



BY-LAW NO. 2022-00XX

A By-law to amend the Town's Responsible Pet Owners By-law No. 94-077 to include the keeping of Urban Hens.

WHEREAS Section 102 of the *Municipal Act R.S.O. 1990, c. M.45* as amended permits every municipal council inter alia to pass such by-laws and make such regulations for the health, safety, morality and welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality in matters not specifically provided for by the Act as may be deemed expedient and not contrary to law:

AND WHEREAS Section 210(1) of the *Municipal Act R.S.O. 1990, c. M.45* as amended provides authority to Councils of municipalities to pass by-laws for regulating the keeping of animals or any class thereof within the municipality or defined area thereof;

AND WHEREAS on September 6, 2022 Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. ADMIN-2022-0034, dated August 10, 2022, in which certain recommendations were presented relating to the keeping of Urban Hens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. For the purposes of this By-law:

Section 1, DEFINITIONS be amended to include the following;

- (a) "At Large" means in the case of a dog being in a place other than a property owned or occupied by its owner and not under the control of its owner or another person acting on behalf of the owner and, in the case of a hen, means being outside of a coop or run;
- (b) "Coop" means a fully enclosed weatherproof building where hens are kept and which the interior of includes nest boxes for egg laying, perches for the hens to sleep on and food and water containers;
- (c) "Hen" means a domesticated female chicken that is at least four months old;
- (d) "Hen Run" means a covered secure enclosure that allows hens' access to the outdoors;
- (e) "Herding Dog" means a dog that has been trained to and is actively being used in a bona fide farming operation for the purposes of controlling livestock on the farm;
- (f) "Livestock Guardian Animal" means an animal that works and/or lives with domestic farm animals (eg. Cattle, sheep, poultry) to protect them while repelling predators and is used exclusively for that purpose.

2. Section 4(a), REGISTRATION AND LICENSING will be amended to read;

- 4(a) Every owner of a dog shall pay the license fee prescribed in the Town's Rates

and Fees By-law.

3. Section 6.1, PROHIBITED ANIMALS will be amended to read:

6(1)(e) No person shall keep, or cause to be kept, a horse, donkey, pony, mule, cow or steer, goat, swine, sheep, duck, or goose within the Town of Halton Hills except on land zoned and lawfully used for agricultural purposes pursuant to any restricted area by-law enacted under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chap.P.13, as amended.

4. Section 7(d)(ii), ANIMAL CONTROL will be amended to read;

7(d)(ii) upon payment of the redemption fees as set out in the Town's Rates and Fees By-law.

5. Schedule "B" Section 1, DOG LICENCES will be amended to read:

1. The licence fee as set out in the Town's Rates and Fees By-law shall be determined for the following licences:

- (a) Annual Licence
- (b) Extended 2 – Year Licence
- (c) Extended 3 – Year Licence

2. REPLACEMENT TAGS

As set out in the Town's Rates and Fees By-law.

6. Schedule "C" will be amended to read:

1. REDEMPTION FEES PAYABLE TO THE TOWN'S CONTRACTED ANIMAL SERVICE

- (a) Where a dog has been caught running at large the redemption fee shall be as set out in the Town's Rates and Fees By-law.

7. Schedule "F" will be added to read:

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 Rates and Fees By-law.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 6th day of September, 2022.

MAYOR – RICK BONNETTE

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK