

Attachment 2 - Table 1.2 - Other Municipal Approaches – Chickens in Residential Areas

In preparation of report RPT-0177-24 County Staff undertook environmental scans of other municipal approaches to regulation of chickens in residential areas.

Table 1.2 provides a detailed overview of other municipal approaches in municipalities reviewed. County Staff acknowledges this list is not exhaustive.


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| Municipality | Chickens Permitted in Residential Areas X/✓ | Policy Overview | Requirements | Fees | Enforcement |
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| Town of Tecumseh | <p style="text-align: center;">X</p> <p>Temporary Pilot Project March 2022 – March 2022</p> | <p>Temporary Pilot Project Regulations – Backyard Hens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permitted a maximum of 6 hens on properties 10,000 square feet or less in size. - Permitted a maximum of 12 hens on properties greater than 10,000 square feet in size. - Registration with the municipality was required. - Licensing fee required on an annual basis. | N/A | \$25.00 Annual Licensing Fee | Enforced under Animal Control and municipal Zoning By-Law. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2021 the program was updated to strengthen enforcement and recovery of costs related to the removal of hens or coops etc. - Program was discontinued in March of 2022 due to significant staff resources required to oversee the pilot program, including administration of the applications, inspection of the hen coops and runs, compliance and enforcement with the Pilot Program Terms and Conditions, responding to inquiries/complaints relating to keeping of urban hens, and the like. | | | |
| City of Cambridge | X | Prohibits keeping and raising of chickens in residential areas. | City of Cambridge Council choose not to allow hens in residential zones. This matter was last considered by City Council in March 2019. | N/A | Enforced under City Animal Control and Zoning By-Law. |

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| <p>City of Brantford</p> |  | <p>Backyard Chickens Approved January 2022 The City of Brantford permits a maximum of up to 10 hens or 9 hens 1 rooster on residential properties subject to specific regulations, registration to obtain a permit, payment of a one-time fee, and inspection.</p> <p>Backyard Chicken Permit Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does not require annual renewal. - Requires an application to be completed. - Requires a onetime fee of \$100.00. - Application is online and taken in by Municipal By-Law Enforcement. | <p>Regulations for Backyard Chickens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires a permit to “keep, harbour, possess” chickens. - Permit fees are set out within the City of Brantford Fees and Charges By-Law. - Limits the number of chickens per property to a maximum of 9 chickens and 1 rooster or 10 hens. - Requires all chickens to be housed in a properly maintained coop. <p>Backyard Chicken Coop Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coops must provide protective shelter from the elements and predators and safe keeping of the animals. - Coops are not permitted within front or exterior side yards in accordance with the City of Brantford Zoning By-Law. - Requires a minimum distance of 7.5m from | <p>\$100.00</p> <p>onetime fee to cover cost of inspection and enforcement and includes inspection by a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (MLEO) to confirm compliance with regulations.</p> | <p>Article 13 Enforcement of Chapter 206 sets out provisions for the City of Brantford to fine any person who contravenes any provision/requirements, if convicted.</p> |
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| | | | <p>chicken coops to other structures on other lots.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setbacks taken at the closest point of any outside wall of any other structure on other lots. - Setbacks do not apply to the dwelling on the lot of which the chickens are kept. <p>Coop construction materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proper floor and/or hardware wire, as well as windows and/or hardware wire covered openings for protection against predators. - Required to be cleaned on a regular basis to remove debris and other potential hazards including soiled material that could cause foul odour and is disposed of or composted in accordance with all applicable laws and legislation. - Requires proper ventilation to support a healthy flock. | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires appropriate bedding (e.g., straw/pine/leaves) to reduce smells within the coop. - Requires perches and nest boxes for hens. <p>Exemption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exempts legal non-conforming pens or coops from locational requirements, if legally established prior to the passing of the By-Law, and only if the pen or coop continues to be used. | | |
| City of Kitchener | ✓ | <p>Backyard Chickens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A maximum of up to 4 chickens permitted wholly enclosed coops/runs. - Prohibits roosters, home slaughter of chickens, sale of eggs, manure, and other products associated with the keeping of chickens. - Permit required. - Requires one time \$52 fee (cover | <p>Backyard Chicken Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.2m from rear lot line. - 2.5m from a side lot line. - 2.5m from a rear lot line abutting a side yard. - Not permitted in the front yard. - If existing accessory structures are used as coops, only the portion used to house hens shall be required to meet the setback requirements. - Runs and exterior portions of the coop must meet the setback regulations. | \$52.00 | Enforced under City Animal By-Law – Chapter 408 . |

