

MIFUMI VILLAGE/ZONE BYE- LAW 2003

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 40 OF THE LOCAL GOVT ACT 1997.

This bye law shall be known as **Mifumi village article 1 of 2003 bye law** of Mifumi parish, Kirewa sub-county, Tororo district in Uganda covering and governing Mifumi village/zone in this sub county, the bye laws below having been approved by the village council and forwarded to the sub county council for scrutiny and having been approved by the sub county council on the **10th** day of **October 2003**, it becomes binding on all persons on the date of seal/assent.

ARTICLE: 1 OF 2003

1. Whoever will be found idol/disorderly, gambling or playing cards or mweso will be arrested and fined the sum not exceeding 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only) or referred to the higher authorities.
2. All residents must attend to community work in this village and it will be divided in portions and whoever fails to clear his/her portion will be fined 3,000 (three thousand UG shillings only) or be referred to the sub-county authority.
3. Any person who has a family in this zone and he does not stay here frequently to carry out road maintenance shall pay 3,000 (three thousand UG shillings only) per year to this council, failure to do so he will be referred to sub county authorities.
4. This council shall not charge any court fee on criminal offences e.g. domestic violence cases, rape, defilement, assault, arson, threatening violence, robbery etc this cases shall be referred to higher authorities and the person shall be jailed and taken to court and civil cases shall be handled only in cases like compensation.
5. Whoever will be found operating a gainful drinking place before midday (12:00) and after 10:00 P.M. will be fined 5,000 (five thousand UG shillings only) and this applies also that no taking or selling drinks/alcohol at funeral/burial places.
6. Whoever will be found without a pit latrine/toilet or using the same house for sleeping with domestic animals/birds and all other home requirements will be fined 5,000 UG shilling and given a period not exceeding fourteen days to construct one, failure of any of the above provisions that person will be referred to the sub-county authority.
7. All domestic violence cases that are not beyond the L.C jurisdiction shall be heard in camera at a place determined by the L.C court (this applies for cases which are not very serious only) e.g. failing to buy food or home requirements, denial of sexual intercourse, failing to buy clothes/gomesi.
8. Before the L.C court resumes there should be a quorum of seven (7) people or not less than half of the members inclusive of women, youths, elders/opinion leaders and the disabled, except for domestic violence cases the number of women shall be twice the number of men and it shall chaired by a woman.

9. All civil cases shall be heard at a fixed venue determined by the council except that domestic violence cases must be held in camera at different places.
10. Days and time for court hearing will be decided by the council except urgent and serious cases shall be heard as soon as possible without delay.
11. It's a policy that cases which can be handled by the L.C 1 court shall be heard before any referrals are made except for those cases that are beyond their jurisdiction (criminal offences) shall be forwarded or referred immediately without any delay.
12. Whoever shall be found making unnecessary shouting or playing loud music (Radios) in a public place (trading centres, bars, wells/bore holes, along the road, in your own home or any where that can inconvenience any person or group of persons within that location and it affects other peoples peace or using abusive words, quarrelling or fighting shall be fined 2000 (two thousand UG shillings only).
13. Whoever will be found or caught abusing the rights of the marginalised group (women, children, persons with disability and the elderly) shall be dealt with according to the law or fined in the L.C court a fine not exceeding 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only) depending on the nature of offence.
14. Inheritance will only be accepted with free and full consent of the parties concerned (A woman has a right to choose anybody to stay with her and any child got during that period shall belong to that man and its his responsibility to provide all the necessities including land) and a widow shall be left to stay at her matrimonial home and no one whether clan leaders have the right to choose for her someone to stay with, whoever will be found forcing anyone shall be fined the sum not exceeding 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only) or referred to higher authorities.
15. Whoever will be found threatening, discouraging or doing anything to the victim or witness of violence or any other case that can prevent her/him from giving evidence/right information commits an offence and shall be fined the sum of 2,500 (two thousand five hundred UG shillings only) or referred to higher authorities.
16. Any civil case that has been reported in this court shall/can be withdrawn at free will and the L.C court shall not have any interference.
17. All marriage gifts paid shall not be subjected to refund except if the girl or woman leaves the relationship on her own wishes without reasonable and sound cause.
18. Distribution of domestic work shall be carried out by both parties (husband and wife) in a family setting in case of failure to come to a mutual understanding the L.C 1 court shall decide on the matter.
19. Adultery is a criminal offence and whoever will be found commits an offence and shall be forwarded to higher authorities and no L.C/clan court is allowed/permitted to hear this nature of case.
20. All residents must attend village and any other legal meetings when called upon and village meetings shall be held after every two (2) months or as need arises.
21. (a) All livestock leaving or coming/entering every village must be accompanied be a letter signed by the L.C 1 chairperson.

(b) Any livestock to be slaughtered, the owner must get permission from the chairperson L.C 1 of that zone/village that the slaughter is going to take place, failure to meet any of the above provision you will be fined the sum of 2,000

(Two thousand UG shillings only) or referred to sub county authorities for further action.

(c) Movement of livestock is strictly prohibited at night.

(d) No big chunks of meat shall be carried in a wrapped buvera/sack to another zone except for home consumption.

(e) Movement of livestock from one Sub County to another must be endorsed by the sub county L.C 111 chairperson.

