

The Aizawl Municipal Corporation

Pig and Poultry Rearing Regulations

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 371 of the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007, the Aizawl Municipal Corporation hereby makes the following regulations to ensure healthy rearing of animal, to protect public health and the environment, and to prevent nuisance and hazards associated with animal rearing within the area of Aizawl Municipal Corporation, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement:

- (a)** These regulations may be called the Aizawl Municipal Corporation Pig and Poultry Rearing Regulations.
- (b)** These regulations applies to all residents and establishment within the municipal area engaged in pig and poultry rearing, including backyard farming, commercial farming, and keeping for personal consumption.
- (c)** They shall come into force on such date as the Aizawl Municipal Corporation may notify by notification in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions :

- (a) Pigs:**Domesticated swine of any breed or age.
- (b) Poultry:** Domesticated birds including chickens, ducks, turkeys, and geese.
- (c) Owner:** Any individual or entity responsible for the care and management of pigs or poultry.
- (d) Authority:** means the Aizawl Municipal Corporation or any person authorized by it on its behalf.
- (e)** Words and expressions used but not defined in these regulations but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Licensing:

- (a) Aizawl Municipal Corporation shall have the authority to designate specific areas for pig and poultry rearing with permit issued accordingly.
- (b) All persons wishing to rear pigs or poultry must obtain a permit/license from the Aizawl Municipal Corporation.
- (c) The application form (form No I and II), available at the Aizawl Municipal Corporation Office and on the official website, must be completed and submitted to the Corporation.
- (d) The application should be accompanied by the following documents.
 - i) No Objection Certificate from the adjacent property owner.
 - ii) No Objection Certificate from Local council.
 - iii) Attested copy of LSC or House pass.

4. **Inspection of premises before issue of permit/license:** The authority having power to grant permit/license shall conduct an inspection of the premises to ensure it is suitable for raising pigs and poultry and meets the requirements for raising pigs and poultry, in accordance with these regulations.
5. **Permit/License fee:** The Permit/license fee shall be based on the number of pigs and poultry intended to be raised, provided that such fee is subject to revision by the Board of Corporators from time to time.
6. **Duration of license:** The permit shall be valid for a period of one year for growing pigs and poultry and three years for sow/boar.
7. **Fine and seizing of animals and birds:** If any person is found rearing pigs or poultry without a license or permit from Aizawl Municipal Corporation, they will be given one month to relinquish or relocate their animals or birds. ***Failure to comply within this period shall result in a fine of upto Rs 10000/- and the Aizawl Municipal Corporation shall be empowered to seize the animals or birds.***
8. **Complaints:** ***The permit may be suspended or terminated by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation if complaints are received from adjacent neighbours.***
9. **Holding Facility:** The Aizawl Municipal Corporation will provide a holding facility for captured animals and birds.
10. **Housing and facilities**

(a) Housing Standards:

- i. Housing for pigs and poultry must be constructed to prevent escape and protect animals from extreme weather conditions.
- ii. Structures must be located at least 100 feet from residential buildings or as decided by Aizawl Municipal Corporation from time to time.
- iii. Animal housing should not be situated in close proximity to sensitive areas, including ***churches***, hospitals, schools, **Government office**, main roads and other vulnerable locations.
- iv. In certain areas where the housing of pigs and poultry is within 100 feet of residential areas, the Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC) ***with acknowledgement of the Local Council*** may permit their rearing, provided it does not cause any disturbance to the public or neighbouring property owners.

(b) Space Requirements

- i. **Growing Pigs:** Pigs should have sufficient space to move freely and engage in natural behaviours, such as lying down, standing up, and turning around. The minimum space per pig is generally:

- For pigs, at least **8 square feet** per pig should be allotted.
- The minimum height of the roof in a pigsty should typically be at least **6 feet** to allow for adequate ventilation and air circulation.
- ii. **Sows:** Sows should be provided with enough space to lie down, stand, and turn around without difficulty.
 - **For gestating sows:** A minimum of **16 square feet** per sow.
 - **For sows in farrowing pens:** A minimum of **24 square feet** should be provided, with adequate space for the sow and her piglets to move freely.
 - **For farrowing pens:** Should have solid sides to prevent injury, and a separate area for piglets with non-slip flooring.
- iii. **Poultry:** Adequate space should be provided to allow birds to move freely and stretch their wings.
 - Minimum space of **0.5 to 2.5 square feet** per bird should be allotted.

(c) Ventilation and Cleanliness:

- Adequate ventilation must be provided to prevent the build-up of harmful gases and to ensure the health of the animals.
- Housing areas must be kept clean and free from excessive waste. Regular cleaning schedules must be maintained.

(d) Waste Management: All waste must be managed in a manner that prevents odours, attracts pests, and contaminates water sources. The disposal of waste and manure into drains or permanent rivers shall not be allowed to prevent contamination.