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| | | <p>administrative and inspection costs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires inspection of the property by Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEO) to ensure compliance with regulations prior to keeping chickens. - Chickens must be kept in an enclosed run when not in a coop. - Chickens must be contained on owners' property at all times. - Chickens must be banded with owner contact information. - Owner of chickens must reside on the property where they are kept. - Rental properties – written permission from the owner must be obtained. - Requires deceased chickens to be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility or through the services of a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-residential properties such as apartments are not permitted to have chickens. - Requires feeders and water containers to be cleaned daily. - Requires feed to be stored in rodent proof containers and secured. <p>Neighbour Consent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allows property Owners to request consent from neighbours (with whom they share a lot line) if setbacks for a coop cannot be met. - Neighbour consent form available online and submitted to Municipal By-Law Enforcement. - An owner or adult occupant of an adjoining property may withdraw consent to the placement of a coop or run that is closer to their property than the required setback, if they notify the City in writing. The owner will have to remove or relocate the coop within a permitted area by the later of November 1 of that calendar year or six (6) months following the date of notification being given. | | |
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| | | <p>veterinarian, or through a facility as approved by the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All other by-laws shall apply (ex. noise, animal regulations, lot maintenance, property standards). | <p>Exterior Coop Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Required to provide protection from weather and be adequately ventilated. - Required to be constructed and maintained to prevent rodents and predators from entry. - Chicken wire cannot exceed 1/2" in size and installed minimum 6 inches below grade. <p>Interior Coop Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires moisture resistant flooring. - Requires shaving, straw, or other appropriate moisture absorbent lining materials. - Requires perches, boxes, and dust bath areas (helps control mites). <p>Coop Sanitation Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires coops to be cleaned and well maintained to reduce odours. | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires troughs, perches, and nests to be disinfected 2- 3 times a year. - Requires manure to be removed daily and stored in a secure container or composted. | | |
| City of Waterloo | ✓ | <p>Backyard Hens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Permits a maximum of 4 hens on residential properties only, subject to property owner or resident permission and all other city by-laws. - Hens must be registered (licensed) with the city to be permitted. - Prohibits roosters and sales of eggs. - Fee for registration is \$26.27 and must be renewed every year. <p>Hens must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be banded with the owner's contact information. • have access to an enclosed run area. • be disposed of at a livestock facility. | <p>Backyard Hen Coop and Run Regulations</p> <p>Must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fully enclosed - setback 1.5 metres from property lines - provide protection from weather and predators. - have an accessible dust bath area. - lined with straw or shavings. - be cleaned daily and disinfected twice a year. - All pens, cages, and lofts for domestic fowl shall be in the rear yard of the owner's or keeper's lot and shall be situated at least 3 meters from the lot line, 6.0 meters from a flankage line and 15 | <p>\$26.27</p> <p>Fee applied every year upon renewal.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under By-Law 2009-047 Animal Control By-Law. - Provisions for backyard hens are not included within the City Zoning By-Law. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not be slaughtered on your property. | <p>meters from any school, church, dwelling or other premises used for human habitation or occupancy other than the premises occupied exclusively by the owner or keeper of such fowl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All domestic fowl shall be kept in suitably enclosed coops, pens or runs. No fowl shall be permitted to run at large. All coops, pens and runs shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. | | |
| <p>Township of North Dumfries</p> | <p>X Pilot project October 15th, 2018 – April 15th, 2020.</p> | <p>Backyard Hens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted backyard hens temporarily in accordance with the timelines of the pilot project and regulations in accordance with By-Law 2999-18 (Backyard Hens Pilot Project). Permits a maximum of 4 hens on a single- | <p>Backyard Hen Coop and Run Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coop and run must be fully enclosed with its own fencing, roof and door. Coop must provide protection from weather and be adequately ventilated. Feed must be stored in rodent-proof containers | <p>\$250.00</p> <p>Application fee plus \$250.00 Annual inspection.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot project regulated under By-Law 2999-18. |

