

Gold Coast (Colony) laws, statutes, etc.



# THE LAWS OF THE GOLD COAST

CONTAINING

THE ORDINANCES OF THE GOLD COAST, THE GOLD COAST COLONY, ASHANTI, THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES, AND TOGOLAND UNDER UNITED KINGDOM TRUSTEESHIP

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PART 6.—OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER,  
HEALTH, AND MORALITY.

TITLE 13.—PUBLIC NUISANCES.

DRUMMING AND FIRING GUNS, ETC.

Allowing  
house, etc.,  
in town to  
be used for  
drumming.  
(See s. 142  
(10).

118. (1) Every occupier of any house, building, yard, or other place situate in any town, who, without a licence in writing from the Governor or a District Commissioner, permits any persons to assemble and beat or play or dance therein to any drum, gong, tom-tom, or other similar instrument of music, shall be liable to a fine of two pounds.

(2) It shall be lawful for any constable to enter any such house, building, yard, or other place where any persons may be so assembled, and to warn them to depart and to seize and carry away all such drums, gongs, tom-toms, or other instruments, and the same shall be forfeited.

(3) Whoever, after being so warned, shall not depart forthwith (except the persons actually dwelling in such house or building), may be apprehended, without warrant, by any constable or person acting in his aid, and shall be liable to a fine of ten shillings.

Drumming,  
etc., near  
Court  
during  
sitting.  
(See s. 392.)

119. Whoever during the sitting of a Court, and after being warned by a constable or officer of the Court to desist, beats or plays any drum, gong, tom-tom, or other instrument, or makes any loud noise of any kind within a radius of three hundred yards from the place where such sitting is held, shall be liable to a fine of two pounds.

Drumming  
with intent  
to challenge  
or insult.

120. Whoever beats a drum with intent to challenge or provoke any other person to commit a breach of the peace, or with intent to insult or annoy any other person, shall be liable to a fine of twenty-five pounds or to imprisonment for three months,

Discharging  
guns, etc., in  
town.

121. Whoever in any town without lawful and necessary occasion—

- (1) discharges any firearm, or throws or sets fire to any firework in any public place or in any house, building, or yard; or

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Territories) Ordinance,\* or the Native Authority (Southern Section of Togoland under United Kingdom Trusteeship) Ordinance, 1949;†

“public meeting” includes any meeting in a public place and any meeting which the public or any section thereof are permitted to attend, whether on payment or otherwise;

“public procession” means a procession in a public place.”

(Added by 24 of 1949, s. 5.)

### NUISANCES AND OBSTRUCTIONS IN STREETS, AND THE LIKE.

142. Whoever does any of the following acts shall be liable to a fine of forty shillings, namely—

Throwing  
rubbish in  
street.

(1) In any town places, or causes or permits to be placed, any carrion, filth, dirt, refuse, or rubbish, or any offensive or otherwise unwholesome matter, on any street, yard, enclosure, or open space, except at such places as may be set apart by the District Commissioner or the health officer for that purpose; or

(2) In any town commits a nuisance in any public place or open space, or in any place being an appurtenance of or adjoining a dwelling-house; or

Nuisances.

(3) Wilfully defaces any public lawful notice, or removes the same from any place where it is lawfully affixed; or

Defacing  
public  
notice.

(4) Without the consent of the owner or occupier thereof affixes or attempts to affix any placard, paper, or thing on any building, wall, fence, pillar, or post, or writes upon, soils, or marks any such building, wall, fence, pillar, or post; or

Defacing  
building,  
etc.

(5) Without due authority affixes or attempts to affix any placard, paper, or thing on, or writes upon, soils, or marks any post office or post office letter box; or

Defacing  
post office  
or letter  
box.

(6) Unlawfully releases any cattle lawfully impounded, or pulls down, damages, or destroys the pound wherein any cattle are lawfully impounded; or

Pound  
breach.

\* McCarthy Cap. 84, scheduled under the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, s. 170.

† Scheduled under Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1951, and see Cap. 64, s. 170.

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Being drunk  
and  
disorderly.

Fighting,  
etc., in  
public place.

Shouting,  
etc., in  
town.

Drumming,  
etc., in  
town at  
night.  
(See s. 118.)

Throwing  
stones, etc.

Behaving  
violently in  
prison, etc.  
(See s. 392.)

Behaving  
irreverently  
in place of  
worship.

Disturbing  
public  
worship.

- (7) In any public place is drunk and behaves violently or indecently; or
- (8) In any public place, or in any place within sight or hearing of persons then being in a public place, disturbs the peace by fighting or quarrelling with any other person; or by making any loud or unseemly noise; or abets an unlawful fight; or uses or applies to any other person then being in such public place or within sight or hearing thereof, any violent or abusive term of reproach; or sings any profane, indecent, or obscene song; or exposes any any defamatory or insulting writing or object; or with the intention of annoying or irritating any other person, sings any scurrilous or abusive song or words, whether any person be particularly addressed therein or not; or is guilty of any riotous, indecent, disorderly, or insulting behaviour, to the obstruction or annoyance of any passenger or person in such public place; or  
(Amended by 24 of 1949, s. 6.)
- (9) In any town wilfully or wantonly, and after being warned to desist, shouts or blows any horn or shell, or sounds or plays upon any musical instrument, or sings or makes any other loud or unseemly noise, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person; or
- (10) In any town, without a licence in writing from the Governor or a District Commissioner, beats or plays any drum, gong, tom-tom, or other similar instrument of music between eight o'clock at night and six in the morning; or
- (11) In any town throws or discharges any stone or other missile in or into any public place; or
- (12) Behaves violently or indecently in any prison or Court or public place; or
- (13) Behaves irreverently or indecently in any church, chapel, mosque, or other place appropriated for religious worship; or
- (14) Disturbs or molests any minister of religion while celebrating any religious rite or office in any