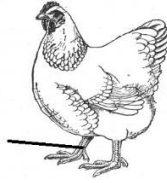


VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE



Urban Hen Pilot Project 2019

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **Site Requirements**
 - Property on which the hens will be kept contains a detached or semi-detached dwelling.
 - Hen owners must reside on the property which the hens will be kept.
 - Hens are kept for personal use only.
 - Coop sites should take into consideration backyard locations that would minimize the impact to adjacent neighbours (i.e. away from bedroom windows, furthest point from building, etc.) and located no less than 1.0 meters from the side and rear boundaries.
 - Hen owners must provide proof of support from abutting neighbours. (as per the attached form)

- **Number of Hens and Coop Size**
 - The maximum number of residential properties where hens are allowed under this pilot project is 6.
 - Size of brood is limited to a maximum of 6 hens.
 - **Roosters are NOT permitted.**
 - Hens must be contained within a hen coop and may have an enclosed outer area. A minimum of 0.37 square meters per hen is required for the coop. The coop must have sufficient ventilation, perch locations, and be weather and predator proof.

- **Conditions**
 - All hens must remain within their coop and enclosed outer area unless directly supervised, in which case they must stay on the licensed property.
 - The site and hen coop must be properly maintained to prevent nuisances; including but not limited to attracting predators, excessive smells or noise.

- **Standard of Care**
 - Hen sites shall adhere to good management and husbandry practices; maintain hens in such a condition so as to prevent disease, distress, and welfare issues.
 - Hens require appropriate food, water, shelter, light, warmth and ventilation. As well as veterinary care and opportunities for essential behaviors such as scratching, pecking, dust bathing and roosting in order to be comfortable and healthy.
 - Enforcement services must be notified immediately of any disease or welfare issues that may affect the public and be informed of the steps taken to rectify the situation.

- **Waste & Disposal**
 - Hen owners must ensure the coop and enclosed area is cleaned and the manure is properly disposed of in order to prevent a nuisance.
 - Deceased hens must be properly disposed of by sending to an abattoir, farm or designated veterinarian, or double bagged for disposal in the Village Garbage.
 - There is to be no on-site slaughter or euthanizing of hens within the Village limits.
 - Enforcement Services must be notified of any change in brood size.

- **Inspections**
 - The Owner shall make themselves and the coop available for inspection on reasonable request from enforcement services.

- **Registration**
 - The Owner must comply with all Provincial regulations around the keeping of hens.
 - The Province of Alberta requires all owners of poultry - including small urban flocks to register their flocks into the provincial database and obtain a Premise Identification (PID) Number. The PID enables the province to keep track of livestock site locations in case of potential disease outbreak. The Province will maintain communication with site owners should any information or incidents occur that would require site owners to take action.
 - The Owner will subject to an annual animal license renewal for their flock and coop.
 - Proof of PID number is required by the Village as part of the registration.
 - There will be no license fee at the time of this Pilot Project. The Owner understands that if the Village should chose to implement a full Urban Hen bylaw, the owner would then be required to pay the annual license fee chosen by the Village.

- **Enforcement**
 - All public complaints made in writing to the Village Office will be directed to animal enforcement.
 - Animal enforcement will respond to complaints and initiate investigations when warranted.
 - Failing to comply with the guidelines of the Urban Hen Pilot project, and Provincial regulations will result in a fine of **\$250.00**, and/or a license being revoked.
 - Egg production is for self-consumption. No sale of eggs is permitted.