



### Section 3.40 - Keeping of Urban Chickens

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this by-law, the keeping of chickens as a secondary use to a single family dwelling, shall be permitted in all zones except the RLL (Land Leased Community) Zone and C-1 Downtown Commercial Zone, subject to the following requirements:

- (a) Chickens shall not be permitted on a lot that has an area of less than 540 square meters.
- (b) A maximum of six (6) chickens shall be permitted on a lot that has an area between 540 square meters and 4047 square meters (1 acre).
- (c) On a lot that has more than 4047 square meters (1 acre) a maximum of six (6) chickens plus three (3) additional chickens per additional acre shall be permitted up to a maximum of 24 chickens. In the case where the maximum number of chickens results in a fraction, the maximum number of chickens shall be rounded to the preceding whole number.
- (d) All chickens shall be kept in a maximum of one chicken "coop", located in the rear yard of the lot that shall include an attached outdoor wired enclosure area ("chicken run").
- (e) A chicken coop shall be considered as an accessory building and is subject to the provisions of the Zoning By-law. A building permit is required prior to establishing a chicken coop on a lot.
- (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (e), a chicken coop shall be subject to a minimum side yard and rear yard setback of 3m (10 ft), and shall have a minimum separation distance of 10m (33 ft) from any existing dwelling on an adjacent lot and 30m (100 ft) from any existing well on the lot or adjacent lot. The owner of the chickens must reside on the same lot where the chickens are kept.
- (h) The keeping of male chickens ("roosters") is not permitted.
- (i) The owner shall keep chickens for personal use only, and not sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from the chickens.
- (j) A chicken coops hall be fully enclosed on all sides and have a roof and at least one door. Access doors must be shut at all times and locked at night in order to prevent the chickens from escaping. Any openings or vents shall be covered with predator and bird resistant wiring having openings no greater than 2.5 cm (1 inch).
- (k) The owner shall store manure on the lot within a fully sealed container no greater than 0.1 cubic meters (3.5 cubic feet) in area.
- (l) All stored food for the domesticated chickens must be kept either indoors or in a weather-resistant container designed to prevent access by animals.
- (m) Proper procedures for slaughtering, euthanizing or disposing of a chicken are the responsibilities of the owner.
- (n) No live poultry shall at any time be kept in a cellar or any part of any dwelling or any building used for continuous daily human occupation.
- (o) All urban chickens shall be registered with the By-law Enforcement Officer.
- (p) A letter of permission from the landowner for rental properties must be included with chicken registration, for renters of single family residences.



# KEEPING OF URBAN CHICKENS REQUEST FORM

In accordance with By-Law # 25-B Zoning By-Law, residential lots 540 square meters in size or larger may request the keeping of urban chickens.

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>					
Name	Telephone				
Street Address	Postal Code				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>I have read the excerpt of By-Law # 25-B Zoning By-Law, Section 3.40 Keeping of Urban Chickens.</b> By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the restrictions of the above By-law. Number of urban chickens allowable on the premises: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px; border-collapse: collapse; width: 60%;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Lot size 540 square meters to 1 acre (4047 square meters)</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Lot size greater than 1 acre (4047 square meters)</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">6+3</td> </tr> </table>		Lot size 540 square meters to 1 acre (4047 square meters)	6	Lot size greater than 1 acre (4047 square meters)	6+3
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Is there a chicken coop currently present on the property? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>					
Lot Size (in square meters)	# of Chickens Requested				
Signature of Applicant	Date Submitted				
<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>					
Comments					
Authorized Signature	Date				