AKWAPIM SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY (CONTROL OF SWINE, CATTLE, SHEEP, GOAT, GRASSCUTTER AND OTHER DOMESTICATED ANIMALS) 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. Swine, cattle, goats to be kept by Permit

(1) No person shall keep any swine, cattle, sheep, goats, grass cutters and other domesticated rodents within the area of administration of the Assembly without a permit issued by the Assembly for that purpose

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph 1 (1) above a person may keep animals within the area of administration of the Assembly for domestic, religious or customary purposes upon the conditions that the animals-

a. Are kept in pens or kraals which are well maintained at all times

b. Do not constitute a nuisance to neighbours

c. Are attended to by veterinary officers, and that owners are to ensure that sanitary rules specified by the District Environmental Health Officer are maintained

d. No person shall allow any swine, cattle, sheep, goats etc. to stray without anyone in charge of them.

2. Number of goats and sheep to be kept in a dwelling house

(1) The number of goats, grass cutter, sheep and other rodents to be kept in any dwelling house shall not exceed twenty.

(2) Subject to paragraph 2 above, no person shall keep swine, cattle, etc. in any premises except at designated places as may be approved by the Assembly.

3. Inspection of Premise

(1) An authorized officer, or agent of the Assembly, may enter at any reasonable time and inspect any premises where swine, cattle, sheep, goats, rodents etc. are kept.

(2) Any animals found in excess of the permitted number may be impounded by the officer or agent under paragraph 3 (1).

4. Detention of Stray Animals

(1) Any officer or agent of the Assembly may impound any swine, cattle, sheep, goats etc. found in a public place without any person being in charge of it.

(2)The Assembly shall not be liable for any swine, cattle, sheep, goat etc. that may die after it has been impounded.

(3) The owner of any impounded goat, sheep etc. may retrieve it on conditions as may be determined by the Assembly.

5. 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.

1. Interpretation

In these bye-laws unless the context otherwise requires

"Assembly" means the AKWAPIM SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY;

"Rodents" means animals like mouse, rat, squirrel, marmot or any wild animal which is reared in the house.

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PRESIDING MEMBER **SECRETARY**