the meat on the tehbazari site.
31. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide orders dated 29.09.2006 has allowed twenty four categories of trade in residential areas and the same now have been notified in the Master Plan 2021 (section 15.6.3), the meat/poultry/fish shop is one of them which is reproduced herein below.

"The small shops of maximum 20 sqm area, trading in or dealing with the following items/activities may be allowed on ground floor only, in residential premises, including in A & B category colonies.

1. Vegetables/fruits/flowers
2. Bakery items/confectionary items
3. Kirana/General Stores
4. Dairy Products
5. Stationery/Books/gifts book binding.
6. Photostat/fax/STD/PCO
7. Cyber Café/call phone booths
8. LPG booking office/show rooms without LPG cylinders
9. Atta chakki
10. Meat/Poultry and fish shop
11. Pan shop
12. Barber shop/hair dressing saloon/beauty parlour
13. Laundry/dry-cleaning/ironing
14. Sweet shops/tea stall without sitting arrangements
15. Chemists shops
16. Optical shops
17. Tailoring shops
18. Electrical and electronic repair shop
19. Photo shop
20. Cable TV/DTH operations
21. Hosiery/Readymade garments/ cloth shops
22. ATM
23. Cycle repair shop
24. Ration shop & Kerosene shop under PDS

Any other item/activity that may be notified by the Central Government.

Accordingly, the licenses to the meat shops running on the ground floor of residential areas upto a maximum of 20 sqm would also be granted subject to the completion of all other terms and conditions mentioned in this policy.

32. The licensee would keep a photocopy of the license at his meat shop to which it relates. However, the meat shopkeeper would also show the original license granted to the meat shop upon asking by the zonal Dy. Director (V.S.) /any other veterinary doctor appointed by M.C.D.

