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"THE BOARDING HOUSE ENACTMENT, 1927."

No. 8114.—In exercise of the powers vested in him by section 3 of "The Boarding House Enactment, 1927", the Chief Secretary to Government hereby makes the following rules which shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 1930:

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THE BOARDING HOUSE RULES.
LICENSING AND CLASSIFICATION.

Licence to be taken out.

1. No person shall keep any boarding house unless he shall have previously taken out the appropriate licence under these rules. Such licences shall be issued by the Licensing Officer and shall be in the form in schedule A.

Licensing Officer.

2. The Licensing Officer shall be:
- (a) Within a Sanitary Board area the Chairman of such Board, acting under the general direction of the Board;
 - (b) Outside a Sanitary Board area the District Officer.

Application.

3. Every application for a licence shall be in the form in schedule B and shall contain the particulars required thereby.

Classification and fees.

4. (i) The classification of boarding houses and the fees payable in respect of licences shall be as follows:

Hotels, First Class	\$12
Hotels, Second Class	8
Native Passenger Lodging Houses	4

For each month or part thereof from the date of issue until the date of expiry.

(ii) The Licensing Officer after such inspection as he may think necessary, shall determine the classification of any boarding house.

Conditions requisite for issue of licence.

5. The Licensing Officer shall not issue any licence:
- (a) Without previous reference to the Officer in charge of the Police District and to the Protector or Assistant Protector of Chinese;
 - (b) Unless the premises conform with the requirements of the Health Officer.

Endorsement of special conditions.

6. Every licence shall be subject to these rules and to such further conditions as the Licensing Officer may think fit to endorse thereon.

7. Licences may be taken out at any time but all licences shall expire on the 30th day of June in each year. Expiry of licence.

8. The Licensing Officer may suspend or cancel any licence upon any breach of the conditions endorsed thereon or upon the conviction of the licensee or his servants of any breach of these rules or of any criminal offence of a serious nature. Suspension or cancellation of licence.

9. Any applicant or licensee aggrieved by the refusal of the Licensing Officer to issue a licence or by the imposition of any special condition or by any suspension or cancellation of his licence may appeal to the Resident whose decision shall be final. Appeal.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL.

10. The keeper of every native Passenger Lodging House shall keep fixed in a conspicuous place outside the building a signboard to be approved by the Licensing Officer showing plainly in English and such other language as he may require the name or style of the house and the class of the licence. Signboard.

11. The keeper of every boarding house shall keep displayed in a conspicuous position inside the building accessible to all persons using the house a legible copy of these rules in English and such other language as the Licensing Officer may require and in addition information as to the number of rooms in the house and the maximum number of persons to be lodged including the staff. Copy of rules to be displayed.

12. Every boarding house shall be kept continuously in a clean and sanitary condition and supplied with sanitary appliances to the satisfaction of the Licensing Officer. Cleansing of premises.

13. Prostitutes or known bad characters shall not be allowed to occupy the premises or to meet or assemble therein. No gaming, drunkenness, or disorderly conduct of any kind shall be permitted on the premises. Prohibition of gaming, etc.

14. No entertainment open to the public shall be given in any boarding house except with the sanction of the Chief Police Officer or of an officer authorised by the Chief Police Officer in writing to give such sanction, and no political meeting shall be held without the sanction of the Registrar or a Deputy Registrar of Societies. Sanction for public entertainment or political meeting.

15. No meeting of any registered society shall be permitted to take place on the premises without the permission of the Licensing Officer and such permission shall not be granted without reference to the Registrar of Societies. Restriction on meetings.

16. A book shall be kept in such language and form as the Licensing Officer may require in which shall be entered at once the particulars of any property left on the premises by any guest. Lost property book.

If the property is not reclaimed or returned within fourteen days it shall be handed over as unclaimed property to the Officer in Charge of the Police District, and his receipt obtained therefor.

Information to be furnished.

17. Every person staying for one night or longer in any boarding house shall on being so required by the proprietor or manager of such boarding house enter in a register to be provided by such proprietor or manager or supply verbally the following particulars concerning himself:

- (i) His full name, including in the case of a Chinese his "seh" and in the case of a Malay the name of his father.
- (ii) The place from whence arrived and his address there.
- (iii) The probable duration of his stay and his intended destination.
- (iv) His occupation and place of employment.
- (v) His country of origin.
- (vi) His nationality.
- (vii) The hour and date of his arrival.

Death, etc., to be reported.

18. The proprietor or manager of any boarding house shall without delay make or cause to be made to the Officer in Charge of the nearest Police Station a report of the death of any person dying in such boarding house or of the occurrence of any notifiable disease therein.

Entry in register to be signed.

19. Every entry in the aforesaid register whether made by the guest himself or entered by the proprietor or manager or a member of the staff from the information supplied by the guest, shall be signed by the guest or should the guest be unable to write authenticated by his right thumb print. On the departure of the guest the proprietor, manager or member of the staff shall record against the entry the hour and the date of the guest's departure and his destination, if known.

Aliens.

20. A notice containing extracts from the Registration of Aliens Enactment to be supplied by the Chief Police Officer shall be displayed continuously in a conspicuous place on the premises and shall be brought to the notice of every Alien staying on the premises. The Alien shall be required to sign an acknowledgment on a form to be supplied by the Chief Police Officer, that he has seen the notice and that he has read it, or it has been explained to him. The form when signed by the Alien shall be forwarded to the Officer in charge of the Police District.

Names and photographs of staff.

21. The proprietor or manager shall on the demand of the Protector of Chinese furnish him within a reasonable period with the names and such other particulars including photographs as the Protector may require of all Asiatic members of his staff and shall also if the Protector so requires, keep him informed of changes in the Asiatic staff.

22. Every boarding house shall be open to inspection at all times by the Licensing Officer, any Sanitary Inspector, the Health Officer, the Protector of Chinese and any Police Officer not under the rank of Inspector, and also in the case of native passenger lodging houses by any Police Officer not under the rank of Corporal. Inspection of boarding house.

23. The Protector of Chinese or any Police Officer having authority to inspect a boarding house shall be entitled to inspect the book kept under rule 16, and the register kept under rule 17 and take extracts therefrom, and shall also be entitled, if there is any reason to suspect the genuineness of the particulars in any of the entries, or if the entries are incomplete or misleading, to demand such further information as may be necessary from the persons concerned. Inspection of books.

24. In the case of hotels the entries in the book mentioned in rule 16 and in the register mentioned in rule 17 shall be in English or romanised Malay. Entries in English.

25. For the purposes of these rules where the whole of any house is let to one lessee and no portion thereof is sub-let by him such house shall not be deemed to be a boarding house on account of the lessor or his servants rendering domestic service to the lessee. Saying where whole house is let to one person.

26. The Boarding House Rules published as Notification No. 2 in the *Gazette* of January 1, 1929, are hereby rescinded. Rescission of previous rules

SCHEDULE A.

Government of.....

LICENCE FOR A BOARDING HOUSE ISSUED UNDER
"THE BOARDING HOUSE ENACTMENT, 1927."

Permission is hereby granted to.....of.....to keep a.....
in the premises No.....at.....Road or Street.....
District.....subject to the provisions of "The Boarding
House Enactment, 1927," and of the rules thereunder and to
such further special conditions as may be endorsed on this
licence.

This licence will continue in force until the 30th June, 19....
unless cancelled or suspended prior to such date for breach of the
conditions of the licence.

Fee received \$.....

Date.....

Chairman, Sanitary Board,.....

District Officer.....

SCHEDULE B.