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| | | <p>detached residential lot, with a minimum lot area of 0.5 acres (or 2000m²). Lots smaller than the minimum requirement do not qualify to have backyard hens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits a maximum of up to 10 hens on residential lots of 2 acres or greater in size. - Hens must be at least four (4) months old. - Prohibits roosters, home slaughter of chickens, and the sales of eggs. - Food supply must be protected against pests and other animals. - Neighbours will be notified. - Health Management Plan (approved by a poultry veterinarian) required. - \$250.00 Application fee required. | <p>and secured at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deceased chickens must be disposed at a livestock disposal facility, or through the services of a veterinarian, or through a facility as approved by the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs. - All properties must be inspected prior to purchasing any chickens. - The hens may be permitted outside the hen coop and run between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. daily, provided that the hen's wings are clipped, the owner is present, and all feces are removed daily. - Coop must be located in the rear yard at least 7.6 m (or 25 feet) from the rear lot line, interior or exterior side yard. | | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual inspection and \$250.00 inspection fee required. - Pilot project did not appear to have been renewed following April 2020. | | | |
| Norfolk County | ✓ | <p>Backyard Chickens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Permits a maximum of 4 hens (aggregate total) on properties Zoned to permit a single-family dwelling. - Prohibits roosters, home slaughter of chickens, sales of eggs, manure and other products associated with the keeping of chickens. - Owner of chickens must reside on the property where they are kept. - Rental properties – written permission from the owner must be obtained. - All other by-laws shall apply (ex. noise, animal regulations, lot maintenance, and property standards). - All Backyard Hen(s) shall be registered with the Ontario Chicken Marketing Board Small Flock Policy. | <p>Backyard Chicken Coop and Run Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.0 m from the rear lot line. - 3.0 m from a side lot line. - 3.0 m from a rear lot line abutting a side yard. - maximum of 10 square metres of useable floor area and have a maximum building height of 3 metres. - Coop must be enclosed on all six sides, if not buried. - Feeders and water containers must be provided, cleaned regularly and disinfected - Feed must be stored in rodent-proof containers and secured at all times to prevent rodents and other animals from accessing it. - All manure shall be stored within a fully enclosed waterproof container covered | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under By-Law 2019-67, Animal Control By-Law 2014-46, and Zoning By-Law 47-z-2019. - By-Law 2019-67 (Backyard Chicken By-Law) amended the Animal Control By-Law to allow for the keeping of hens on residential properties. - Pursuant to By-Law 2019-67 Hens are licensed to assist the municipality in tracking backyard chickens. - Definitions within the Animal Control By-Law and ZBL were modified to support backyard chickens. |

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| | | | <p>by a fully enclosed structure or weatherproof container.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than 0.08 cubic meters (2.8 cubic feet) cubic feet of manure shall be stored on the premises at a time. - Deceased chickens must be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility or through the services of a veterinarian, or through a facility as approved by the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provisions for backyard chickens are contained within By-Law 2019-67 (Backyard Chicken By-Law) and Zoning By-Law. |
| City of Hamilton | ✓ | <p>Prohibits keeping and raising of chickens in residential areas.</p> <p>Only permitted in areas that have been defined as rural planning areas, due to complaints about coyotes and rats and concerns about noise and odor nuisance.</p> | <p>City Council choose not to allow hens in residential zones in 2012.</p> | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Responsible Animal Ownership By-Law 12-031 and municipal Zoning By-Law. |
| City of Guelph | ✓ | <p>Backyard Chickens</p> <p>Permits up to 10 hens unenclosed and more than 10 hens within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A coop with a solid floor that is lined with an appropriate material to absorb | <p>Backyard Chicken Coop and Run Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structures must be located in accordance with the Cities Zoning By-Law based on the corresponding zone. - Every Keeper of Domestic Poultry shall | \$25.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Responsible Animal Control By-Law 2016- 20122 and municipal Zoning By-Law. |

