

TOWN OF RIMBEY

BYLAW COMMITTEE AGENDA

AGENDA FOR BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RIMBEY TO BE HELD
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2020 AT 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE:

LOG IN:

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Meeting ID: 822 9738 7028

Passcode: 738636

1	Call to Order & Record of Attendance	
2.	Agenda Approval and Additions	1
3.	Minutes	
3.1	Minutes of November 17, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting	2-5
4.	New and Unfinished Business	
4.1	Urban Hens	6-30
5.	Adjournment	



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Bylaw Committee Agenda Item	3.1
Bylaw Committee Meeting Date	December 1, 2020
Subject	Minutes of November 17, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting
For Public Agenda	Public Information
Attachments	Minutes of November 17, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting
Recommendation	To accept the Minutes of November 17, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting, as presented.

Prepared By:

Kathy Blakely
Kathy Blakely
Recording Secretary

November 26, 2020
Date

Endorsed By:

Gayle Rondeel
Gayle Rondeel
Chairperson

November 26, 2020
Date

TOWN OF RIMBEY

BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RIMBEY HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AT 3:00 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE.

LOG IN:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87090613174?pwd=azROUHI4NFNkS0Y0ZW44eHNnb05nQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 9061 3174, Passcode: 410208

- 1 Call to Order Chairperson Rondeel called the Bylaw Committee Meeting to order at 2:58 pm with the following in attendance:

Chairperson Gayle Rondeel
Councillor Lana Curle
Deputy Chair Janet Carlson
Committee Member Connor Ibbotson
Chief Administrative Officer - Lori Hillis
Recording Secretary – Kathy Blakely

Public

Jim deBoon – Animal Control Services
Morgan deBoon, General Manager, at Klassic Kennels
Mackenzie deBoon, Executive Director at Paws and Claws Animal Rescue Foundation

2. Adoption of 2.1 November 17, 2020 Agenda
Agenda

Motion 2020BC017

Moved by Committee Member Connor Ibbotson to accept the agenda for the November 17, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting as presented.

In Favor

Chairperson Gayle Rondeel
Councillor Lana Curle
Deputy Chairperson Janet Carlson
Committee Member Connor Ibbotson

Opposed

CARRIED

3. Minutes 3.1 Minutes of November 03, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting

Motion 2020BC018

Moved by Deputy Chairperson Janet Carlson to accept the Minutes of the November 03, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting, as presented.

In Favor

Opposed

Chairperson Gayle Rondeel
Councillor Lana Curle
Deputy Chairperson Janet Carlson
Committee Member Connor Ibbotson

CARRIED

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1 Delegation – Jim DeBoon – Animal Control Services

Motion 2020BC019

Moved by Councillor Lana Curle to accept the presentation from Jim DeBoon of Animal Control Services, Morgan deBoon, General Manager, at Klassic Kennels Mackenzie deBoon, and Executive Director at Paws and Claws Animal Rescue Foundation, as presented.

In Favor

Opposed

Chairperson Gayle Rondeel
Councillor Lana Curle
Deputy Chairperson Janet Carlson
Committee Member Connor Ibbotson

CARRIED

4.2 961/20 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review of Suggested Text Amendments

Motion 2020BC020

Moved by Chairperson Gayle Rondell to forward the list of proposed text amendments for 961/20 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw and the proposed marked up 961/20 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw to Council for their consideration.

In Favor

Opposed

Chairperson Gayle Rondeel
Councillor Lana Curle
Deputy Chairperson Janet Carlson
Committee Member Connor Ibbotson

CARRIED

5. Adjournment 5.1 Adjournment

Motion 2020BC021

Moved by Councillor Lana Curle to adjourn the Bylaw Committee Meeting at 3:43 pm.