(f) No livestock shall be slaughtered before 8:00 AM and the skins/hides and hoofs must be kept for identification till 12:00 NOON.

(g) Any livestock slaughtered away from the trading centre for sale the skin/hide, hoofs and head should be brought along with the meat for identification.

22. Bad/careless grazing i.e. (destroying some ones crops/plants, dangerous grazing on the road) is prohibited and whoever practices it commits an offence and is liable for a fine of 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only) to the L.C court before negotiating with the person offended and killing, untying someone's animal is prohibited.
23. When a person/persons kills your pig/pigs for destroying his/her property/food stuff that person/persons commits no offence.
24. Whoever sells food or anything in a family without knowledge and consent of his/her partner or children commits an offence and shall be fined 3,000 (Three thousand UG shillings only) or referred to the sub county authorities and every homestead must plant/have a garden of cassava.
25. Any body dealing in cooked food or drinks must get permission from the area health officer in conjunction with the sub county secretary for health to recommend him/her that he/she is fit to do so and that person must have in place a well established place for storage.
26. Whoever tries to block/close an existing road/path with anything that is most likely to cause an accident commits an offence and shall be fined 3,000 (Three thousand UG shillings only) or referred to sub county authorities and in case one intends to close any existing path/road permission and notice must be done in advance.
27. Petty thieves shall be prosecuted by the L.C 1 council and if found guilty that person shall pay twice of what he/she stole and made to carry out community service e.g. road clearing/repair and on failure to abide that person shall be referred to the sub county authorities.
28. Unauthorised tree felling is prohibited and whoever shall be found shall pay a fine not exceeding 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only) and made to plant ten (10) trees or referred to the sub county headquarters, this also applies that every homestead must plant trees to assist as firewood, windbreakers and food (Mangoes)
29. All civil cases must start from the L.C 1 office and forwarded for further actions in case no compromise has been reached, failure to do so the L.C council will not be held responsible for any inconveniences that may arise.
30. Any member of the L.C 1 committee who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without sound reasons will be removed from office.

31. Any visitor who is to spend a night/nights in a village/zone must be known/reported to the area L.C 1 chairperson, failure to do so the host shall be fined 3,000 (Three thousand UG shillings only) and if necessary that visitor shall be taken to the sub county authorities and villages/zones must have visitors book and register.
32. The L.C 1 council shall levy taxes/fees not exceeding 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only) as development fee for the development of the village/zone and whoever defies such order shall be referred to the sub county headquarters.
33. All collections made by the village/zone council for the village/zone development or on its behalf, official receipts must be issued and whoever fails to account for all funds received shall be prosecuted in any courts of law/jurisdiction.
34. Pollution of any kind that is dangerous to human health (execrating/defecating in peoples gardens shall lead to a fine of 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only) or referral to the sub county headquarters.
35. No child (1-17 YEARS OLD) is allowed in any drinking place especially between 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM if found the parents/parent of that child shall be called to give sound reasons as to why the child/children is/are there and failure shall lead to a fine of 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only) especially the father shall be fined immediately for an offence of child neglect and any child found loitering or not attending school during school hours the parent shall be dealt with as above.
36. Whoever takes or confiscates anyone's property for what he/she is owned without authority from the L.C court or any recognised court of law will be charged with theft and referred to higher authorities.
37. Any child who shall be found disrespecting his/her parents/parent shall be brought to the L.C court and dealt with as the court may determine and deem fit and the sub county council shall carry out sensitisation to lower councils.
38. Disturbing people at public place in a way that may annoy them (Function/funerals) is prohibited and if found that person shall be charged with assault and fined not less than 2,000 (Two thousand UG shillings only) or any other punishment as the L.C court/council may determine.
39. All villages/zones shall form/have a security committee and whoever disobeys any lawful orders of this committee shall be fined 5,000 (Five thousand UG shillings only).
40. Every landlord in every trading centre must put in place/construct a latrine and failure to do so the premises shall be closed or the matter referred to the sub county authority or health officer.
41. Having sexual intercourse with any animal or bird is prohibited, if found that person shall be made to pay the owner back his animal/bird and thereafter referred to higher authority.
42. Any woman above 18 (Eighteen) years old and found making love or married with a boy eighteen years and below shall be referred to higher authorities.
43. Any parent who forces his/her daughter to get married before attaining the age of eighteen years whether the girl is schooling/studying or not shall be taken to higher authorities to face the charges.
44. All marriage or marrying couples should register with the L.C 1 and L.C 111 office to ascertain their age and other things about the intending or married couples.

45. Destruction of any public road signs/sign posts i.e. schools, hospitals etc is an offence and whoever shall be got shall be referred to higher authorities.
 46. Any body who fails to attend to burials that he/she is obliged to do so in the area shall be fined 1,000 (One thousand UG shillings only) and made to pay all the debts that he/she has incurred in all other remaining funerals he/she has not been attending.
 47. All parents must take their children for immunisation and antenatal visits, failure to do so that person shall be referred to higher authorities
- Scrutinised and approved on 10th October 2003 by Kirewa sub county council and signed/witnessed/sealed by:

LC 3 Chairman Kirewa

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Sub County chief Kirewa

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