

Municipal Council of Port-Louis (Traffic Centre) Regulations 2011

GN No. 154 of 2011

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Regulations made by the Municipal Council of Port Louis under sections 51(1), 51(6), 141 and 142 of the Local Government Act 1989

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Municipal Council of Port-Louis (Traffic Centre) Regulations 2011**.
2. In these regulations -

"bus" means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity for 7 or more passengers and carrying passengers for hire or reward at separate rates, and for which a Public Service Vehicle (Bus) licence has been issued by the National Transport Authority.

"Council" means the Municipal Council of Port Louis

"licence" means public service vehicle licence.

"officer" means an officer authorised by the Chief Executive of the Council.

"owner" means -

- (a) a person in whose name a vehicle is registered or where that person is dead or absent from Mauritius or where the vehicle is not registered, the person in physical possession of the vehicle;
- (b) in relation to a vehicle which is the subject of a hiring agreement or hire-purchase agreement, the person in physical possession of the vehicle under the agreement;

"park" means keep a vehicle, whether occupied or not stationary for a period of time longer than is necessary for the taking up or setting down of passengers;

"parking area" means the area designated by the Council for parking within the traffic centre;

"receipt" means the receipt of payment issued to a bus owner by the Council's cash office of the respective local authority and in which is mentioned the date of payment, the amount of the fee paid and the period for which payment has been made, the name of the bus owner and the receipt number.

"traffic centre" means a place designated by the Council and specified in Schedule I;

"traffic sign" –

(a) means any object or device, whether fixed or portable, for conveying, warnings, information, requirements, prohibitions, of any description prescribed or authorised under these regulations to the traffic;

(b) includes any line or mark within a traffic centre for conveying the warnings, information, requirements, prohibitions or restrictions.

- 3.** (1) Every bus owner licensed by the National Transport Authority, who uses a traffic centre, shall pay to the Council a monthly fee per bus as specified in schedule II and the fee shall be payable in advance and not later than the last working day of the preceding month.
- (2) Any bus owner who fails to pay the fee, within the period, specified under paragraph (1) shall be liable to pay the monthly fee together with a surcharge of 50 per cent of the fee for each unpaid month to the Council.
- (3) A receipt shall be issued in respect of every monthly payment.
- (4) Every driver or bus owner shall affix the receipt issued under paragraph (3) in a conspicuous place on the windscreen of the bus.
- (5) Any driver or bus owner who fails to affix the receipt as required under paragraph (4) shall be denied access to the traffic centre.
- (6) Any bus owner who -

- (i) stops using a traffic centre;
- (ii) changes a bus; or
- (iii) transfers his Public Service Vehicle (Bus) licence,

shall inform the Chief Executive of the Council, in writing, thereof within 15 days of the cessation, change or transfer.

- 4.** (1) The Council may by means of traffic signs within a traffic centre -
- (a) regulate traffic;
 - (b) designate parking areas;
 - (c) prohibit entry of vehicles other than buses authorised under regulation 3.
- (2) The Council may, at any time, cause the level of emission of exhaust fumes from any bus within the traffic centre to be tested by the relevant authority.
- 5.** (1) Any person who, within a traffic centre:
- (a) causes any major repairs to be effected to any bus;
 - (b) washes any bus;
 - (c) allows any spillage of fuel, oil or other liquid from any bus;
 - (d) horns unnecessarily;
- shall commit an offence.
- (2) Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees.

6. The Municipal Council of Port-Louis (Traffic Centre) Regulations 2010 - GN 4 of 2011 is revoked.
7. These Regulations shall come into force on 01 September 2011.

Made by the Municipal Council of Port Louis on 29 June 2011.

SCHEDULE I

[Regulation 2]

Victoria Traffic Centre

Immigration Traffic Centre

La Cure Traffic Centre

Cite Vallijee Traffic Centre

Plaine Verte Traffic Centre

Plaine Lauzun Traffic Centre

SCHEDULE II

[Regulation 3]

<i>Number of Traffic Centres to be used within the Council Area</i>	<i>Monthly Fee per Bus (Rs)</i>
1	500
2	800
3	1000
4 or more	1200