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| | | <p>fecal matter and facilitate cleaning, and is disinfected regularly; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complies in all respects with the City's Zoning By-law. - Prohibits roosters within City limits. - Chickens must be registered with the City. - Required one time \$25 registration fee. The license is for the keeper of domestic poultry, not each animal. | <p>store all food for the Domestic Poultry in an animal-proof secured container.</p> | | |
| <p>City of Niagara Falls</p> |  | <p>Chickens in Residential Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits a maximum of 10 chickens within the Urban Boundary. - Prohibits roosters within the Urban Boundary. - All dead chickens shall be disposed of immediately and, in any event, within 24 hours. | <p>Regulations for Chickens in Residential Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chicken feces shall be hygienically stored and promptly removed from the Premises. - Food supply shall be protected against vermin. <p>All Premises on which chickens are Kept must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - detached dwellings on them; - a frontage of at least 40 feet; and - a depth of at least 100 feet. | <p>N/A</p> <p>Fees applicable to matters of enforcement set out in Schedule "G" to By-Law 2019-35</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated in accordance with City of Niagara Falls Animal Control By-Law 2019-35 |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coops shall be located at least 25 feet from the rear lot line of the lot on which the Coop is located.- The Coop shall be located at least 15 feet from any side lot line of the lot on which the Coop is located.- Coops must be fully enclosed weatherproof buildings including nest boxes for egg laying, perches for the chickens to sleep on and food and water containers.- Coops shall only be permitted in the rear yard.- Coops shall be designed and constructed to ensure proper ventilation, sufficient space, maintained in accordance with good animal husbandry practices, and keep all vermin out. | | |
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| <p>Chatham-Kent</p> | <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">✘</p> | <p>Backyard Chickens</p> <p>Prohibits keeping and raising of chickens outside of Agricultural or Rural Areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under review by Municipal Council. - In July 10, 2023, Council directed Staff to bring a report forward in Spring 2024 to outline feasibility of the program, options for implementation, public health and biosecurity concerns, and pilot project considerations. | <p>Chickens/poultry are only permitted in Rural or Agricultural Area in accordance with the City of Hamilton Zoning By-Law and the Provinces Minimum Separation Distance (MDS) Guidelines.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Responsible Animal Ownership By-Law 170-2021 and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. |
| <p>Halton Hills</p> | <p style="color: green; text-align: center;">✔</p> | <p>Urban Hens and Backyard Chickens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits up to a maximum of 4 hens per lot. - Hens shall be a minimum of 4 months old. - Maximum of 1 coop and 1 run per lot. - Prohibits hens on lots zoned for higher density residential. | <p>Urban hens and Backyard Chicken Coop and Run Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hens shall be kept enclosed from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. - Hens shall have access to a run at all times. - MLEO may inspect licensed properties at any time subject to complaints. | <p style="text-align: center;">\$50.00</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enforcement under the Responsible Pet Owner's By-law. - Enforcement is contracted out to the Towns Canine Control Contractor. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibits roosters, the sale of chicken products, slaughter, or keeping of deadstock on residential lots. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If hens and pigeons are kept on the same property they must be kept within separate enclosures. - Adequate access to food and clean water must be provided. - Coops and runs must be in clean and healthy condition, free from disease. - The owner must provide necessary veterinary care. - Hens must have appropriate space and environmental conditions conducive to good health, including but not limited to, the opportunity to socialize and engage in fundamental behaviours such as scratching, roosting and dust bathing. - The Owner must reside on the lot where such animals are kept. - Hens must be kept in a manner to not cause a | | |
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| | | | <p>nuisance to any adjacent neighbour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- within seven (7) days following the date a hen comes into his/her possession, the Owner shall be licensed and registered with the Town.- The license fee shall be as set out in the Town's Rates and Fees By-law.- Every combination of hen coop and run shall be less than 10 square metres in size;- A minimum of 0.37 square metres per hen is required for the floor area of a coop along with a minimum of 0.93 square metres ground area per hen for a hen run.- No hen coop or hen run shall exceed 2 metres in height, measured from the highest point of the structure and the ground directly below such point. | | |
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| | | | <p>Hen coops and runs, associated feed and manure storage shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- located in a rear yard;- set back at least 2 metres from any lot line;- a minimum distance of 3 metres from any dwelling on an adjacent lot; and- at least 15 metres from any lot on which a church, business or school is located. <p>Hen coops and runs shall be constructed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- be completely enclosed so as to prevent the escape of any hen therein;- have adequate ventilation, provide protection from weather, exclude rodents and include a lock to be secured against the entry of predators; and- include food and water containers.- Hen coops provided shall include at least 1 nest box for egg laying, | | |
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| | | | <p>1 perch providing 20 centimetres of space per hen and every hen run shall have a floor comprised of any combination of vegetated or bare earth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Owners shall be responsible for maintenance in accordance with the subsequent provisions:- food and water containers shall be cleaned regularly and disinfected;- hen coops and pigeon lofts, including perches and nest boxes as applicable, shall be cleaned regularly and disinfected a minimum of 2 times annually;- food shall be stored in rodent proof containers and secured at all times to prevent rodents or other animals from accessing it and leftover food shall be removed in a timely manner; | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - manure and droppings shall be removed in a timely manner, stored manure shall be kept in an enclosed structure that prevents any odour and no more than .085 cubic metres shall be stored at any time; and - hen coops and hen runs shall be maintained in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition, being kept free of obnoxious odours or substances and vermin. | | |
| City of Toronto | <p style="text-align: center;">✗</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pilot project March 2018 – May 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Backyard Hens are no longer permitted.</p> | <p>Backyard Hens Pilot Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pilot Project was launched on March 2, 2018 and ran until May 12, 2023. - Launched in March 2018, the UrbanHensTO pilot program, which had allowed residents to have hens in specific areas and wards of the City, has now concluded. | <p>Backyard Hens Regulations</p> <p>Pilot Project Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum of 4 hens per property. - Prohibited roosters. - Only on the property registered through the program, being a residential property. - Prohibited apartment buildings, condominium buildings, nor properties without sufficient outdoor space to house the hens, as determined by the Executive | <p style="text-align: center;">\$151.00</p> <p>Hen Flock Renewal \$34.00</p> <p>Inspection and reinspection \$111.50</p> <p>Impound Fee \$30.00</p> <p>Impound daily care fee \$10.00/day</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Responsible Animal Ownership By-Law 170-2021 and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. |

