

- (iv) Uses a pan latrine where it has been declared barred; or
- (v) Indiscriminately dumps Solid and Liquid Wastes in open spaces, drains, gutters, behind walls or burns Solid Waste in one's compound commits an offence.

### **Penalty**

11. Where a person commits any of the offences specified in Section 10 of these Bye-Laws he/she shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 50 penalty units payable to Atwima Kwanwoma District Assembly or in default to imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or both.

Made at a meeting of the Atwima Kwanwoma District Assembly held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of **December, 2014.**

### **SECTION 3: (CONTROL OF POULTRY IN DWELLING HOUSES) BYE-LAWS 2015**

#### **Limitation of Poultry to be kept in Dwelling Houses**

1. (i) Subject to the provisions of these Bye-Laws, the maximum number of poultry that may be kept in a Dwelling House within the District Assembly's Administration area shall be Two Hundred (200) ahead.
- (ii) Whenever the sanitary conditions of the poultry causes nuisance, the District Assembly shall order its closure.

#### **Impounding of Excess Poultry**

2. (i) An Officer of the District 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 in writing request the owner or keeper of the poultry which is in excess of the permitted number within fourteen (14) days.
- (ii) Where the owner or keeper of the poultry fails to dispose of the excess poultry within the stipulated fourteen (14) days after receipt of a written notice, the authorized Officer of the District Assembly may impound them.
- (iii) An owner or keeper of poultry who contravenes Sub-Section (i) of Section 2 commits an offence under Section 7 and the court which records the conviction may in addition order the owner or keeper to dispose of the excess poultry within such time as it thinks fit.

### **Housing of Poultry**

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

### **Size of Housing**

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

### **Disposal of Droppings**

5. (i) Litter or dropping cleared from deep litter or hatchery cases or any other structure housing poultry shall be disposed off in accordance with any law governing sanitation in the District Assembly area and in a manner as the District Assembly Environmental Health Officer may, by notice in the Local Government Bulletin direct.  
(ii) Any such litter or droppings shall not be disposed of in a manner that contributes nuisance to residents in the area.

### **Stray Poultry Disallowed**

6. (i) An owner or keeper of poultry shall not allow his/her poultry to stray outside the premises owned or occupied by him.  
(ii) An Officer of the District Assembly duly authorized, may impound any strayed or straying poultry which he finds in a public place.

### **Custody of Strayed Poultry**

7. An owner or occupier of any premises into which poultry stray, may impound them and he/she shall within 48 hours, surrender them to the District Assembly or arrange for the District Assembly or its Environmental Health Officer to take possession of them.

### **Redemption of Impounded Stray Poultry**

8. The owner of any impounded stray poultry may redeem them after paying **Fifty Ghana Cedis (GH¢50.00)** per head for each day that the poultry were kept.

### **Failure to Pay Expenses of Stray Poultry**

9. (i) Where the expenses of keeping the poultry are not paid by the owner within fourteen (14) days after being impounded, the keeper or other person appointed by the District Environmental Health Officer shall sell them by Public Auction and pay the proceeds to the Treasury of the District Assembly.  
(ii) The Treasury of the District Assembly shall pay the owner of the poultry the amount realized from the sale of poultry less any expenses incurred by the District Assembly for keeping and selling the poultry.

### **Power of District Environmental Health Officer**

10. A duly authorized Officer of the District Assembly or an Officer from the Environmental Health Department may at any reasonable time during the day enter any house in which he/she has reason to believe that poultry are being kept for the purpose of:-

### **Conduct Inspection**

- (i) Shall advise and enforce any Bye-Laws relating to sanitation so as to prevent or minimize the spread of livestock diseases particularly those communicable to man; or
- (ii) Find out if the conditions under which poultry are being kept meet the requirements of these Bye-Laws.

### **Discretionary Power of District Assembly**

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of these Bye-Laws, the District 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 Section 1 subject to such conditions relating to sanitation as may be reasonably necessary in the public interest.

### **Penalty**

12. Where a person who contravenes the provisions of these Bye-Laws commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding **50 penalty units** payable to Atwima Kwanwoma District Assembly or in default of payment a term of imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or both.

Made at a meeting of the Atwima Kwanwoma District Assembly held on the **18<sup>th</sup>** day of **December, 2014**.

## **SECTION 4: (BILLBOARDS AND SIGN-BOARDS) BYE-LAWS 2015**

### **Licence**

1. (i) No person shall erect site or hang a billboard or sign-board within the area of authority of the Assembly unless he/she first obtains a licence from the Assembly.
- (ii) The licence shall be valid as from the date of issue until the 31st day of December of the year in which it was granted, but in the case of a banner or a sign-board for an occasion the licence shall expire after the period specified.
- (iii) The licence shall be granted upon the payment of a fee to be fixed by Resolution by the AKDA.

### **Dilapidated Billboards and Sign-boards**