In Favor

Chairperson Gayle Rondeel
Councillor Lana Curle
Deputy Chairperson Janet Carlson
Committee Member Connor Ibbotson

Opposed

CARRIED

Chairperson Councillor Rondeel

Deputy Chairperson Janet Carlson



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Bylaw Committee Agenda Item	4.1
Bylaw Committee Meeting Date	December 01, 2020
Subject	Urban Hens
For Public Agenda	Public Information
Information	Chairperson Rondeel investigated information regarding urban chickens.
Attachment	Bylaw 24-17 – Town of Okotoks Urban Chicken Licenses – City of Red Deer Bylaw 770-20 Town of Eckville Draft Town of Rimbey Urban Hen Bylaw
Prepared By: <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Kathy Blakely</i></u> Kathy Blakely Recording Secretary</p>	
<u>November 26, 2020</u> Date	
Endorsed By: <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Gayle Rondeel</i></u> Gayle Rondeel Chairperson</p>	
<u>November 26, 2020</u> Date	

BYLAW 24-17

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN URBAN AREAS

WHEREAS pursuant to provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, Council may pass a bylaw for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people, the protection of people and property, wild and domestic animals, and certain activities in relation to them; and

WHEREAS pursuant to provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, Council has the authority to provide for a system of licences, permits and approvals; and

WHEREAS Council deems it desirable to regulate and licence the keeping of chickens in urban areas of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Okotoks enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This bylaw may be known as the "Urban Hen Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 2.1 **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town appointed by Council, or designate;
- 2.2 **coop** means a fully enclosed weather proof structure and attached outdoor enclosure used for the keeping of urban hens, that is no larger than 10m² (107.63 ft.²) in floor area, and no more than 2m (6.56 ft.) in height;
- 2.3 **Council** means the Council of the Town of Okotoks;
- 2.4 **hen** means a domesticated female chicken;
- 2.5 **outdoor enclosure** means a securely enclosed, roofed outdoor area attached to and forming part of a coop having a bare earth or vegetated floor for urban hens to roam;

2.6 **Peace Officer** means:

- a) a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- b) a Community Peace Officer as appointed by the Solicitor General of Alberta;
- c) a Bylaw Enforcement Officer as appointed by the Town to enforce bylaws of the Town;

2.7 **rooster** means a domesticated male chicken;

2.8 **sell** means to exchange or deliver for money or its equivalent;

2.9 **Town** means the Town of Okotoks, a municipal corporation in the Province of Alberta, and where the context so requires, means the area of land within the corporate boundaries thereof;

2.10 **urban area** means lands located within the Town on which agricultural operations, including but not limited to the keeping of livestock, are neither a permitted or discretionary use under Bylaws of the Town;

2.11 **urban hen** means a hen that is at least sixteen (16) weeks of age;

2.12 **urban hen licence** means a licence issued pursuant to this bylaw which authorizes the licence holder to keep urban hens on a specific property within the Town.

2.13 **violation tag** means a notice or tag in the form as approved by the CAO, issued by the Town, allowing a voluntary payment option of a fine established under this Bylaw;

2.14 **violation ticket** means a ticket issued pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter P-34 and any amendments or regulations thereto.

3. PROHIBITIONS

3.1 No person in an urban area shall keep:

- a) a rooster; or
- b) a hen, other than an urban hen for which a valid urban hen licence has been issued.

4. URBAN HEN LICENCES

4.1 The maximum number of urban hen licences that may be issued in the Town shall be one urban hen licence per one thousand five hundred (1500) persons based on the population of the Town as determined by the most recent census.

- 4.2 A person may keep up to four (4) urban hens by:
- a) submitting a completed urban hen licence application on forms approved by the CAO; and
 - b) paying an annual urban hen licence fee as set out in the Town of Okotoks Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw 09-16.
- 4.3 Urban hen licences are valid for the period of January 1 to December 31 of the year in which it is issued and must be renewed annually prior to January 31 of each subsequent year.
- 4.4 Urban hen licence fees shall not be reduced or prorated no matter the month of purchase.
- 4.5 Urban hen licence fees shall not be refunded or rebated.
- 4.6 An urban hen licence is not transferable from one person to another.
- 4.7 An urban hen licence is not transferable from one property to another except:
- a) when a licence holder has moved to a new property within the Town, then:
 - i. the licence holder may apply to transfer the licence; and
 - ii. an inspection of the new property must be carried out to determine the licence holder is still able to meet all requirements for an urban hen licence as set out in this Bylaw at such property.
- 4.8 A person to whom an urban hen licence has been issued shall produce the licence upon the demand of a Peace Officer.
- 4.9 An urban hen licence may be issued or renewed if the CAO is satisfied that:
- a) the applicant is the owner of the property on which the urban hens will be kept; or that the owner of the property has provided written consent to the applicant;
 - b) the land use designation of the property on which the urban hens will be kept allows the placement of a coop for the keeping of urban hens;
 - c) the applicant resides on the property on which the urban hens will be kept;
 - d) all required information has been provided;
 - e) the applicant has taken a course on the safe handling of hens and eggs;
 - f) the applicable licence fee has been paid; and
 - g) the applicant has complied with all other Provincial and Federal Regulations for the keeping of chickens.
- 4.10 An urban hen licence may be revoked or may not be renewed by the CAO if:
- a) the applicant or licence holder does not meet or no longer meets the requirements for an urban hen licence as set out in this Bylaw;
 - b) the applicant or licence holder furnishes false information or misrepresents any

