

GA EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (CONTROL OF POULTRY IN DWELLING HOUSES) BYE-LAW, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Ga East Municipal Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936) this Bye-law is hereby made.

Limitation of poultry in dwelling houses

1. (a) Subject to provisions of this Bye-law, the maximum number of poultry that may be kept in a dwelling house where poultry is permissible, within the area of authority of the Assembly shall not be more than be 50 birds.
- (b) Whenever the sanitary conditions of the poultry cause nuisance, the Assembly shall order its closure.
- (c) The Assembly shall notify the owner and give the owner a written notice to relocate within specified period of time.

Inspection and impounding of excess poultry

2. (a) An officer of the Public Health Department of the Assembly duly authorized to impound excess poultry may at any reasonable time during the day enter and inspect any premises where poultry are kept for purposes of ascertaining the total number of poultry.
- (b) Where the inspection reveals keeping of poultry more than the required number, the officer will issue a notice in writing to the owner or the keeper of the poultry to keep the number within the required limit within 14 days.
- (c) Where the owner or keeper of the poultry fails to dispose of the excess poultry within the stipulated fourteen days after receipt of a written notice, the authorized officer of the Assembly may impound them

Housing of poultry

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

Disposal of droppings

4. (a) Litter or droppings cleared from deep litter or battery cases or any other structure housing the poultry shall be disposed of in accordance with the sanitation rules of the Assembly;
- (b) Any such litter or droppings shall not be disposed of in a manner that constitutes a nuisance to residents in the area.

Stray poultry

5. (a) An owner or keeper of poultry shall not allow his poultry to stray outside the premises owned or occupied by him.
- (b) An officer of the Public Health Department of Assembly duly authorized, may impound any strayed or straying poultry which is found in a public place.

Custody of strayed poultry

- 6 An owner or occupier of any premises into which poultry stray, may impound them and shall within 24 hours, surrender them to Assembly or arrange for the Public Health Department of the Assembly to take possession of them.

Redemption of impounded stray poultry

1. The owner of any impounded stray poultry may redeem them after paying the requisite fee agreed upon by the Assembly.

Failure to pay fee

8. (a) Where the expenses of keeping the poultry is not paid by the owner within 11 days after being impounded, the keeper or other person appointed by the Public Health Officer of the Assembly, shall sell them by public auction and pay the proceeds of the sale to the finance officer of Assembly after deducting the expenses incurred for keeping the poultry.
(b) The finance officer of Assembly shall pay the owner of the poultry the amount realized from the sale of the poultry, less any expenses incurred by the Assembly for keeping and selling the poultry where the poultry owner demands payment for the poultry sold within 14 days after such sale.

Power to conduct inspection

9. A duly authorized officer of the Assembly, Environmental Health Officers and the Ministry of Food and Agriculture may at reasonable time during the day, enter any house in which he has reason to believe that poultry are being kept for the purpose of
 - (a) Advising or enforcing any bye-laws relating to sanitation so as to prevent or minimize the spread of livestock diseases particularly those communicable to human.Or;
 - (b) Finding if the conditions under which poultry are being kept to meet the requirement of these Bye-laws.

Discretionary powers of Assembly

10. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Bye-law the 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 paragraph (1) subject it to such condition relating to sanitation as it may be reasonably necessary in the public interest.

Penalty

11. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Bye-law commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than 80 penalty units or in default of payment, to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or both.

Title

1. This Bye-law may be cited as the Ga East Municipal Assembly (Control of Poultry in Dwelling Houses) Bye-law, 2016.

Revocation

13. Any Bye-Law on Control of Poultry in Dwelling Houses, immediately before the coming into force of this Bye-law is hereby revoked.

Application

14. This Bye-law shall apply within the area of authority of the Assembly.

Interpretation

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

“Assembly” means Ga East Municipal Assembly

“Poultry” includes domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea-fowls, pigeons etc.

Made at a meeting of the Ga East Municipal Assembly held on the 24th April, 2017.

SIGNED

Honourable Jesse Nii Noi Anum

Presiding Member

Ga East Municipal Assembly

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Regional Minister

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