DORMAA CENTRAL MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
(CONTROL OF SWINE, CATTLE, SHEEP AND GOATS) BYE-LAWS, 2018

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Dormaa Central Municipal Assembly (DCMA) by section 181 of the Local Governance Act 2016 (Act 936) these Bye-laws are hereby made.

Swine, Cattle, Goats to be kept by Permit

1. (i) No person shall keep any swine, cattle, sheep or goats within the area of administration of DCMA without a permit issued by the DCMA for that purpose which shall be determined in accordance with the fee fixing resolution.

(ii) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph a person may keep animals within the area of administration of DCMA for domestic, religious or customary purpose upon the conditions that the animals -

(a) are kept in a pen which is well maintained and always kept clean: and

(b) do not constitute a nuisance by stench or noise to neigbours: and

(c) are attended to by veterinary officers or assistants and that owners are to ensure that sanitary rules specified by MOH are maintained.

(iii) The number of Goats and Sheep to be kept in any dwelling house shall not exceed ten (10).

(iv) Subject to sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph 1, no person shall keep swine and cattle in any premises except at designated places as on application may be approved by the DCMA.

Inspection of premises.

2. (i) An officer, servant or agent appointed by the DCMA may enter at any reasonable time and inspect any premises where Swine, Cattle, Sheep or Goats are kept.

(ii) Any animals found in excess of the permitted number may be impounded by the officer, servants, or agent appointed under paragraph 1 (iii).

Detention of animals

3. (i) Any officer, servants or agent of DCMA appointed under paragraph 2 (i) may impound any swine, cattle,sheep or goat found in a public place without any person being in charge of it.

(ii) The DCMA shall not be liable for any swine, cattle, sheep or goat that may die after it has been impounded.

(iii) An owner of any impounded goat or sheep may retrieve it on conditions as may be determined by the DCMA.

Owner to pay for expenses

4. The owner of any impounded animal shall before such animal or bird is released to him pay to the DCMA

(a) such impounding fee as may be fixed by resolution of the DCMA, and

(b) any expenses incurred by the DCMA for the maintenance of such animal DCMA to auction unclaimed animal

5. (i) The DCMA may sell by public auction any impounded animal if the owner thereof fails to pay the amount of money specified in paragraph 4 of these Bye-laws, within ten days of such impoundment.

(ii) Proceeds of auction sale shall be paid into the account of the DCMA.

Notice to be given to owner

6. (i) The DCMA shall before auctioning any stray animal or bird give six days' notice of the sale to the owner of such animal or bird

(ii) Where the owner is not known, the notice shall be placed in a conspicuous place in the town or village where the bird or animal is found.

Owner to pay for damage

7. Where damage is done by the impounding animal or bird to the crops or other property of another person, the owner of such impounded animal or bird shall pay for such damage.

Penalty

8. Any person who contravenes any of these Bye-laws commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 25 penalty units or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.