

KNOW THE RULES: A GUIDE FOR INFORMAL TRADERS IN LANGEBERG

Informal trading plays an important role in growing local businesses, creating jobs, and supporting families across the Langeberg Municipal area. The Bylaw was adopted to ensure that trading areas remain safe, clean, fair, and accessible for everyone.

To help traders and the public understand their rights and responsibilities, Langeberg Municipality has outlined several important rules that all informal traders must follow.

Trade Only from Approved Areas

Informal trading is only permitted in areas officially designated by the Municipality. Trading on sidewalks, streets, or in any area that has not been approved is prohibited. Traders must operate only from the site allocated to them and indicated on their permit.

The approved informal trading sites are:

- Robertson: Hoop Street, Robertson.
- McGregor: Kantoor Street, McGregor
- Nkqubela: Corner of Hani and Burwana Streets, Nkqubela.
- Montagu: Mark Street, Montagu
- Zolani: Building Street, Zolani.
- Bonnievale: Main Road, Bonnievale

Who May Apply for a Trading Permit?

The Municipality gives preference to genuine informal traders and requires that applicants meet certain criteria. Applicants must not already operate a formal business, may only hold one permit, and may not employ more than five people. In addition, informal traders residing outside the boundaries of the Langeberg Municipal area will not be permitted to trade at the designated informal trading sites.

Certain Businesses Are Not Permitted at Informal Trading Sites

The following businesses and activities are prohibited within the designated informal trading areas, including hair salons, automotive-related businesses, food trucks, the sale of alcohol or drugs, non-compliant food products, medicines and health products, unauthorised goods such as mattresses and large second-hand furniture, animals, and offensive material.

These restrictions are intended to ensure that trading areas remain safe, orderly, and suitable for all users.

A Valid Trading Permit is Mandatory

Every trader must have a valid municipal trading permit and must keep it available when trading. Trading without a permit is an offence and may result in penalties or removal from the trading area. Permits may not be sold, transferred, or sublet to another person without municipal approval.

Keep Trading Areas Clean

Clean and hygienic trading areas benefit everyone. Traders are responsible for keeping their stalls and surrounding areas always clean and must properly dispose of waste in designated bins. Failure to maintain cleanliness will result in enforcement action.

No Overnight Storage

Goods, equipment, stock, and merchandise may not be left overnight at trading sites unless specifically approved by the Municipality. Traders are required to remove their belongings at the end of each trading day. The Municipality accepts no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to unattended goods.

Respect Your Allocated Space

Each trader may only operate within the space allocated to them. Traders may not occupy another trader's stall, extend beyond their allocated area, or interfere with neighbouring traders. Respecting boundaries helps maintain fairness and order within the trading environment.

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are strictly prohibited in municipal informal trading areas:

- Sleeping or staying overnight on site.
- Drinking alcohol, gambling, and selling illegal substances.
- Intimidating or harassing customers.
- Creating noise, smoke, smells, or conditions that cause a nuisance.
- Storing goods in unauthorised areas.
- Creating health, safety, or traffic hazards
- Serious violations may lead to suspension or revocation of trading rights.

No Unauthorised Alterations

Traders may not paint, drill, install partitions, write on walls, or make any changes to municipal stalls without written permission from the Municipality. Any unauthorised modifications must be repaired at the trader's own expense.

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Security and Access Control

Access gates must remain secure and locked when not in use. Municipal locks may not be changed without permission, and keys must be returned when a trader ceases trading. These measures help protect municipal property and ensure the safety of all users of the facility.

Vehicle Access

Only authorised vehicles may enter designated trading areas. Traders and visitors are urged to comply with all traffic regulations and avoid obstructing pedestrian movement.

Additional Permit Requirements

Applicants must be South African citizens or be legally permitted to work in South Africa. When applying for a permit, traders must provide accurate information to the Municipality.

The permit records the trader's name and identity number, the goods or services that may be sold, the allocated trading site, and the number of people employed or used by the trader. Traders must also provide the names of the people working with them to the Municipality.

Traders must keep their permit available at their designated trading site while trading. The trader and people employed by the trader must also display the identity tags supplied by the Municipality while trading. Providing false information when applying for a permit or failing to comply with these requirements is an offence.

Trading Hours

At the Robertson Informal Trading Area, approved trading hours are:

- Monday to Thursday: 07:45 to 17:00
- Friday: 07:45 to 18:00
- Saturday and Sunday: 07:45 to 17:00



Robertson Trading Area



Bonnievale Trading Area

Permit Fees

Daily and monthly rates apply when booking an informal trading plot:

- Daily permit: R83.00
- Monthly permit: R270.00

Monthly traders must book their permits at the end of each month for the following month. Daily traders must book their permits 1-2 days before trading.

Permit Bookings and Informal Trading Enquiries

Permit bookings or informal trading enquiries can be made at the Commando Building, 4 Church Street, Robertson, with Mrs Ennestacia Kleinveldt or Mr Peter-John Rosant.

Mrs Ennestacia Kleinveldt

Call: 023 626 8201

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Informal Trading By-law

[Click here to view the Langeberg Municipality Informal Trading By-law.](#)

Working Together for a Better Trading Environment

The Municipality recognises the valuable contribution made by informal traders to the local economy and community development.

By following the rules and respecting fellow traders, residents, and visitors, traders help create a safe, clean, and professional trading environment that benefits everyone. For information regarding permits, trading sites, or informal trading regulations, residents and traders may contact Langeberg Municipality during normal office hours.