CHAIRMAN OF THE SANITARY BOARD
DISTRICT OFFICER

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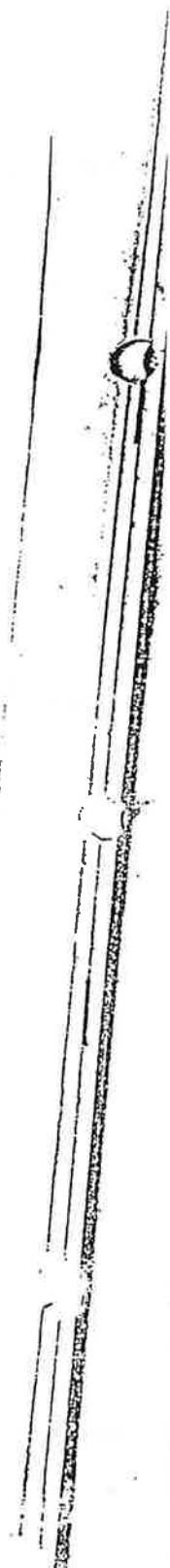
Sir,

I beg to apply for a licence to keep a.....in the premises
No.....at.....Road or Street,.....District and append the
particulars required.

Signature.....

1. Applicant's name.....
2. Nationality (*and in the case of Chinese, the tribe*)!.....
3. Names of partners and their addresses.....
4. Address of applicant's place of business.....
5. Name or sign under which the boarding house is to be
conducted.....
6. Number of years, if any, he has held a licence for the above
premises.....
7. Addresses of any lodging houses and (or) other boarding
houses (*if any*) conducted by applicant.....
8. Address to which an answer is to be sent.....

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CHAPTER 87.

24 of 1927.
18 of 1934.

BOARDING HOUSES.

An Enactment to provide for the licensing and control of places where persons are lodged for hire.

[1st January, 1929.]

1. This Enactment may be cited as the Boarding House Enactment. Short title.

2. For the purposes of this Enactment the term "boarding house" includes every place where any person is harboured or lodged for any kind whatsoever of hire or reward and where any domestic service whatsoever is rendered by the owner, lessee, principal tenant, occupier or manager to the person so harboured or lodged, provided that the term shall not include any common lodging house licensed under the provisions of the Sanitary Boards Enactment. Interpretation.

3. (i) The ~~Chief Secretary~~ ^{Resident Police Council} may by notification in the Gazette make Rules providing for—
(a) the classification and definition of different kinds of boarding houses,
(b) the registration and licensing of boarding houses,
(c) the suspension and cancellation of such licences,
(d) the fixing of fees to be paid in respect of such licences,
(e) the management and control of boarding houses,
(f) the registration of persons staying in boarding houses and of persons employed as servants in boarding houses,
(g) the carrying out of this Enactment generally.
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5. (i) Any person committing a breach of any of the provisions of this Enactment or of any Rule made thereunder shall be liable on conviction before the Court of a Magistrate of the First Class to the following penalties—
(a) for a first offence to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment,
(b) for a second or subsequent offence to a fine of two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for twelve months or to both such fine and imprisonment. Penalties.

13 of 1934.

(ii) The Court of a Magistrate of the First Class shall, notwithstanding anything in the Courts Enactment contained, have power to impose any penalty provided by this section.

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6. (i) Whenever any person licensed under this Enactment would be liable under the provisions of this Enactment or of any Rules made thereunder to any pecuniary penalty or forfeiture for any act, omission, neglect or default, he shall be liable to the same pecuniary penalty or forfeiture for every similar act, omission, neglect or default of any agent or servant employed by him in the course of his business as such licensed person.

(ii) Every person who appears to be employed in or about any boarding house licensed under this Enactment, shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be a servant of the licensee.

(iii) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving any such agent or servant from any penalty or forfeiture to which he would otherwise be liable.

Saving of
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7. Nothing in this Enactment shall limit the operation of the Labour Code or the Excise Enactment, or the Sanitary Boards Enactment, or of any Rules made or licences issued under the provisions of the said Enactments.

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