- fact or circumstance required pursuant to this Bylaw;
- c) the applicant or licence holder has, in the opinion of the CAO, based on reasonable grounds, contravened any part of this Bylaw whether or not the contravention has been prosecuted;
- d) the applicant or licence holder fails to pay a fine imposed by a court for a contravention of this Bylaw or any other applicable Bylaw related to the keeping of livestock;
- e) the applicant or licence holder fails to pay any fee required by this Bylaw or any other applicable legislation; or
- f) in the opinion of the CAO, based on reasonable grounds, it is in the public interest to do so.

4.11 If the CAO revokes, or refuses to issue or renew an urban hen licence, the applicant may appeal the decision to Council, in accordance with Town Bylaws.

5. KEEPING OF URBAN HENS

5.1 A person who keeps urban hens must:

- a) provide each urban hen with at least 0.37m² (3.98 ft.²) of interior floor area, and at least 0.92m² (9.9 ft.²) of outdoor enclosure, within the coop;
- b) ensure that each coop is:
 - i. located in the rear yard of the property;
 - ii. a minimum 3.0m (9.84 ft.) from a dwelling;
 - iii. a minimum 1m (3.28 ft.) from any lot line;
 - iv. a minimum 3.6m (11.81 ft.) from any street adjacent to the property; and
 - v. at grade level, no more than 2m (6.56 ft.) in height;
- c) provide and maintain, in the coop, at least one nest box per coop and one perch per urban hen that is at least 15cm (5.90 in) long;
- d) keep each urban hen in the coop at all times;
- e) provide each urban hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the urban hen in good health;
- f) maintain the coop in good repair and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and noxious or offensive smells and substances;
- g) construct and maintain the coop to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath, within, or within its walls, and to prevent entrance by any other animal;
- h) keep a food container and water container in the coop;
- i) keep the coop secured at all times;
- j) remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner;
- k) store feed within a fully enclosed container;
- l) store manure within a fully enclosed container, and store no more than 85 litres (3 cubic feet) of manure at any time;
- m) remove all other manure not used for composting or fertilizing and dispose of such in accordance with Town Bylaws;
- n) follow biosecurity procedures outlined by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to reduce potential for disease outbreak; and

- o) keep urban hens for personal use only.

5.2 No person who keeps urban hens shall:

- a) sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from an urban hen;
- b) slaughter any urban hen on the property;
- c) dispose of an urban hen except by delivering it to a farm, abattoir, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of such; and
- d) keep an urban hen in a cage, kennel, or any other form of shelter other than a coop.

6. AUTHORITY OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

6.1 Without restricting any other power, duty, or function granted by the Urban Hen Bylaw, the Chief Administrative Officer may:

- a) carry out any inspections to determine compliance with the Urban Hen Bylaw;
- b) take any steps or carry out any actions required to enforce the Urban Hen Bylaw;
- c) take any steps or carry out any actions required to remedy a contravention of the Urban Hen Bylaw;
- d) establish forms for the purposes of the Urban Hen Bylaw; and
- e) delegate any powers, duties, or functions under the Urban Hen Bylaw to a Town employee

7. PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 No person shall willfully obstruct, hinder or interfere with a Peace Officer or any other person authorized to enforce and engaged in the enforcement of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 7.2 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year, or both.
- 7.3 Where there is a specified penalty listed for an offence in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw, that amount is the minimum specified penalty for the offence.
- 7.4 Where a person contravenes the same provision of this Bylaw two (2) or more times within one twelve (12) month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the second or subsequent contravention shall be the amount stated in Schedule "A" for such offences.

