

## Backyard Hen Application

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident
Full Name	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>			
Address	<i>Street Name and Number</i>			<i>PO Box</i>	
Apartment/Unit #	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>Province</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>		
Cell Phone:		Business Phone:			
Email Address:		Fax Number:			

**Property Owner Information (Please leave blank if information is same as above)**

Full Name	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>			
Address	<i>Street Name and Number</i>				
Apartment/Unit #	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>Province</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>		
Cell Phone:		Email Address:			

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (ensure all items below are included in the application package)**

Completed Application	
Application Fee \$100	
Letter of permission from the owner of the property where the hens will be kept (not required if owner is the applicant).	
Site Plan (include location of the coop, run, and any other accessory structures, showing dimensions and setbacks).	
Location of the property where hens will be kept: _____	
Number of hens to be kept on the property: _____	

**Applicant(s)/owner(s) declaration**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ being the registered owner(s) of the subject property located at \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly declare that:

1. I/We understand and acknowledge that submission of the application under By-law 2020-085 as amended, being a by-law to prohibit or regulate the keeping and licensing of animals and does not guarantee that a licence will be issued under the by-law, and that the licences will not be issued until all requirements of the by-law are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Manager, By-law Enforcement Services.
2. As of the date of this application, I/we have examined the contents of this application insofar as I/we have knowledge of these facts, and I/we concur with the submission of this application to the municipality.
3. I/we have reviewed the following documents:
  - "Bird Health Basics" by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency;
  - OMAFRA fact sheet titled "Biosecurity Recommendations for Small Flock Poultry Owners";
  - OMAFRA fact sheet titled "Small Flock Poultry: Raising Healthy Birds";
  - OMAFRA fact sheet titled "Rodent Control in Livestock and Poultry Facilities; and

- Reviewed the OMAFRA fact sheet titled “Keeping your family healthy with backyard poultry, including chicks and ducklings.
4. All the above statements are true and I make solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

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Applicant Signature

Date

### **Education Materials**

#### **Regulations Regarding the Keeping of Backyard Chickens**

- No Person shall Keep more than four (4) Hens on a lot in any zone, except in a rural zone;
- The applicant or licensee must reside on the property where the Hens are kept;
- Hen coops shall only be permitted in the rear yard;
- Hen coops and Hen runs shall be maintained in a Sanitary Condition and the coop shall be kept free of obnoxious odours, substances, and vermin;
- Every Hen owner shall ensure that the enclosure is located no less than three (3) metres from any dwelling, shop, or apartment building, and no less than two (2) metres from any adjoining property line;
- Hens must be kept in a locked Hen enclosure from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.;
- Hens must be at least 4 months old when acquired;
- The sale of eggs, manure and other products associated with the keeping of Hens are prohibited.
- Any leftover feed and manure shall be removed;
- Stored manure shall be kept in an enclosed structure or container such as a compost bin, stored no less than one (1) metre from any adjoining property line and no more than three (3) cubic feet shall be stored at any one time. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed;
- Maximum of one (1) Hen coop, and one (1) outdoor run shall be permitted;
- A hen enclosure shall be a maximum ground floor of 9.0 m<sup>2</sup>;
- Hen coops shall be at least 0.37 m<sup>2</sup> of floor area per hen, along with a minimum of 0.93 m<sup>2</sup> per Hen for the Hen run;
- Hen coops and Hen runs shall not exceed 3 m in height;
- No Person shall Keep a rooster in any residential zone;
- Home slaughter of Hens is prohibited in a residential zone;
- Deceased Hens shall be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility or through the services of a veterinarian;
- Hens shall be confined to an enclosed Hen coop or Hen run at all times. The free roaming of Hens on the property is prohibited;
- Hen coops shall have adequate ventilation and shall be weather and predator proof;
- Hens shall be provided with appropriate food, water, space and environmental conditions conducive to good health and the opportunity to socialize and engage in fundamental behaviours such as scratching, roosting and dust bathing;
- Feeders and water containers shall be provided and cleaned regularly and disinfected; and
- Feed shall be stored in rodent proof containers and secured at all times to prevent rodents and other animals from accessing it.