

Proposed SCHEDULE “F” TO BY-LAW 94-077

Regulations for the keeping of hens

Keeping of Hens

1. Every owner of hens shall keep them in accordance with the following requirements:

- a. a maximum of 4 hens shall be permitted to be kept per lot;
- b. all hens shall be a minimum of 4 months old;
- c. hens shall be kept in a hen coop or hen run at all times; and
- d. subject to the exception that hens shall be kept in a locked hen coop from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., hens shall have access to a hen run at all times.

2. Every owner who keeps both hens and pigeons on a single lot shall ensure that they are kept in separate enclosures and no other type of animal shall be permitted to be kept within a pigeon loft, hen coop or hen run.

3. Every owner must ensure that their hens shall be:

- a. provided with adequate access to food and clean water;
- b. kept in a clean and healthy condition free from disease and, where necessary, shall be provided with veterinary care; and
- c. provided with appropriate space and environmental conditions conducive to good health, including but not limited to, the opportunity to socialize and engage in fundamental behaviours such as scratching, roosting and dust bathing.

4. Every hen owner shall:

- a. reside on the lot where such animals are kept; and
- b. ensure that their hens are kept in a manner to not cause a nuisance to any adjacent neighbour.
- c. within seven (7) days following the date a hen comes into his/her possession, shall be licensed and registered with the Town.
- d. The license fee shall be as set out in the Town’s User Fees, Licensing Fees and Service Charges By-law No. XX

Hen Coop and Hen Run Requirements

5. No person shall permit more than 1 hen coop and 1 hen run per lot.
6. Every owner shall ensure that any hen coop or hen run provided for their animals shall comply with the following size requirements as applicable:
 - a. every combination of hen coop and hen run shall be less than 10 square metres in size;
 - b. a minimum of 0.37 square metres per hen is required for the floor area of a hen coop along with a minimum of 0.93 square metres ground area per hen for a hen run;
 - c. no hen coop or hen run shall exceed 2 metres in height as measured from the highest point of the structure and the ground directly below such point.
7. Every owner shall ensure that any hen coop and hen run and all associated feed and manure storage in respect of their hens shall be:
 - a. located in a rear yard only;
 - b. set back at least 2 metres from any lot line;
 - c. a minimum distance of 3 metres from any dwelling on an adjacent lot; and
 - d. at least 15 metres from any lot on which a church, business or school is located.
8. Every owner shall ensure that any hen coop or hen run provided for their animals shall be constructed to:
 - a. be completely enclosed so as to prevent the escape of any hen therein;
 - b. have adequate ventilation, provide protection from weather, exclude rodents and include a lock to be secured against the entry of predators; and
 - c. include food and water containers.
9. Every owner shall ensure that any hen coop provided for their hen shall include at least 1 nest box for egg laying, 1 perch providing 20 centimetres of space per hen and every hen run shall have a floor comprised of any combination of vegetated or bare earth.
10. Every hen owner shall ensure appropriate maintenance in accordance with the subsequent provisions:
 - a. food and water containers shall be cleaned regularly and disinfected;
 - b. hen coops and pigeon lofts, including perches and nest boxes as applicable, shall be cleaned regularly and disinfected a minimum of 2 times annually;

- c. food shall be stored in rodent proof containers and secured at all times to prevent rodents or other animals from accessing it and leftover food shall be removed in a timely manner;
- d. manure and droppings shall be removed in a timely manner, stored manure shall be kept in an enclosed structure that prevents any odour and no more than .085 cubic metres shall be stored at any time; and
- e. hen coops and hen runs shall be maintained in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition, being kept free of obnoxious odours or substances and vermin.

Prohibitions

11. No person shall keep or allow the keeping of hens without first obtaining a license from the Town.

- a. Notwithstanding Section 1 of schedule F, no person shall cause or permit the keeping of hens on a multiple residential zoned lot.
- b. No person shall cause or permit the keeping of any rooster on a residentially zoned lot.
- c. No person shall cause or permit the sale of eggs, manure or any other products derived from the keeping of hens on a residentially zoned lot.
- d. No person shall cause or permit the slaughter or euthanizing of a hen on any residentially zoned lot, and any deceased hen shall be disposed of through the services of a veterinarian or a licensed deadstock operator.