- 7.5 In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a **contravention** constitutes a separate **offence** in respect of each day or part of a day on which it continues.
- 7.6 The **levying** and payment of any fine or the imprisonment for any period **provided** in this **Bylaw** shall not relieve a person from the **necessity** of paying any **fees**, charges or costs from which that person is liable under the provisions of this **Bylaw** or any other bylaw.
- 7.7 Any **Peace Officer** who has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that any person has **contravened** any provision of this **Bylaw** may issue and serve:
- a) a violation **tag** allowing a payment of the specified penalty **to the Town**; or
 - b) a violation **ticket** allowing payment according to the provisions **of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter P-34 and amendments thereto.**
- 7.8 **Service** of a violation tag will be sufficient if it is:
- a) personally served; or
 - b) served by **regular mail** to the person's last **known mailing address.**
- 7.9 If a violation ticket is issued in respect to an **offence**, the violation ticket may:
- a) specify the fine amount established by this **Bylaw** for the **offence**; or
 - b) **require** a person to appear in **court** without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.
- 7.10 A person **who** commits an **offence** may:
- a) if a violation ticket is issued in respect of the **offence**; and
 - b) if the violation ticket specified the **fine amount** established by this **Bylaw** for the **offence**;

make a voluntary payment equal to the specified fine by delivering the violation ticket and the specified fine **to** the provincial courthouse specified on the violation ticket.

8. SEVERABILITY

- 8.1 It is the intention **of Council** that each **separate provision** of this **Bylaw** shall be **deemed** independent of all other provisions herein and it is the **further intention** of Council that if any **provision** of this **Bylaw** is declared invalid, all **other provisions** hereof shall remain valid and **enforceable.**

9. GENERAL

9.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw by:

- a) doing any act or thing which the person is prohibited from doing; or
- b) failing to do any act or thing the person is required to do;

is guilty of an offence and any offence created pursuant to this Bylaw is a strict liability offence for the purposes of prosecution under this Bylaw.

9.2 Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw(s), or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or licence.

9.3 Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.

9.4 This Bylaw is gender-neutral and, accordingly, any reference to one gender includes the other.

9.5 Schedule "A" shall form a part of this Bylaw and may, from time to time, be amended.

9.6 No provision of this Bylaw or any action taken pursuant to any provision of this Bylaw shall restrict, limit, prevent or preclude the Town from pursuing any other remedy in relation to a premises as provided by the *Municipal Government Act*, or any other law of the Province of Alberta.

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading,

READ A FIRST TIME this 17th day of July, 2017.

READ A SECOND TIME this 21st day of August, 2017.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 21st day of August, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule "A"

SECTION	OFFENCE	PENALTY 1 st Offence	PENALTY 2 nd & Subsequent
3.1 a)	Keep a rooster	\$250	\$500
3.1 b)	Keep an unlicensed urban hen	\$250	\$500
4.3	Fail to renew urban hen licence	\$250	\$500
4.6	Transfer urban hen licence	\$250	\$500
4.7	Fail to produce urban hen licence upon demand	\$250	\$500
5.1 a)	Fail to provide adequate coop space for number of hens	\$250	\$500
5.1 b)	Coop improperly located	\$250	\$500
5.1 c)	Fail to provide nest box or perch per urban hen	\$250	\$500
5.1 d)	Allow urban hen to be outside coop	\$250	\$500
5.1 e)	Fail to adequately provide for essential hen behaviour	\$250	\$500
5.1 f)	Fail to maintain coop to prevent odors	\$250	\$500
5.1 g)	Fail to prevent rodents/animals from entering coop	\$250	\$500
5.1 h)	Fail to keep food and water in coop	\$250	\$500
5.1 i)	Fail to keep coop secured	\$250	\$500
5.1 j)	Fail to remove waste in timely manner	\$250	\$500
5.1 k)	Fail to properly store feed	\$250	\$500
5.1 l)	Fail to properly store manure	\$250	\$500
5.1 m)	Fail to properly dispose of manure	\$250	\$500
5.1 n)	Fail to follow biosecurity procedures	\$250	\$500
5.1 o)	Keep urban hens for other than personal use	\$250	\$500
5.2 a)	Sell products derived from urban hens	\$250	\$500
5.2 b)	Slaughter urban hen on property	\$250	\$500
5.2 c)	Unlawfully dispose of urban hen	\$250	\$500
5.2 d)	Keep urban hen in other form of shelter other than coop	\$250	\$500

- [Home](#)
- [City Services](#)
- [Licences](#)
- [Animal Licences](#)
- Urban Chicken Licences

Urban Chicken Licences

A chicken licence is required to keep chickens on your property.