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| | | <p>Households who had participated in the pilot will be permitted to keep their hens, until the end of the animals' lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As directed by City Council, staff conducted consultations on the future of UrbanHensTO and considered next steps for the program. - The limited uptake in the pilot did not result in any significant issues since its introduction in 2018. However, given the considerable costs and resources required to safely administer a city-wide program and the emerging concerns of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), City Council adopted staff recommendation to conclude the pilot. | <p>Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Owner shall allow or permit any of his or her hens to be at large at any time. - Coops are not to be located within front yards. - The Owner must ensure all zoning requirements are met, including minimum setbacks for ancillary structures such as coops. - All other legal standards and requirements shall be applicable - Coops must have a minimum floor area of 0.37m² (4 sq ft) per hen kept in the coop. - Coops must have a minimum run of 0.92 m² (10 sq ft) enclosed per hen kept. - Coops shall not exceed a height of two metres and/or a maximum floor area of 9.2 m² (100 square feet). - The Owner shall provide and maintain in each coop the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 20 cm or (8 inches) perch for each hen; • one nest box of a size and nature that is | <p>Protective Care \$40.00/1st 24 hours or part or part thereof per flock (impounding)</p> <p>Subsequent per diem hen/ flock care \$10.00</p> | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The program formally concluded on May 12, 2023. - Staff will continue to monitor the pilot's wind down to inform any potential assessments of the program in the future. | <p>suitable for the number of hens kept in the coop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All coops must be enclosed on all sides and have a roof and doors. - Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. - Windows and vents must be predator- and bird-proof. - The Owner shall keep all coops in a clean, dry, odor-free, neat, and sanitary condition at all times, and in a manner that will provide healthy living conditions for the hens while minimizing adverse impacts to other residents in the neighborhood to the satisfaction of the Executive Director. - The Owner agrees to undertake any repairs directed by the Executive Director at the Owner's sole cost and expense to comply with this section. - All hens must be enclosed or fenced on the property at all times. - During daylight hours, hens may be allowed outside of | | |
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| | | | <p>their coop in a securely fenced yard on the property of the Owner if supervised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hens shall be secured within a locked coop during non-daylight hours. - The Owner shall ensure the coop is weather-proofed, and the enclosure is insulated with air temperature suitable for the health of the hens. In addition, the Owner shall ensure the coop has adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and is impermeable to rodents, birds, and predators, including dogs and cats, to the satisfaction of the Executive Director. The Owner agrees to undertake any repairs directed by the Executive Director at the Owner's sole cost and expense to comply with this section. - Owner responsible for guarding against pest, animal welfare conditions, and veterinary care costs. - Ensure access to clean water and feed and keep feed in a secured container. - Disposal of hens at a livestock disposal facility, | | |
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| | | | <p>through the services of a veterinarian or surrender of the hen to animal shelter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manure and waste to be removed and composted or disposed of safely and in a timely manner. - Coops must be inspected. | | |
| <p>City of Mississauga</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"> Temporary Pilot Project</p> | <p>Backyard Hens Pilot Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program launched in May 2021 on ten sites: one site in Ward 3 and the balance between Ward 5 and Ward 6. - 24-month period - Permits a maximum of 2 hens per property. - 4 months or older. - Prohibits roosters. - No, exceptions to the program requirements will not be granted. | <p>Backyard Hens Pilot Project Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Having a property with enough space for a hen enclosure to be located in the property’s rear yard. - Minimum setback of 3.0 metres (9.84 feet) clearance of the hen enclosure from the property line. - Minimum 6.1 metres (20.01 feet) clearance of the hen enclosure from any school, church, or residential building not located on the same lot. - Participants are required to meet requirements around standards of care, pest control and waste | <p>\$50.00</p> <p>Licensing Fee conditional on compliance with all regulations.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Administrative Penalty System (APS) penalty of \$100 would be introduced through the Licensing Administrative Penalty By-law 0135-2014, as amended, to enforce the By-law provisions and improve compliance. |

