

## **TITLE 15: (BILL BOARDS, SIGN BOARDS AND BANNERS)**

In exercise of the powers conferred on the OFFINSO MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (hereinafter called ‘‘the Assembly’’) by section 181 of the Local Governance Act. 2016 (Act 936) these Bye-Laws are hereby made:

### **1. *License***

(1) No person shall erect, site or hang any billboard or banner at any place within the area of authority the Assembly unless such person first obtains from the Assembly a license for the purpose.

(2) The license referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall be valid as for one year but in the case of a billboard, signboard or banner for a single purpose occasion or programme the license shall expire immediately after the period of the programme specified.

(3) The Assembly shall grant the license referred to in sub-paragraph (1) upon the payment of a fee to be fixed by resolution of the Assembly.

### **2. *Removal of old billboards etc.***

(1) Any billboard, signboard or banner that has become dilapidated or in respect of which a license granted by the Assembly has expired shall be replaced or removed by the owner thereof as the case may be.

(2) Where the owner of dilapidated billboard or banner or of billboard, signboard or banner in respect of which a license granted by the Assembly has expired, fails to replace or remove same, the Assembly shall remove such billboard, signboard or banner and recover the cost of doing so from its owner.

### **3. *Where to place signboards etc.***

(1) The Assembly shall determine where any billboard, signboard or banner shall be erected and to this end shall determine where reflector directional signboards are to be erected.

(2) No site shall be chosen for the erection of any billboard, signboard or banner unless such place has been inspected and approved by the Assembly’s Engineers or its Town and Country Planning Department or its Environmental Health Unit.

(3) The Assembly may direct any person, company, Organization, or institution to provide one general directional signboard to accommodate the signboards or billboards of other persons/organizations in the area.

(4) The Assembly gives the direction under sub-paragraph (2) it shall provide the individual or a company so directed with the requisite financial means to undertake the provision of the general reflector signboard based upon dimension approved by the Works Department of the Assembly.

**4. *Assembly to remove illegal signboards***

Where any billboard, signboard or banner is erected at any place within the area of authority of the Assembly without a license from the Assembly, the Assembly shall immediately remove same and shall recover the cost of doing so from the owner of such billboard, signboard or banner, without prejudice to any criminal or other proceedings that may be instituted such owner.

**5. *Offense***

Any person who contravenes any of these bye-laws commits an offense and shall, on conviction, liable to a fine between **100-250 penalty units** payable to Offinso Municipal Assembly or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both.

**6. *Interpretation***

In these bye-laws: -

“**Sign Board**” includes any banner or placard made from cloth, wood or metal used for whatever purpose and which is placed, hung or displayed at any place in such a way that the general public can see it from a public, road, path or any other place of a public nature.

“**Dilapidated**” means the writing, picture or message displayed on a billboard, signboard or banner has been obliterated or is illegible or the material on which such writing picture or message is displayed is worn out or has fallen into a state of disrepair.

**7. *Revocation***

Any bye-laws on **Bill boards, sign boards, and banners** in existence in the area of authority of the Assembly before the coming into force of these bye-laws are hereby revoked.