What is an Urban Chicken?

An urban chicken is a hen that is at least 16 weeks of age kept in an urban area within the city of Red Deer.

What do I need to know before I apply for an Urban Chicken Licence?

You must apply for an Urban Chicken Licence and have it approved before you can start keeping chickens on your property. If your application is approved, you must pay a licence fee and renew the licence annually.

Please note:

- Hens only. No roosters are allowed.
- Licences are issued for a specific property and are non-transferable.
- A maximum of 4 chickens are allowed.
- There is a maximum number of licenses we can issue based on population growth.

Please refer to the Chicken Bylaw found on our [Bylaws](#) page to learn about the rules and regulations.

To Apply:

- Fill out the [Urban Chicken Application \(pdf\)](#)
- If you are not the owner of the property, a Letter of Authorization is required from the registered property owner.
- Bring application and any other required documentation to Inspections and Licensing on the third floor, City Hall, or email it to licensing@reddeer.ca.

More information and resources

For Provincial and Federal information and regulations, please visit:

- [Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development](#)
- [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)
- [Premises Identification \(PID\)](#)

A local group called CLUCK Red Deer (Canadian Liberated Urban Chicken Klub) is a good place to get more information on how to keep urban chickens. They offer courses, coop tours and information to residents interested in learning more.

Website: <http://cluckreddeer.blogspot.ca/>

Email: cluck.reddeer@gmail.com

CHICKEN LICENSE APPLICATION

Chicken Licenses are effective from January 1 to December 31, and are required to be renewed annually

(Applicant must be 18 years of age or older)

PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Number Of Chickens At This Location: (Max. 4) _____

Circle One:

Owner

Tenant**

**if tenant, a letter of authorization is required from the registered property owner, along with this application form

Further information regarding other regulations can be obtained by contacting The City Inspections & Licensing Department at 403-342-8182. The granting of this license shall in no way relieve the owner from complying with the requirements of City of Red Deer bylaw 3517/2014, *Chicken Bylaw*, or any other bylaws of the City of Red Deer, or other Provincial or Federal Statutes or Regulations in force.

I acknowledge that I am required to apply for a Premises Identification Number through Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

I certify that I will abide by all regulations after I have received my License, knowing that failure to comply may result in cancellation of the Chicken License.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Any personal information on this form is collected under the authority of section 33 (c) the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act for the purpose of issuing chicken licenses, and for monitoring and animal control purposes. If you have any questions about the collection, use and protection of this information please contact the Inspections & Licensing Department at (403) 342-8190, 4914 – 48 Avenue, Red Deer.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date: YYYY/MM/DD

Account No.

A Bylaw of the Town of Eckville in the Province of Alberta to Regulate the Keeping of Urban Hens in Urban Areas Within the Town of Eckville.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto (the "Act"), a council of a municipality has the authority to regulate or prohibit certain activities for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; wild and domestic animals, and activities in relation to them;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto (the "Act") a council of municipality may in a bylaw, regulate, or prohibit and to provide for a system of licenses, permits and approvals;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to assess the viability of keeping Urban Hens within the Town;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Eckville, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1.0 TITLE

1.1 This bylaw may be called the "**Urban Hen Bylaw**"

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 For the purpose of this bylaw:

- a) **Abattoir**: means a facility where animals are slaughtered for consumption as food for humans.
- b) **Coop**: means a fully enclosed, weather-proof structure, and attached outdoor enclosure used for the keeping of Urban Hens.
- c) **Chief Administrative Officer**: means a person appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Eckville or designate.

