## **GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA**

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 30 of 2000

The Local Government Act (Laws, Volume 16, Cap. 281)

## The Mazabuka Municipal Council (Charcoal Levy) By-Laws 2000

In EXERCISE of the powers contained in Sections sixty-nine and seventy-six of the Local Government Act, the following By-laws are hereby made:

1. These Ey-laws may be cited as the Mazabuka Municipal Council (Charcoal Levy) By-laws, 2000.

Title

Interpretation

- 2. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires—
  - " area " means the area under the jurisdiction of the Council;
  - " charcoal " means partially burnt wood used as a fuel;
  - " check-point " means any place within the area designated by the Council for the payment of charcoal levy;
  - " collector " means any officer of the Council authorised to collect charcoal levy for the Council;
  - "Council" means the Mazabuka Municipal Council; and
  - " firewood " means wood for burning as a fuel.
- 3. A person who buys, sells or exports charcoal and firewood shall pay a charcoal levy to the collector at the following rates:

Imposition of charcoal levy

- (a) fifty kwacha for a twenty-five kilogram bag;
- (b) one hundred kwacha for a fifty kilogram bag;
- (c) two hundred kwacha for a ninety kilogram bag; or
- (d) two thousand five hundred kwacha for a scorch cart load of firewood.

Copies of this Statutory Instrument can be obtained from the Government Printer, P. O. Box 30136, 10101 Lusaka, Price K500 each. No sell of charcoal without payment of a charcoal levy 4. No person shall sell charcoal and firewood within the area or transport charcoal and firewood from the area for which no charcoal levy has been paid to the Council.

Place of payment and collection of charcoal levy 5. Charcoal levy shall become payable at any check-point and shall be received by a collector who shall immediately issue an official receipt.

Offences and penalties

- 6. (1) A person who contravenes these By-laws shall be guilty of arreffence and shall be liable upon conviction—
  - (a) in the case of a first offence, to a fine not exceeding eighty penalty units or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both; and
  - (b) in the case of a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding sixteen penalty units for every day during which the levy remains unpaid.
- (2) In addition to any penalty prescribed by sub-law (1) the Court may order that any expenses incurred by the Council in consequences of such contravention be paid by the person committing the contravention.

Made by the Mazabuka Municipal Council this 31st day of December, 1999.

R. H. HAMAKUNI, Town Clerk

E. SICHIKOLOMA,

Mayor

Confirmed by me at Lusaka this 25th day of February, 2000.

Lusaka 25th February, 2000 [m.gh.102/51/56] A. SEJANI,
Minister of Local Government and
Housing