

Government Notice No. ... of 2015

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

Regulations made by the District Council of Savanne under section 50(2)(o), 158 and 163 of the Local Government Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the District Council of Savanne (Traffic Centre) Regulations 2015.

2. In these regulations -

“bus” means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity of 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 District Council of Savanne;

“licence” means public service vehicle licence;

“officer” means an officer authorised by the Chief Executive of the Council;

“driver” in relation to a vehicle, means the person having control over its steering apparatus;

“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 the First Schedule;

“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; and
- (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 Second Schedule and which 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 in paragraph (1) shall be liable to pay the monthly fee together with a surcharge of 50 per cent of the fee for every 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 bus driver or bus owner who fails to affix the receipt as specified in paragraph (4) shall be denied access to the traffic centre.

(6) Any bus owner who

- (a) stops using a traffic centre;
- (b) changes a bus; or
- (c) 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 vehicle 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 unnecessary;

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.

7. These regulations shall come into operation as from 1 August 2015.

Made by the District Council of Savanne on 15 July 2015.

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**FIRST SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 2]

**LIST OF TRAFFIC CENTRES**

1. Souillac Traffic Centre
2. Rivière des Galets Traffic Centre
3. Rivière du Poste Traffic Centre

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 3]

| Number of traffic centre(s) used | Rate per bus (Rs)                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| One only                         | 500                                   |
| Two or more                      | Multiple of Rs 400 per traffic centre |