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The National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) has called on homeowners and estate developers to promptly pay their property rates to facilitate development in their areas.

The Commission believes payment of such taxes will aid the speedy provision of social amenities and other development projects in their communities to enhance their standards of living.

Mrs Judith Adomako-Ofosua, the Mfantseman Municipal Director of the Commission gave the advice at a town hall meeting organised by the Anomabo Parish Justice for Peace Committee (PJPC) in collaboration with the Municipal Assembly at Anomabo-Taído on Thursday.

She underscored the fact that, lack of good property rate collection system was hampering the efforts of the Assemblies to rake in more domestic revenue to finance its development agenda.

According to her, many homeowners and developers complained about the lack of social amenities, yet they failed to pay their property rates from which money was generated to provide the amenities.

But she stated that the construction of roads, markets, schools and police stations depended on revenue generation band that, it was only through the collection of rates that such provisions could be made.

Mrs Adomako-Ofosua reiterated that the constitution enjoined MMDAs to mobilise revenue through sources like the property tax collection, but that exercise was slow due to insufficient valuation capacity, obsolete valuation lists, inadequate and unskilled staff among others.

That she indicated had resulted in a weak enforcement as property owners had either refused to pay or deferred payments for years.

In that light, she called for the operationalisation of the Town and Area Councils which formed a critical part of Ghana's governance structure to bring democracy to the doorstep of local communities.

The Councils will aid the collection of such levies and would retain some percentage of the revenues for the running of their office and other mandatory activities while rendering account to the Assembly.

Some property owners in an interview with Ghana News Agency said they were not aware of the tax for years ranging from two to 20 years.

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Mr Stephen Asante, a homeowner said he had never paid the tax because the authorities had not educated them on how to pay and where to pay.

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