- d) **Council:** means the Council of the Town of Eckville.
- e) **Communicable Disease:** means any disease or illness that may be transferred from an Animal to another Animal, or a human through direct or indirect contact.
- f) **Hen:** means a domesticated female chicken.
- g) **Hen House:** means an enclosed structure that houses Urban Hens at night and includes a secure place for Urban Hens to lay eggs and eat.
- h) **Licensee:** means a Person named on an Urban Hen License.
- i) **Municipal Enforcement Officer/Community Peace Officer/Animal Control Officer:** means a Person as appointed by the Town of Eckville by resolution of Council.
- j) **Municipal Tag:** means a document alleging an offence issued pursuant to the authority of a Bylaw of the Town.
- k) **Outdoor Enclosure (urban hen run):** means a securely enclosed, roofed outdoor area attached to, and forming, part of a Coop having a bare earth or vegetated floor for Urban Hens to roam.
- l) **Owner:** includes any one or more Persons who:
 - i. Is named on an Urban Hen License; or
 - ii. A person who owns or claims any proprietary interest in an Urban Hen; or
 - iii. Has the care, charge, custody, possession, or control of the Urban Hen, either temporarily or permanently; or
 - iv. Harbors an Urban Hen, or allows an Urban Hen to remain, on his/her property
- m) **Owner's Property:** means any premises which are owned or leased by the Owner.
- n) **Premises:** means any dwelling, building, and any parcel or lot of real property or a portion thereof.
- o) **Rooster:** means a domesticated male chicken.
- p) **Running at Large:** means an Urban Hen being outside of a coop or run.
- q) **Town:** means the municipal corporation of the Town of Eckville, or the area contained within the boundary thereof, as the context requires, means the area of land within the corporate boundaries.
- r) **Town Office:** means the Chief Administrative Officer or any other staff member

authorized to carry out their duties.

- s) **Urban Hen:** means a hen that is at least 16 weeks of age.
- t) **Urban Hen License:** means a license issued by the Town of Eckville pursuant to the Urban Hen Bylaw, which authorizes the License holder to keep Urban Hens on specific property within the Town of Eckville.
- u) **Violation Ticket:** has the same meaning as the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- v) **Urban Area:** means land located within the Town of Eckville legal boundaries.

3.0 PURPOSE

- 3.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate and control the keeping of Urban Hens within the urban areas of the Town of Eckville.

4.0 REGULATIONS

- 4.1 A person may apply to keep no more than five (5) Urban Hens on a single property.
- 4.2 The owner must be 18 years of age or older.
- 4.3 Urban Hens kept on the property are for personal use only.
- 4.4 No person shall be permitted to:
 - a. keep a rooster;
 - b. keep a hen, other than an Urban Hen for which a valid Urban Hen License has been issued by the Town of Eckville;
 - c. sell eggs, meat, manure, and other products associated with the keeping of Urban Hens;
 - d. slaughter Urban Hens on the property;
- 4.5 Any deceased Urban Hens shall be disposed of by delivering it to an Abattoir, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of such.
- 4.6 A tenant must obtain written permission from the registered property Owner to keep Urban Hens on the owner's property.

