

**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD**  
**BYLAW NO. 992, 2022**  
**A BYLAW TO PERMIT BACKYARD HENS AND BEEKEEPING IN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD**

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Greenwood, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**INTERPRETATION**

**1. Definitions:**

“Abandon” means to leave without intent to return; to desert.

“Animal” means any mammal, bird, reptile or insect.

“Animal Control Officer” means the Bylaw Enforcement Officer or any persons or company appointed by Council to ensure compliance with this Bylaw.

“Apiculture” means the keeping and management of honeybees (apis mellifera).

“Backyard Hens” means the keeping of five to ten hens on private property for hobby and personal (not commercial) purposes.

“Backyard Beekeeping” means the keeping of up to three beehives on private property for hobby and personal (not commercial) purposes.

“Bees” shall mean a domestic honey producing bee (from the genus Apis of the family Apidae).

“Beehive” means a structure which houses a colony of worker-bees with a queen and drones, and must be kept within a secure enclosure.

“City” means the City of Greenwood.

“Chicken Coop” means an accessory building designed and built for use by hens.

“Council” means the Council of the Corporation of the City of Greenwood.

“Hen” shall mean a domesticated female chicken that is at least four (4) months old.

“Lot” of “Lots” means the smallest unit in which the land is designated as a separate and distinct parcel on a legally recorded plan or description filed in the Land Title Office.

“Rear Yard” means the area of a lot between the principal building and the rear lot line, extending across the full width of the lot.

“Rodents” means members of the order Rodentia including but not limited to mice and rats.

“Run at Large” means any animal is not under control, other than: 1) contained on the property of its Owner or another person who has care and control of the animal; or 2) confined within a secure enclosure.

“Secure Enclosure” means a fence or structure capable of preventing the entry of a child under the age of eight (8) years, and adequately constructed to: prevent the animal from escaping, and to prevent access by wildlife.

“Vermin” includes fleas, lice, worms and other parasitic insects and animals.

“Zone” or “Zones” shall have the same meaning and classification as contained and identified in the Zoning Bylaw.

“Zoning Bylaw” means the City of Greenwood Zoning Bylaw No. 683, 1997 and amendments thereto, or in the case of repeal, its successor bylaw.

## 2. Regulations

- a. Backyard Hens and Backyard Beekeeping is permitted:

In the following Zones:

Residential 1 Zone (Single and Two Family)  
Residential 2 Zone (Mobile Home Subdivision)  
Residential 3 Zone (Multiple Family)  
Residential 3A Zone (Multiple Family Residential)

- b. The maximum number of hens and beehives permitted per lot is:
- i) On lots with a minimum area of at least 465 square meters (5,000 square feet), the maximum number of hens is five (5) and the maximum number of beehives is two (2);
  - ii) On lots with a minimum area of at least 929 square meters (10,000 square feet), the maximum number of hens is ten (10) and the maximum number of beehives is three (3).
- c. Property owners must live on the property where they keep their backyard hens and/or beehives.
- d. Property owners must register their hens and beehives with the City of Greenwood.
- e. Hens and beehives must be kept in secure enclosures in the rear yard. Hens are not permitted to run at large.
- f. Hens and beehives must not be abandoned.
- g. Secure enclosures (including chicken coops and accessory buildings used to shelter or house hens and beehives) must be at least 15 meters (50 feet) from any front lot line, 4.5 meters (15 feet) from any side or rear lot line, and 30 meters (100 feet) from any water well or body of water (creeks, streams, or reservoirs).
- h. Enclosures and accessory buildings must be kept in good repair, in sanitary condition and free of vermin and rodents to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer.

- i. Slaughtering of hens is not permitted on the property. Property owners are responsible for the humane and sanitary disposal of hens.
- j. Hens and bees must be provided with adequate food, water, shelter light and ventilation and veterinary care.
- k. Leftover feed and manure must be removed from secure enclosures, chicken coops and accessory buildings to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer.
- l. Beehives must be maintained in such a condition so as to reasonably prevent swarming or aggressive behaviour by said bees. Bees (including new break-off colonies, or re-queened colonies) may need to be removed from the property if they swarm, show signs of aggressive behaviour or form new colonies outside of the established beehives.
- m. Backyard Hens and Backyard Beekeeping must comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal regulations.

### 3. Citation

This bylaw may be cited as the City of Greenwood “Bylaw No. 992, 2022 – Backyard Hens and Beekeeping Bylaw”.

### 4. Effective Date

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect and be binding on all persons upon adoption.

Read a First Time this

Read a Second Time this

Read a Third Time this

Adopted by Council this

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Mayor

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 992, 2022

On the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Corporate Officer