Manure Pits

- Waste must be stored in **pits**. These storage systems should be designed to prevent leakage and contamination of water sources. The size of these systems should be proportional to the size of the farm or the number of pigs.
- Storage facilities should be covered or screened to reduce ammonia emissions and to keep out pests.

11. Animal Welfare

a) Feeding and Watering:

- Animals must be provided with a balanced diet and clean drinking water at all times.
- Feed and water containers must be clean and maintained.

b) Health Care:

- Regular health checks must be conducted by a licensed veterinarian.

c) Hygiene and Disease Control:

- Appropriate measures must be taken in line with the Prevention and Control of Infectious & Contagious Diseases in Animal Act 2009 to prevent the spread of diseases, including proper sanitation and disinfection procedures.

12. Noise and Odour Control

- a) **Noise:** Operations must minimize noise to prevent disturbances to neighbours.
- b) **Odour:** Measures must be implemented to control and reduce odours emanating from pig and poultry housing. Regular maintenance and odour neutralization techniques are required.
- c) **Odour neutralization techniques:**
 - i. **Odour Absorbing Materials:**

The use of odour-absorbing materials, such as activated charcoal or zeolite, should be employed strategically within and around animal housing areas. These materials help to neutralize and reduce the intensity of unpleasant odours.

- ii. **Biological Odour Control:**

Application of biological agents, including enzyme-based products or microbial additives, can effectively break down odour-causing compounds in manure and waste. These biological treatments should be used regularly as part of the odour management plan.

- iii. **Use of Agricultural Lime:**

Regular application of agricultural lime to bedding and waste areas helps to reduce odours and maintain a dry environment. Lime also assists in controlling moisture levels, which can contribute to odour problems.

- iv. **Covering and Containment:**

Manure or compost piles should be covered with tarpaulins or other suitable covers to limit exposure to air and reduce odour emissions. Proper containment practices are essential to prevent odour dispersion.

13. Inspections and Compliance

- (a) **Inspections:** The Aizawl Municipal Corporation shall have the authority to inspect the facilities at any time to ensure compliance with this regulation. In case of disease outbreak, authorised representative of the State Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department shall have the authority to inspect/restrict/close/cull the animals/birds as per guidelines of the Prevention and Control of Infectious & Contagious Diseases in Animal Act 2009.

(b) Penalties: Violations of this regulation may result in fine of Rs. 2000/- which may extend to Rs.10, 000/- provided that such fine is subject to revision by the Board of Corporators from time to time and suspension of permit or The Aizawl Municipal Corporation may impose other penalties as provided in Section 374 of The Mizoram Municipalities Act 2007.

14. Matters not contained in regulations: In case of any requirements not covered by the existing provisions of the regulations, the Aizawl Municipal Corporation may issue Notifications/Circulars on such matters from time to time.

15. Implementation: To ensure the effective implementation of these regulations, the Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC) may grant the Local Council the authority to act when necessary.

16. Removal Of doubts: If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of these regulations, the decision of Aizawl Municipal Corporation shall be final and binding.

Form No I

Aizawl Municipal Corporation
FORM OF APPLICATION FOR STARTING/CONTINUING PIG REARING

To,

Municipal Commissioner
Aizawl Municipal Corporation
Aizawl, Mizoram

Sir,

I/We _____ [Name(s)/Society in full], Owner(s) /lessee of the land do hereby apply for permission to start/continue pig rearing with _____ number of pigs in the land possessed by me/us bearing LSC No. _____ on /in _____. I/we forward herewith the following documents required for the purpose.

- 1) Photocopy of LSC or House Pass.
- 2) No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the concerned Local Council
- 3) ***No Objection Certificate (NOC) from adjacent property owner.***
- 4) Housing details : i) Materials used for construction-
ii) Flooring type-
iii) Water supply Source -
iv) Waste Management Plan-

Date: _____

Yours faithfully

Signature of applicant : _____
 Name in block letters : _____
 Address with House No : _____
 Phone No : _____

Form No II

Aizawl Municipal Corporation
FORM OF APPLICATION FOR STARTING/CONTINUING POULTRY REARING

To,

Municipal Commissioner
Aizawl Municipal Corporation
Aizawl, Mizoram

Sir,

I/We _____ [Name(s)/Society in full], Owner(s) /lessee of the land do hereby apply for permission to start/continue poultryrearing with _____ number of poultry in the land possessed by me/us bearing LSC No _____ on /in _____. I/we forward herewith the following documents required for the purpose.

- 1) Photocopy of LSC or House Pass.
- 2) No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the concerned Local Council
- 3) *No Objection Certificate (NOC) from adjacent property owner.***
- 4) Housing details : i) Materials used for construction-
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Date:_____

Yours faithfully

Signature of applicant : _____
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