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| | | | <p>management. Urban hens will also be required to remain on the participant's property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coops must be no more than 2 metres (6 feet, 6 inches) high and a maximum of 9.2 square metres (100 square feet) floor area. - Coop must provide each hen with at least 0.37 square metres (4 square feet) of coop floor area, and at least 0.92 square metres (10 square feet) of roofed outdoor enclosure. - Coop must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • perch for each hen that is at least 20 centimetres (8 inches) long nest box(es) of a size that is suitable for the number of hens. - Coop must have a roof and doors that will be locked at night. | | |
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| <p>City of Brampton</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> | <p>Backyard Hens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits a maximum of 2 hens per property unless a special license is obtained from the City. - Under special licensing, residents are permitted up to a maximum of ten hens and rabbits, which includes notice to the adjoining property owners, and a requirement that the lot be more than one acre in size. | <p>Backyard Hens Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coops must be located a minimum of 8.0 metres (25 feet) from any dwelling, store or shop, and a minimum of 2.0 metres (6 feet) from each boundary of the property on which it is located. - Coops must prevent the escape of hens and be well maintained, with equipment and materials stored elsewhere or out of the view of the public. - Owners are required to store food in rodent proof containers and ensure that refuse is contained and properly disposed of. | <p style="text-align: center;">\$50</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property Standards checks compliance with Zoning By-law for coops. |
| <p>City of Burlington</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">✗</p> | <p>Prohibits keeping and raising of chickens in residential areas.</p> <p>Only permitted in areas that have been defined as rural planning areas, due to complaints about coyotes</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. |



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| | | and rats and concerns about noise and odor nuisance. | | | |
| City of Oakville | ✘ | Prohibits keeping and raising of chickens in residential areas. Not permitted due to concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal welfare • Concerns about the transmission of zoonotic diseases • Odor nuisance • Human- wildlife conflict situations | N/A | N/A | - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. |
| City of Vaughan | ✘ | Backyard Hens Pilot Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pilot Project was launched in December 2020 and ran until June 2023. - Prior to expiry Staff recommended that no permanent amendments be made to permit chickens in residential areas on a permanent basis due to public health concerns and the highly pathogenic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Property Owners who legally participated in the Pilot Program must register their chickens with the City and will be permitted to keep and raise the existing chickens until such time that the animal passes. - Chickens are only permitted in Rural or Agricultural Area in accordance with the City of Hamilton Zoning By-Law and the Provinces Minimum Separation Distance (MDS) Guidelines. | N/A | - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. |

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| | | <p>(H5N1) Avian Influenza pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While no substantial complaints were received through the program Staff recommended opposing permanent provisions allowing backyard chickens based on disease prevention considering the recent highly pathogenic (H5N1) Avian Influenza pandemic. It was Staff's opinion that backyard hens cannot be kept in a manner which protects the interests of public health and zoonotic risk mitigation. | | | |
| City of Windsor | × | Prohibits keeping and raising of chickens in residential areas. | N/A | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. |
| City of London | × | Prohibits keeping and raising of chickens in residential areas. | N/A | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. |

