

CITY AND COUNTY OF THE CITY OF EXETER
PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS ACT, 1964

BYELAWS
Relating to Museums

Byelaws made under Section 19 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of the City of Exeter acting by the Council.

1. In these Byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires :—
 - (a) “ the Act ” means the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964 ;
 - (b) “ the Museum Authority ” means the Council of the City and County of the City of Exeter ;
 - (c) “ Museum ” means any museum or art gallery for the time being maintained by the Museum Authority ;
 - (d) “ the Museum Curator ” means the person appointed as such by the Museum Authority or, in his absence, any other person authorised by the Museum Authority to act on his behalf ;
 - (e) “ Museum Officer ” means the Museum Curator or any other person employed by the Museum Authority for the purpose of its functions under the Act ;
 - (f) “ exhibit ” includes any and every article exhibited in or forming part of the contents of the Museum or Art Gallery.

2. A person who is offensively unclean in person or in dress, or who is suffering from an offensive disease, shall not enter or use the Museum.

3. A person shall not give a false name or address for the purpose of entering any part of the Museum or for the purpose of using any facilities provided in connection therewith.

4. Except with the consent of a museum officer, a person shall not :—
 - cause or allow any dog or other animal belonging to him or under his control to enter or remain in the Museum, or
 - bring into any part of the Museum a wheeled vehicle or conveyance other than a hand-propelled invalid chair except that a perambulator, push chair or wheeled shopping basket may be brought into the entrance hall of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum.

5. A person shall not behave in a disorderly manner in the Museum nor use violent, abusive or obscene language therein.

6. A person shall not engage in audible conversation in any part of the Museum set apart as a reference department or for reading after having been requested not to do so by a museum officer.

7. Except with the consent of the Museum Curator a person shall not cause or allow any apparatus for the reception of sound broadcasting or for the reproduction of sound to be operated in any part of the Museum set apart for the use of the public.

8. A person shall not spit in the Museum.

9. A person shall not lie on the furniture or fittings of the Museum nor on the floor thereof.

10. A person shall not, after a warning by a museum officer, persist in sleeping in the Museum.

11. A person shall not smoke or strike a light in any part of the Museum set apart for the use of the public, except in any part thereof in which, when it is being used for an educational, cultural or other event under Section 20 of the Act, the Museum Authority allows smoking.

12. A person shall not, except with the consent of a museum officer, partake of refreshment in the Museum except in any part thereof in which, when it is being used for an educational, cultural or other event under Section 20 of the Act, the Museum Authority allows the partaking of refreshments.

13. A person shall not without the consent of the Museum Curator display, distribute, affix or post any bill, placard, or notice in, to or upon any part of the Museum.

14. A person shall not, without the consent of the Museum Curator, offer anything for sale in the Museum.

15. Except with the consent of a museum officer a person shall not make a tracing of any portion of a book, journal, pamphlet, music score, manuscript, picture, print, photograph, engraving, etching, deed, map, chart or plan.

16. A person shall not carelessly or negligently soil, tear, cut, deface, damage, injure, or destroy any exhibit or the furniture, fittings or other contents of the Museum.

17. A person shall not, unless duly authorised, take any exhibit from the Museum.
18. (i) A person having the charge or possession of an exhibit which the Museum Authority is entitled to have returned to it shall deliver it up to the Museum Curator within fourteen days of the service upon him by the Authority of a notice requiring him so to do ;
- (ii) For the purposes of this Byelaw, a notice may be served upon any person by delivering it to him, or by leaving it at his usual or last known place of residence, or by sending it by registered post or recorded delivery service addressed to him at that place.
19. A person who :
- (a) after the end of the period for which it was lent has the charge or possession of an exhibit borrowed from the Museum or from any-body or person acting on behalf of the Museum Authority ;
- (b) after having been requested in writing by the Museum Authority to deliver it up to that Authority, has failed to do so within a period of fourteen days after the date of the request ; and
- (c) has not paid to the Museum Authority in respect thereof an agreed sum by way of compensation, shall not except with the consent of the Museum Curator, borrow any further exhibit from the Museum.
20. A person shall not, after proper warning by a museum officer, remain in the Museum after the time fixed for its closing.
21. An act necessary for the proper execution of his duty by a museum officer shall not be deemed to be a contravention of these Byelaws.
22. A person shall not wilfully obstruct any museum officer in the execution of his duty or wilfully disturb, obstruct, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the Museum.
23. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws (other than Byelaw 19) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of £5.
24. Every person who, within the view of a museum officer, contravenes any of the foregoing Byelaws may be excluded or removed from the Museum by such officer if :
- (a) his name and address are unknown to and cannot readily be ascertained by the officer ; or
- (b) from the nature of the contravention or from any other fact of which the officer may have knowledge or be credibly informed there is reasonable ground for belief that his continuance in the Museum may result in another contravention of the Byelaws, or that his exclusion or removal from the Museum is otherwise necessary for the proper use and regulation thereof.
25. From and after the date on which these Byelaws shall come into operation, the Byelaws relating to Museums which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of the City of Exeter on the 8th December, 1909 and were confirmed by the Local Government Board on the 22nd January, 1910 shall be repealed.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE MAYOR,
ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF THE CITY OF EXETER WAS
in pursuance of a resolution of the Council
in that behalf hereunto affixed in the
presence of :—

D. P. HUDSON
Deputy *Town Clerk.*

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Dated this second day of May,
one thousand nine hundred and
sixty-seven.