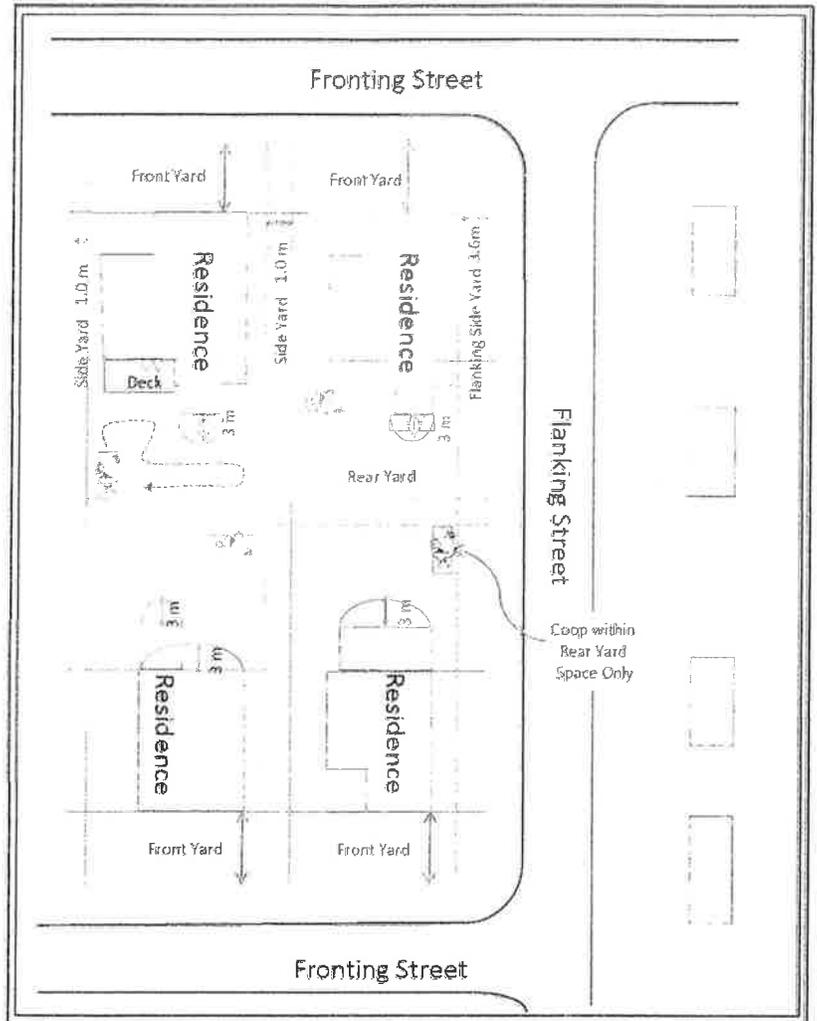
4.7 Any Owner of Urban Hens must reside on the property where the Urban Hens are kept.

5.0 URBAN HEN COOP AND RUN REQUIREMENTS

5.1 No person shall keep an Urban Hen or Urban Hens, on a parcel in a single-family residential zone, having an area less than 464.52 sq. metres (5,000 ft²).

5.2 Every building (coop) or enclosure used to accommodate Urban Hens must be:

- a. located in the rear yard of the lot behind the dwelling;
- b. a minimum of 3.0 metres (9.8 ft) from the principle dwelling;
- c. a minimum of 1.0 metre (3.3. ft) from any property line;
- d. a maximum of 10 sq. metres (107.6 sq. ft) in size;
- e. a maximum of 2.5 metres (8 ft) in height;



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- i) not sell eggs, meat, manure, or other products derived from Urban Hens;
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7.3 A person may apply to keep up to five (5) Urban Hens by:

- a) Applying for an annual Urban Hen License from the Town Office during regular business hours: and
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8.0 PENALTIES

- 8.1 A person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 8.2 No person shall willfully obstruct, hinder, or interfere with an Animal Control Officer or any other person authorized to enforce and engage in the enforcement of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 8.3 A person who is guilty of a first offense is liable to a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
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- 8.5 Where a person has been found to have contravened the Bylaw two (2) or more times within one twelve (12) month period, the Town reserves the right to revoke the Urban Hen License.

10.0 COMMENCEMENT

The Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

READ A FIRST TIME this 10th day of August, 2020.

READ A SECOND TIME this 14th day of September, 2020.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME this ___ day of _____, 2020.

Town of Eckville Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



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WHEREAS A Council of a Municipality may, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, R.S.A. 2000, pass bylaws for the purpose of regulating and controlling domestic animals and activities in relation to them and to provide for the imposition of a fine and or imprisonment due to contravention of said bylaw; and

WHEREAS The Council of the Town of Rimbey deems it necessary and expedient to pass a bylaw for the purpose of regulating and controlling urban hens within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Rimbey;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIMBEY, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. TITLE

1.1 This bylaw may be called the "Urban Hen Bylaw"

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2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 For the purpose of this bylaw:

