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Akuapim South Municipal Assembly (Protection of Children Under Eighteen Years) Bye-laws, 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Akuapim South Municipal Assembly by the section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936) these Bye-laws are made this 24th day of July, 2025.

1. Protection of Children:

The Assembly shall provide protection and supervise the control of children under eighteen years of age in all towns and villages within the area of the Assembly to ensure equal opportunity of development.

2. Unaccompanied Children:

(1) A child under eighteen years of age shall not be allowed to roam about after 8:00pm unaccompanied by an adult, parent or guardian.

(2) Corrective methods to discipline should be alternatively non violent at home, school and other places children find themselves.

3. Prohibition from Function and Acts:

(1) Children under eighteen years of age shall not:

- (a) Attend commercial concerts, dances, videos and wake keeping or funerals after 6:00pm.
- (b) Be allowed to engage in any trading activities after 6:00pm or
- (c) Patronize drinking places

(2) Despite sub-regulation (1) the Assembly may allow children below eighteen years of age to attend:

- (a) Information Service film shows;
- (b) Religious functions known to the general public;
- (c) Organized night studies under the supervision of a school;
- (d) Organized school entertainment and sporting programme; or vigils, bonfires, under the supervision of the Assembly, Teachers or Chief(s).

4. Sanitation Facilities shall be provided in house by the house owner or occupant to prevent children from walking at odd hours in the pretext of seeking public toilet, dumping of refuse etc.

5. Responsibility of Parents or Guardian and Organizers of Events or Programs:

- (1) A parent or guardian is responsible for keeping children under 18 years indoors after 6:00pm.
- (2) A person shall not engage a child of less than eighteen years to undertake any trading activities during school hours and not beyond 8:00pm.
- (3) Event organizers are responsible for managing post event of loitering.

6. Childs Welfare:

- (1) No child should be engaged in any form of employment which is exploitative and hazardous to a child.
- (2) No person shall instruct a child to buy, sell, receive or keep any alcoholic beverage, illicit drugs, wee etc. on his or her behalf.
- (3) Caregivers of these minors must ensure that all children enjoy healthcare in approved facilities when they fall sick.
- (4) Children with disabilities must be treated like any other child without discrimination.
- (5) Gambling centers must be prohibited by authorities to engage children.
- (6) Supervisory measures must be put in place for family members, school authorities and internet cafes etc. in relation to the use of the internet and social media whenever children find themselves using such.

7. Roles and Responsibilities of Duties Bearers:**(1) Parents and family:**

- (a) Parents must ensure that children in their care are adequately catered for holistically or otherwise face the rigors of the law.
- (b) Parents are obligated to wield strict supervision on children especially when using the internet, watching television, relating to other members of the community known or unknown.
- (c) Parents, guardians and relatives have the responsibility of training their children with good moral values through participation of both.

(2) The Community:

The community's human resources, (religious groups, unit committee, Assembly member, opinion leaders, queen mother, chiefs, civil society organization etc) should be prepared to put in place strategies, systems, structures and practices that enhance positive child development.

(3) The Assembly:

The Akuapim South Municipal Assembly (A.S.M.A) must play a pivotal role in giving support to other service providers in the area of enforcement of this bye-law and monitor the rights of children through a community participatory tool.

8. Support System in Case of Violation of the Bye-law:

Depending on the nature of the case at hand, offenders can be reported to a family member, traditional authority, religious leaders, opinion leaders, civil society organization, unit committee, assembly member among others at the community level for redress, if the matter is not in violation in line with the legal provision of Ghana.

9. Penalty:

A person who contravenes this Bye-law commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to pay a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty penalty units and not more than five hundred penalty units or a term of imprisonment of not less than six months and not more than twelve months or to both the fine and imprisonment. Forty percent (40%) of both the fine shall, on payment, be ceded to the Assembly.

10. Interpretation:

In this Bye-law unless the context otherwise requires.

“Assembly” means the Akuapim South Municipal Assembly.



