

## DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

### BYE-LAWS MADE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1994

Bye-Laws made by Dublin City Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) in exercise of the powers vested in them by Part VII of the Local Government Act 1994 in relation to the conduct of members of the public who access and utilise the facilities of the Council in the various premises in which they are provided.

#### PART I

##### **Title:**

1. These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Council Code of Conduct Bye-Laws 2002.

##### **Interpretation:**

2. Throughout the Bye-Laws unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the meaning hereafter respectively assigned to them, that is to say
  - (a) “The Act of 1994” means the Local Government Act 1994.
  - (b) “Authorised person” means any person employed by the Council and authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of these Bye-Laws.
  - (c) “The Council” means Dublin City Council.
  - (d) “Facilities” means services provided by the Council in its various premises e.g. offices, libraries, swimming pools etc.

**Commencement of Bye-Laws:**

3. These Bye-Laws shall come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2002.

**Area of Application:**

4. These Bye-Laws apply to the various public areas in the premises owned and occupied by the Council.

**PART II**

5. The following behaviour is not acceptable under these Bye-Laws:
- (a) Behaviour which is disruptive and interferes with the use and enjoyment of the facility by others.
  - (b) Harassment of staff or members of the public by use of abusive, racist, obscene or threatening language.
  - (c) Use of violence or threat of violence towards staff and/or members of the public.
  - (d) Malicious damage to and/or theft of Council property.
  - (e) The use of alcohol and illicit drugs while using Council facilities.
  - (f) Smoking in public areas within Council premises.
  - (g) Leaving of personal property unattended at any Council premises.

**PART III**

## Offences

6. A person who contravenes the provision of these Bye-Laws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,200.
7. It shall be lawful for an authorised person to enforce these Bye-Laws and to exclude or remove from any Council premises any person committing any breach of the above Bye-Laws and to take such steps as authorised by law.
8. A person who obstructs or impedes or refuses to comply with the request of an authorised person acting in the exercise of the functions conferred on them by these Bye-Laws shall be guilty of an offence.
9. Where an authorised person is of the opinion that a person is committing or has committed an offence to which these Bye-Laws relate, the authorised person may demand the name and address of such person and if this demand is refused or the person gives a name or address which is false or misleading, the person shall be guilty of an offence.
10. An offence under these Bye-Laws may be prosecuted by the Council.