- a) Abattoir: means a facility where animals are slaughtered for consumption as food for humans.
- b) Coop: means a fully enclosed, weather-proof structure, and attached outdoor enclosure used for the keeping of Urban Hens.
- c) Chief Administrative Officer: means a person appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Rimbey or designate.
- d) Council: means the Council of the Town of Rimbey.
- e) Communicable Disease: means any disease or illness that may be transferred from an Animal to another Animal, or a human through direct or indirect contact.
- f) Hen: means a domesticated female chicken.
- g) Hen House: means an enclosed structure that houses Urban Hens at night and includes a secure place for Urban Hens to lay eggs and eat.
- h) Licensee: means a Person named on an Urban Hen License.
- i) Municipal Enforcement Officer/Community Peace Officer/Animal Control Officer: means a Person as appointed by the Town of Rimbey by resolution of Council.
- j) Municipal Tag: means a document alleging an offence issued pursuant to the authority of a Bylaw of the Town.
- k) Outdoor Enclosure (urban hen run): means a securely enclosed, roofed outdoor area attached to, and forming, part of a Coop having a bare earth or vegetated floor for Urban Hens to roam.



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- l) Owner: includes any one or more Persons who:
 - i) Is named on an Urban Hen License; or
 - ii) A person who owns or claims any proprietary interest in an Urban Hen; or
 - iii) Has the care, charge, custody, possession, or control of the Urban Hen, either temporarily or permanently; or
 - iv) Harbors an Urban Hen, or allows an Urban Hen to remain, on his/her property
- m) Owner's Property: means any premises which are owned or leased by the Owner.
- n) Premises: means any dwelling, building, and any parcel or lot of real property or a portion thereof.
- o) Rooster: means a domesticated male chicken.
- p) Running at Large: means an Urban Hen being outside of a coop or run.
- q) Town: means the municipal corporation of the Town of Rimbey, or the area contained within the boundary thereof, as the context requires, means the area of land within the corporate boundaries.
- r) Town Office: means the Chief Administrative Officer or any other staff member authorized to carry out their duties.
- s) Urban Hen: means a hen that is at least 16 weeks of age.
- t) Urban Hen License: means a license issued by the Town of Rimbey pursuant to the Urban Hen Bylaw, which authorizes the License holder to keep Urban Hens on specific property within the Town of Rimbey.
- u) Violation Ticket: has the same meaning as the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.
- v) Urban Area: means land located within the Town of Rimbey legal boundaries.

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3. PURPOSE

3.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate and control the keeping of Urban Hens within the urban areas of the Town of Rimbey.

4. REGULATIONS

4.1 A person may apply to keep no more than five (5) Urban Hens on a single property.

4.2 The owner must be 18 years of age or older.

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- b) keep a hen, other than an Urban Hen for which a valid Urban Hen License has been issued by the Town of Rimbey;
- c) sell eggs, meat, manure, and other products associated with the keeping of Urban Hens;

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4.5 A tenant must obtain written permission from the registered property Owner to keep Urban Hens on the owner's property. Any Owner of Urban Hens must reside on the property where the Urban Hens are kept.

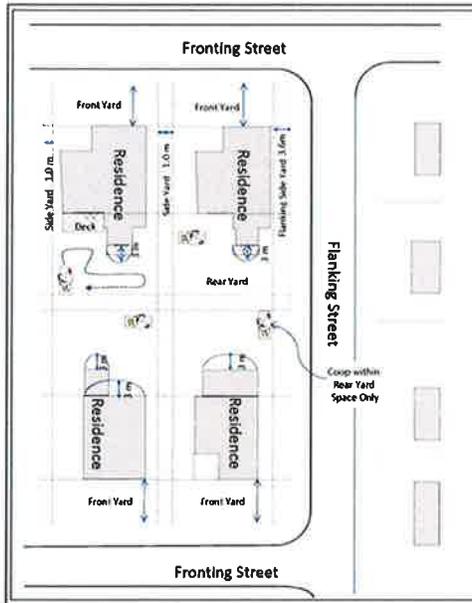
5 URBAN HEN COOP AND RUN REQUIRMENTS

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5.2.1 located in the rear yard of the lot behind the dwelling;

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- b) a minimum of 1.0 metre (3.3. ft) from any property line;
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10.0 COMMENCEMENT

10.1 The Bylaw shall come into full force and effect ????, 1, 2021

10.2 Bylaw 094/42 is hereby rescinded.

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READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MAYOR RICK PANKIW

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LORI HILLIS

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MAYOR RICK PANKIW

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LORI HILLIS

READ a third and final time this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MAYOR RICK PANKIW

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LORI HILLIS

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