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Hon. Presiding Member



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Municipal Co-ordinating Director

Akuapem South Municipal Assembly (Sand Winning Operations) Bye-laws, 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Akuapem South Municipal Assembly by section 181 and 182 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), this Assembly hereby makes the following Bye-laws:

1. Title and Commencement:

These Bye-laws may be cited as the Akuapem South Municipal Assembly (Sand Winning Operations) Bye-laws, 2025 and shall come into force upon publication in the Gazette.

2. Interpretation:

In these Bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Sand winning” means the removal, extraction, or collection of sand, gravel, or similar aggregates from land, riverbeds, valleys, or any other location within the municipality.

3. Regulation of Sand Winning:

No person shall undertake sand winning within the Municipality unless that person has:

- (a) Obtained a valid permit from the Assembly;
 - (b) Acquired necessary approvals from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Minerals Commission;
- and
- (c) Complied with all relevant national laws regulating mining and environmental protection.

Sand winning shall only be carried out in designated areas approved by the Assembly in consultation with the relevant authorities.

4. Application for Permit:

An application for a sand winning permit shall be made in writing to the Assembly and shall include:

- (a) The location and boundaries of the site;
- (b) Environmental impact assessment or mitigation plan;
- (c) Evidence of approval from the EPA and Minerals Commission;
- (d) Payment of prescribed fees.

The Assembly shall consider the application, conduct site inspection, and may grant or refuse the permit.

5. Conditions of Permit:

A permit issued under these Bye-laws shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Sand winning shall be done only during approved working hours;
- (b) No sand winning shall be done within 100 metres of schools, hospitals, religious sites, or residential clusters;
- (c) No sand winning shall be done within 50 metres of rivers, streams, or other water bodies unless otherwise permitted by law;
- (d) The operator shall take measures to prevent land degradation, erosion, or pollution;
- (e) The operator shall restore or rehabilitate the site after operations, including planting of trees or leveling of land.

6. Responsibilities of Sand Winners:

Every person engaged in sand winning shall:

- (i) Keep proper records of operations as may be required by the Assembly;
- (ii) Provide protective equipment for workers;
- (iii) Ensure that trucks transporting sand are covered to prevent spillage and dust pollution;
- (iv) Pay all levies and fees imposed by the Assembly.

7. Prohibited Practices:

It is an offence to:

- (i) Undertake sand winning without a permit;
- (ii) Operate outside the approved site or hours;
- (iii) Cause obstruction or danger on roads by trucks transporting sand;
- (iv) Fail to restore a sand winning site after completion of operations;
- (v) Engage children in sand winning activities.

8. Monitoring and Enforcement:

- (i) The Assembly shall establish a Sand Winning Monitoring Taskforce to oversee compliance.
- (ii) The Taskforce shall include representatives from the Assembly, (environmental department, works, traditional authorities, and security agencies.
- (iii) The Taskforce may inspect sites, seize equipment, and report offenders to the appropriate authorities.

9. Penalties:

A person who contravenes any provision of these Bye-laws commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to:

- (a) A fine of not less than 50 penalty units and not more than 250 penalty units, or
- (b) A term of imprisonment of not less than three (3) months and not more than twelve (12) months, or both.

In addition to the above, the Assembly may revoke the permit of the offender and order restoration of the degraded site at the offender's cost.

10. Revenue and Development Fund:

Fees, levies, and fines collected under these Bye-laws shall be paid into a designated Sand Winning Development Fund of the Assembly.

The Fund shall be used for:

- (a) Environmental rehabilitation projects;
- (b) Community development in affected areas;
- (c) Public education on sustainable resource use.

11. Community Participation:

The Assembly shall collaborate with chiefs, traditional councils, and local communities in regulating sand winning. Any community member may report unlawful sand winning activities to the Assembly.

12. Miscellaneous:

Nothing in these Bye-laws shall prevent enforcement of any national legislation relating to mining, environment, and land management.

Where a matter is not expressly provided for in these Bye-laws, the Assembly shall act in accordance with existing national laws and policies.

13. Revocation:

Any existing Bye-laws of the Assembly on sand winning are hereby revoked.

14. Interpretation Clause

These Bye-laws shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006 (Act 703), and the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1994 (Act 490).

15. Signature:

Made this day of 2025.



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Hon. Presiding Member



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Municipal Co-ordinating Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSTITUTION OF GHANA

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF GHANA

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