

'COOP REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the City of Dawson Animal Control Bylaw, the following criteria must be met for a coop:

A Coop must include both a walled, roofed structure and an outdoor pen.

Any Coop must:

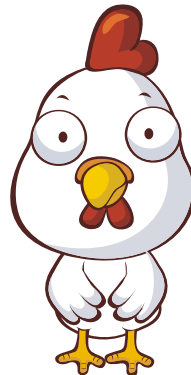
- 1) Be securely enclosed to prevent the escape of hens and the entrance of any other Animal;
- 2) Be no more than 10 m² in floor area;
- 3) Be no more than 2 m high;
- 4) Be no less than 1.5 m from any Parcel Line, Rear;
- 5) Be no less than 3.0 m from any Parcel Line, Exterior Side;
- 6) Be no less than 0.6 m from any Parcel Line, Interior Side;
- 7) Provide at least 0.37 m² of interior floor area per Hen
- 8) Provide at least 0.92 m² of outdoor pen area per Hen
- 9) Provide a floor of any combination of vegetated or bare earth in the outdoor pen area;
- 10) Provide at least one nest box and perch per Hen. Each perch must be at least 18 cm long; and
- 11) Conform to all other accessory structure regulations.



SOME MEASURES TO TAKE TO NOT ATTRACT WILDLIFE

- Clean coop daily
- Store hen feed indoors (example: in your house, shed or garage in a garbage can with a lid on).
- DO NOT leave hens in outdoor pen area. Hens should be placed in at night, in the interior coop with doors and windows closed in such a manner as to not allow predators to enter.
- Ensure you have proper ventilation.
- Keep hens inside coop at all times (Failing to do so is a violation of the Animal Control Bylaw).

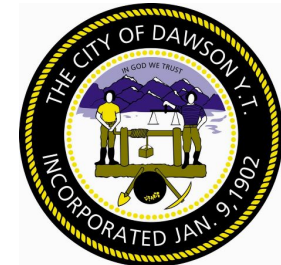
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CITY OF DAWSON BYLAW SERVICES

KEEPING OF HENS

What You Need
To Know



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HOW DO I GO ABOUT MAKING AN APPLICATION TO KEEP HENS ON MY PROPERTY?

- 1.) Prior to the keeping of hens on your property you will need to complete a Hen Permit Application (no fee).
- 2) Within 14 days of receipt of an application the Designated Officer shall review it and ensure that it is complete and meets all requirements.
- 3.) Despite any other provision of this Bylaw, the Designated Officer may refuse to approve an application and issue a permit, or may revoke an existing permit for a minimum of eighteen (18) months, if an applicant or a permit holder has:
 - (a) been convicted of cruelty to animals, or
 - (b) outstanding fines for more than one breach of this Bylaw, or
 - (c) equipment and/or Animals impounded, or
 - (d) multiple infractions of this Bylaw within a year.
- 4) The decision of the Designated Officer respecting the application is final and binding and shall not be subject to appeal.
- 5) Once coop is in place and prior to housing hens, an officer is required to inspect the coop prior to approving the hen permit.
- 6) Once the coop passes inspection, the officer will post an inspection certificate on the coop, which must be left in place for the permit to remain valid.

WHAT ARE THE REGULATIONS?

- A permit holder may not at any time keep a Rooster.

A person who keeps one or more hens must:

- provide a Coop which shall be constructed according to the requirements and specifications below;
- keep each Hen in the Coop at all times;
- keep Hens in their indoor Coop between 11PM and 7AM;
- provide each Hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, veterinary care, and opportunities for essential behaviors such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the hen in good health;
- maintain each Coop in good repair and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and obnoxious smells and substances;
- construct and maintain each Coop to prevent any rodent from harboring underneath or within it, or within its walls, and to prevent entrance by any other Animal;
- keep a food container and water container in each Coop;
- keep each Coop securely closed at all times;
- remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner;
- store manure within a fully enclosed structure, and store no more than three (3) cubic feet of manure at a time unless directed to remove and

dispose of such manure sooner by the Designated Officer;

- keep hens for personal use only, and not sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from hens;
- slaughter hens in an efficient and humane manner that does not subject them to avoidable discomfort; and
- not keep a Hen in a cage except when actively transporting the Hen off of the Property.

ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS

Bylaw Services will do a complete investigation on any complaints received under the Animal Control Bylaw concerning the keeping of hens. Should a permit holder be convicted of more than one violation for the keeping of hens, the permit may be revoked.

