AKWAPIM SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY (CONTROL OF POULTRY IN DWELLING HOUSE) BYE-LAWS, 2017

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the AKWAPIM SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936) these bye-laws are made this 19th day of December, 2017.

1. Limitation of Poultry to be kept in dwelling houses

(1) Subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws, the maximum number of poultry that may be kept in a dwelling-house, where poultry is permissible, within the Assembly's Administrative area shall not exceed 50 birds.

(2) Whenever the sanitary condition of the poultry causes nuisance, the Assembly shall order its closure.

2. Impounding of poultry

(1) An officer of the Assembly duly authorized to impound excess poultry may at any reasonable time during the day enter and inspect any premises where poultry are kept and may request the owner or keeper of the poultry to dispose of the poultry which is in excess of the permitted number within fourteen days.

(2) Where the owner or keeper of the poultry fails to dispose of the excess poultry within the stipulated fourteen days upon request, the authorized officer of the Assembly may seize or impound and put them in a pound.

3. Housing of poultry

Poultry shall be kept in deep-litter or hatchery cage or in any cage or other suitable housing, the floor of which shall be spread with a suitable absorbent material such as sawdust or wood shavings to minimize the smell of droppings.

4. Size of housing

The size of the housing for poultry shall be as specified in the schedule to these Bye-laws, unless the Assembly in its discretion determines otherwise.

5. Disposal of Droppings

(1) Litter or droppings cleared from deep litter or battery cages or any other structure housing poultry shall be disposed of in accordance with any law governing sanitation in the District and in a manner as the Assembly's Environmental Health Officer may, by notice in the Local Government Bulletin direct.

(2) Any such litter or droppings shall not be disposed of in a manner that constitutes a nuisance to residents in the area.

6. Stray Poultry Disallowed

(1) An owner or keeper of poultry shall not allow his poultry to stray outside the premises owned or occupied by him.

(2) An officer of the Assembly duly authorized, may impound any stray or straying poultry, which he finds in a public place and put them in a pound.

1. Surrender of stray Poultry
An owner or occupier of any premises into which poultry stray, may impound them and he shall within 24 hours, surrender them to the Assembly or arrange for the Assembly or its Environmental Health Officer to take possession of them, and the expenses incurred borne by the owner of the strayed animal(s).

2. Redemption of Impounded Stray poultry
The owner of any impounded stray poultry may redeem them after paying 1 penalty unit per bird for each day that the poultry was kept.

3. Failure to pay Expense of stray poultry
(1) Where the expenses of keeping the poultry are not paid by the owner within ten days after being impounded, the keeper or other person(s) appointed by the District Environmental Health Officer shall sell them by Public Auction and may pay the proceeds therefore to the District Finance Officer of the Assembly after deducting the expenses incurred for keeping the poultry.

(2) The Finance Officer of the Assembly shall pay the owner of the poultry the amount realized from the sale less any expenses incurred by the Assembly for keeping and selling same upon demand from owner within fourteen days after such sale.

4. Power of Environmental Health Officer to Inspect
(1) A duly authorized officer of the Assembly may at any reasonable time during the day, enter any house in which he has reason to believe that poultry are being kept for the purpose of:

(2) Advising on, or enforcing any Bye-laws relating to sanitation so as to prevent or minimize the spread of livestock diseases particularly those communicable to man; or finding out if the conditions under which poultry are being kept meet the requirements of these Bye-laws.

5. Discretionary powers of Assembly
Notwithstanding the provisions of these Bye-laws, the Assembly may, where it is satisfied that sufficient land is available for the purpose, authorize the keeping of poultry in excess of the limit specified in paragraph (1) subject to such conditions relating to sanitation as it may be reasonably necessary in the public interest.

12. Offence
A person who contravenes this bye-law commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to pay a fine of not less than one hundred penalty units and not more than two hundred and fifty penalty units or a term of imprisonment of not less than six months and not more than twelve months or to both the fine and imprisonment. Forty percent (40%) of fine shall, on payment, be ceded to the Assembly.

13. Interpretation
(1) In these Bye-laws unless the context otherwise requires -

> "Poultry" includes domestic fowls, turkeys, eggs, ducks, guinea fowls and pigeons etc.

(2) SCHEDULE (Paragraph 4)

The minimum area occupied by poultry (unless kept in battery, cages) shall be as follows:

(a) Housing for 50 birds of poultry 7.5 sq. metres

(b) Housing for poultry between 50 and 100 birds 152sq. metres

(c) Housing for poultry between 100 and 200 birds 304 sq. metres

(d) In each case the housing shall have a roof not less than 1.8 metres from the floor level.

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PRESIDING MEMBER **SECRETARY**