

# **KAMPALA DISTRICT**

KAWEMPE DIVISION (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) BYLAWS, 2007  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
THE CENTRE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION (CEDOVIP)

NUMBER.....OF 2007

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### **KAWEMPE DIVISION (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) BYLAWS 2007**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon Council by Section 39(1) of the Local Government Act CAP. 243 of the Laws of Uganda (As Amended), and all other powers enabling Council, these Bylaws are hereby made.

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Bylaws may be cited as Kawempe Division (Domestic Violence) Bylaws Number ..... of 2007 and shall come into force 14 days from day they are passed by Council

#### **Application of the Bylaws**

2. (1) These Bylaws shall apply to all areas with in the jurisdiction of Council  
(2) These Bylaws shall apply to all members within a household including but not limited to the husband, wife and their children

#### **Interpretation**

3. In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

‘Council’ means Kawempe Division Council.

‘Currency Point’ means currency point in the Schedule to these Bylaws

‘Domestic Violence’ means the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual against another person within the household, which either results or has a likelihood of resulting in to assault, battery or psychological harm.

‘Household’ means family, home, house, family circle and/or family unit

‘LC’ means Local Council.

‘Person’ means an individual

‘Person of Authority’ means any member of the Executive Committee of LCI, LCII, LCIII, Councillor to LCIII, Parish Chiefs, Police Officers, Probation Officer or Welfare Officer.

## **Prevention of Domestic Violence**

4. Every person shall observe the right to live in a household that is free from Domestic Violence and shall report or cause to be reported to the relevant LC or Person of Authority any person or group of persons whom he/she sees, hears of or feels doing or omitting to do an act that in his/her view leads or led to Domestic Violence.

## **Exemption from reporting Domestic Violence**

5. A person may not be required to report Domestic Violence if he/she:

- (1) Is minor and helpless, elderly beyond self-help or one with a mental illness
- (2) Was not in the area of the violence or never heard of it
- (3) Has reasonable excuse not to intervene in the violence.

## **Offences and penalties**

6. (1) Any person who causes Domestic Violence commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to:
  - (a) A fine not exceeding one currency point, and/or
  - (b) Compensate the complainant
- (2) Any person who abuses or physically hurts any community member or a Person of Authority who intervenes in or assists a victim of Domestic Violence commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding two currency points.

## **Action by Person of Authority**

7. Any Person of Authority who receives a report of Domestic Violence shall as quickly and as practically as possible:
  - (1) (a) Report the Domestic Violence to the relevant LC and/or
  - (b) Arrest the offender and if he (the offender) becomes violent engage police to effect the arrest.
  - (2) Where the Chairperson of the relevant LC is the offender or if the Person of Authority has reason to believe that he/she (the Chairperson) has any interest therein, the case shall be forwarded to a higher LC.
  - (3) The Chairperson when he/she receives a report of violence shall record or cause to be recorded a statement of violence and advise on the lodging of the case to the Executive Committee Court.
  - (4) When the case has been lodged, and on the Chairperson being satisfied that a prima facie breach of these Bylaws has been committed convene Court.
  - (5) Where the victim of the violence is a minor, an elderly person or one with disability, the case will be heard expeditiously and the decision taken in the shortest time possible but in any case not later than 30 days.

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PART ONE

I- Currency point means the amount of Uganda shillings equivalent to 20.000 Shillings

Passed by the Division Council this.....day of.....2007

I certify on behalf of the District Council that these Bylaws are not inconsistent with the Constitution, Acts of Parliament and any Ordinance of Council

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Al Hajj Nasser Ntege Ssebagala  
District Chairperson- Kampala

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Hajj Nasser Kibirige Takuba  
Chairperson Kawempe Division Council