

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD
BYLAW NO. 1003, 2023
A BYLAW TO PERMIT BACKYARD HENS 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 Officer or any persons or company appointed by Council to ensure compliance with this Bylaw.

“Backyard Hens” means the keeping of up to five to ten hens on private property for hobby and personal (non-commercial) purposes.

“City” means the City of Greenwood.

“Chicken Coop” means a covered accessory building designed and built to house 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” or “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.

“Rooster” means a domesticated male chicken.

“Run at Large” means any animal that 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, adequately constructed to prevent animals from escaping, and secured to prevent access by wildlife.

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

“Wildlife” means any undomesticated free-ranging animal.

“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. The keeping of Backyard Hens must comply with all applicable municipal, provincial, and federal regulations.

b. Backyard Hens are 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)

c. The maximum number of hens 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);

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).

d. Property owners must live on the property where they keep their backyard hens.

e. Property owners must register their backyard hens with the City of Greenwood.

f. Hens must be kept in secure enclosures in the rear yard. Hens are not permitted to run at large.

g. Hens must not be abandoned.

h. Secure enclosures (including chicken coops and accessory buildings used to shelter or house hens) 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).

i. 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.

j. Coops must provide a minimum of 0.4 square meters (4.3 square feet) in floor area per hen, must be a minimum of 0.92 meters in height, and must include a nesting box and perch per hen.

k. Slaughtering of hens is not permitted on the property. Property owners are responsible for the humane and sanitary disposal of hens.

- l. Hens must be provided with adequate food, water, shelter, light, ventilation and veterinary care.
- m. All feed that is stored outdoors must be secured to prevent access from wildlife.
- n. Leftover feed and manure must be removed from secure enclosures, chicken coops and accessory buildings to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer.
- o. Roosters are prohibited.

3. Offences and Penalties

Any person who violates a provision of this Bylaw, or consents, allows or permits an act or thing to be done in violation of a provision of this Bylaw, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by a provision of this Bylaw, is guilty of an offence and is liable to the penalties imposed under this Bylaw, and is guilty of a separate offence each day that violation continues to exist, as outlined in the attached Schedule "A".

4. Citation

This bylaw may be cited as the City of Greenwood "Bylaw No. 1003, 2023 – Backyard Hens Bylaw".

5. Effective Date

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

Read a First Time this 23rd day of January, 2023

Read a Second Time this 23rd day of January, 2023

Read a Third Time this 23rd day of January, 2023


Adopted by Council this 13th day of February, 2023



Mayor

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 1003, 2023

On the 22 day of February, 2023.



Corporate Officer

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SCHEDULE "A" OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

OFFENCE	BYLAW SECTION	PENALTY
(short form description – please see corresponding bylaw section for additional details)		
Unpermitted Zoning	2. b.	\$100.00
Maximum Number Exceeded	2. c.	\$100.00
Failure to Register	2. e.	\$100.00
Unsecured Animals	2. f.	\$150.00
Abandoned Animals	2. g.	\$150.00
Failure to Meet Setback Requirements	2. h.	\$100.00
Inadequate Coops	2. i. / j.	\$150.00
Slaughter On-site or Improper Disposal of Carcass	2. k.	\$150.00
Inadequate Care of Hens	2. l.	\$200.00
Unsecured Feed	2. m.	\$150.00
Removal of Leftover Feed and Manure	2. n.	\$150.00
Keeping Roosters	2. o.	\$100.00