



# THE CITY OF DAWSON

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## HEN PERMIT APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYSICAL ADDRESS-LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT(S) \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK \_\_\_\_\_ ESTATE \_\_\_\_\_  
CIVIC ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER INFORMATION

(Check Yes or No to each question)

	YES	NO	
I am the owner and reside on the property where the hens are to be located.			If no, application will not be approved.
My property is less than 0.81 ha (0.81 ha is approximately 2 acres)			If yes, you may have a maximum of 6 hens.
I agree to not have any roosters on my property.			If no, application will not be approved.
I will keep hens for personal use only, and not sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from hens.			If no, application will not be approved.
I agree to update the City with any change(s) to the information included in this application within 72 hours of the change(s).			If no, permit may be revoked.
I permit an Officer to enter onto my property on which the Coop is located for the purposes of inspecting the Coop.			If no, application will not be approved.
I have completed the diagram where the Coop is to be located on my property.			If no, please complete the diagram on the area provided on the back of this application form.
I have been provided with information on poultry biosecurity from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.			If no, please obtain copy of the hand out.
I have read and understand the City of Dawson information hand out relating to the keeping of hens within the City of Dawson.			If no, please obtain copy of the hand out.
I have read, understand, and will comply with the attached provisions of the Animal Control Bylaw that relate to the keeping of hens within the City of Dawson.			If no, permit may be revoked.

### DECLARATION

I hereby make application for a permit under the provisions of the Animal Control Bylaw and in accordance with the drawings and supporting information submitted and attached which form part of this application. I have reviewed all the information supplied to the City of Dawson with respect to an application for a permit and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I am granted the permit applied for, I will comply with all the laws and Bylaws now in force or which hereafter come in force in the City of Dawson or my permit will be revoked.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNED

**LOCATION OF COOP DIAGRAM**

AFTER REVIEWING THE HEN REGULATIONS HANDOUT INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE PROVIDE A DRAWING THAT SHOWS THE COOP LOCATION ON THE PROPERTY AND THE ASSOCIATED SETBACKS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW. ALSO INCLUDE THE LOCATION OF STREETS AND/OR AVENUES, A NORTH ARROW AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.

**LOT SIZE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

APPROVED: YES  NO  REASON(S) FOR DENIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVING OFFICER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## HEN REGULATIONS

### IT IS IMPORTANT TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM.

#### 1. General Regulations:

- a) A person must not keep hens except in a coop registered under this Bylaw.
- b) A maximum of six (6) hens may be kept on a lot that is smaller than 0.81 ha.
- c) A permit holder may not at any time keep a Rooster.
- d) A person shall not keep hens in an urban residential area of the City unless that person:
  - a. is the Owner of and resides on that same Property within the municipal limits of the City of Dawson
  - b. makes an application to the City in a format as determined by the Designated Officer;
  - c. acknowledges by written declaration that he has read, understands, and will follow the rules respecting the keeping of hens in the City which shall be included in an information hand-out provided by the Designated Officer; and
  - d. agrees in writing to update the City with any changes to the information included in the application within seventy-two (72) hours of such change, and
  - e. agrees in writing, in a form prescribed by the Designated Officer permitting an Officer to enter onto the Property on which the coop is to be located, for the purpose of inspecting the coop.
- e) 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
- f) An Officer has the power to demand information on hens within the municipal limits, the power to enter and inspect property, which shall include a coop, and the power to seize, impound, and destroy an animal which shall include a hen.

#### 2. Keeping of Hens and Coops :

- a) A person who keeps one or more hens must:
  - a. provide a coop which shall be constructed according to the requirements and specifications of the Animal Control Bylaw;
  - b. keep each hen in the coop at all times;
  - c. keep hens in their indoor coop between 11PM and 7AM
  - d. 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;
  - e. maintain each coop in good repair and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and obnoxious smells and substances;
  - f. 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;
  - g. keep a food container and water container in each coop;
  - h. keep each coop securely closed at all times;
  - i. remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner;
  - j. 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;
  - k. keep hens for personal use only, and not sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from hens;
  - l. slaughter hens in an efficient and humane manner that does not subject them to avoidable discomfort; and
  - m. not keep a hen in a cage except when actively transporting the hen off the property.

#### 3. Coop and Site Requirements:

- a) A coop must include both a walled, roofed structure and an outdoor pen. Any coop must:
  - a. be securely enclosed to prevent the escape of hens and the entrance of any other Animal;
  - b. be no more than 10 m<sup>2</sup> in floor area;
  - c. be no more than 2 m high;
  - d. be no less than 1.5 m from any Parcel Line, Rear;
  - e. be no less than 3.0 m from any Parcel Line, Exterior Side;
  - f. be no less than 0.6 m from any Parcel Line, Interior Side;
  - g. provide at least 0.37 m<sup>2</sup> of interior floor area per Hen;
  - h. provide at least 0.92 m<sup>2</sup> of outdoor pen area per Hen;
  - i. provide a floor of any combination of vegetated or bare earth in the outdoor pen area;
  - j. provide at least one nest box and perch per Hen. Each perch must be at least 18 cm long; and
  - k. conform to all other accessory structure regulations.