
(CONTROL OF POULTRY IN DWELLING HOUSES) BYE-LAW, 2017

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), the following Bye-law is hereby made.

Title

I. This Bye-law may be cited as the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (Control of Poultry in Dwelling Houses) Bye-law, 2017 and shall apply to the area of administration Of the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (hereinafter called "the Assembly").

Poultry Keeping in Dwelling Houses

1. (I) No person shall rear poultry in any dwelling house without first obtaining a permit from the Assembly.
- (2) Subject to the Other provisions of this Bye-law, the maximum number of poultry that may be kept in a dwelling house within the administrative area of the Assembly shall Get 200 birds, but this number may be exceeded only with the written consent of the Metropolitan Director of Health Services.

Housing Of Poultry

2. Poultry shall be kept only in deep-litter or battery cage or in any other poultry-suitable housing, the floor of which shall be strewn with a suitable absorbent material such as sawdust or wood shavings to keep down the offensive smell of droppings.

Roaming not Allowed

3. Litter or droppings cleared from cages or other structures housing poultry shall be disposed Of in accordance with the laws governing sanitation in the Metropolis and in such manner as the Metropolitan Director of Health Services shall by notice direct, provided that such litter or droppings shall not be disposed of in such manner as shall constitute a nuisance to residents.

Impounding of Stray Poultry

S. • The owner or keeper of poultry shall not allow his birds to roam outside his compound or to stray into the land/or home of other residents.

Power of Health Officer, etc. to Inspect

1. (I) It shall be lawful for any officer or servant of the Assembly to impound any stray poultry.
- (2) Impounded poultry shall be disposed of in such manner as the Metropolitan Direct of Health Services shall direct.
2. It shall be lawful for an officer or servant of the Assembly or any Health, Veterinary or Animal Husbandry Officer to enter any land in which poultry are kept or in which he has reason to believe that poultry are being kept so as to:
 1. advise on or enforce any sanitary regulations in force under any enactment so as to prevent or minimize the spread of livestock disease particularly those communicable to man; or

2. find out if the conditions under which poultry are being kept meet the requirements of this Bye-law.

Officer to Report to Assembly

1. Any Health, Veterinary or Animal Husbandry Officer undertaking the inspection mentioned in foregoing sections shall report his findings to the Metropolitan Director of Health Services for further action.
2. No person shall obstruct or resist any officer or other person appointed by the Assembly who is acting in the performance of any duties relating to any of the purposes of this Bye-law.

Offence and Penalty

3. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bye-law commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than 100 penalty units and not exceeding 250 penalty units, or in default to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both.

Interpretation

1 1. In this Bye-law, unless the context otherwise requires,

"Health Officer" includes the Metropolitan Director of Health Services, any other Medical Officer, and any person appointed as Health Officer.