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| <p>Clearview Township</p> |  | <p>Backyard Chickens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Permits a maximum of 4 hens. - Roosters are prohibited. - Prohibits the sales of eggs, manure, and other products associated with the keeping of hens. - Annual fee required to cover permit costs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide each hen with at least 0.37m2 of coop floor area and 0.92m2 of outdoor enclosure or fenced yard. - Keep each hen in an enclosed area at all time. - Provide each hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, veterinary care, and opportunities for essential behaviours, all sufficient to maintain the hen in good health. - Keep each coop locked from sunset to sunrise. - Remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner. | <p>\$30.00 Annual Permit Fee</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. |
| <p>Town of Georgina</p> |  | <p>Backyard Hens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hens must be a minimum of 4 months old. - Prohibits roosters. - License and fee required. - Hens are not permitted on a property containing an Apartment, Duplex, Linked, Seasonal, Semi Detached, Semi-Detached Duplex, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hen coops must be fully enclosed, locking, waterproof, and must include nest boxes for egg laying, roosts for hens to sleep, food and water containers. - Hen runs must be enclosed covered structures that allows access at all times. - Requires hens to be cooped between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. | <p>\$100.00 Licensing fee</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Licensing Coordinator is responsible for the administration and enforcement of backyard hens under By-Law 2022-0020. - Officers as defined in By-Law 2022-0020 are responsible for enforcement of backyard hen regulations. |

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| | | <p>Townhouse, or Triplex Dwelling, as defined in the Zoning By-law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hens are not permitted within high density residential zones. - Only a person who owns the property on which the hens are to be kept may keep or raise hens. - Only persons who are 18 years of age or older may keep or raise chickens. - Review of education package and attestation letter signed required. - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hen coops and runs only permitted in rear yards. - Requires a minimum of 100.0m between licensed properties, measured from the closest points between the properties which keep hens. - Hens shall be confined to an enclosed Hen Coop or Hen Run at all times. 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, | | |
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| | | | <p>roosting and dust bathing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Feeders and water containers shall be provided and cleaned regularly and disinfected.- Feed shall be stored in rodent proof containers and secured at all times to prevent rodents and other animals from accessing it.- A minimum of 0.37 square meters per Hen is required for the Hen Coop, along with a minimum of 0.93 square meters per Hen for the Hen Run.- Hen Run floors shall provide any combination of vegetation or bare earth.- Notwithstanding the accessory structure height and size provisions as contained within the Town's Zoning By-law: | | |
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| | | | <p>a. The combined floor area of the Hen Coop and Hen Run shall be less than 10.0 square metres;</p> <p>b. Hen coops and Hen Runs shall not exceed 3.0 metres in height;</p> <p>c. Hen Coops and Hen Runs are only permitted in rear yards and shall be a minimum of 2.0 metres from any abutting lot line; and,</p> <p>d. Hen coops and hen runs shall be a minimum distance of 3.0 metres from all windows and doors of dwellings that are located on an abutting property.</p> <p>- Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall meet all other requirements for an accessory structure based on the particular property zoning as outlined in the Town's Zoning By-law.</p> | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hens shall be kept for personal use only, the sale of eggs, manure and other products associated with the keeping of Hens are prohibited.- Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall be maintained in a clean condition and the Hen Coop shall be kept free of obnoxious odours, substances and vermin.- Any leftover feed and manure shall be removed.- Stored manure shall be kept in an enclosed structure or container such as a compost bin 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.- Home slaughter of Hens is prohibited and deceased Hens are disposed of at a livestock disposal facility, through the services of a veterinarian or through a facility as approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and are disposed of in accordance with all laws. | | |
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| | | | - Hens are kept in accordance with all other laws including the Town's bylaws respecting noise, lot maintenance, property standards, and animals, as well as provincial legislation. | | |
| City of Kawartha Lakes |  Temporary Pilot Project June 2021 – June 2023 | Backyard Chickens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits a maximum of 4 chickens on residential properties meeting specific criteria. - Backyard chicken coops are not permitted on all residential properties in Kawartha Lakes and there is a variety of criteria that needs to be met to get a license. - Temporary license required. - Prohibited areas are determined based on one or more of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection Area • Conservation Authority | Building Permits: A license issued to permit a Backyard Chicken Coop does not remove any obligation of a person and/or property owner to comply with the Building Code or any requirements for a building permit. Registration: Applicants shall submit all required application documents, as outlined in this by-law, together with a License Fee as per the fees by-law submitted to the Licensing Enforcement Officer for review and to determine if a License may be issued for the keeping of Backyard Chicken Coops. The hens and the coop may be inspected without notice to ensure that there is a safe and secure environment for the hens. | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under By-Law 2021-072 to Regulate Animals in the City of Kawartha Lakes. |

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| | | <p>Regulated Areas (Accessible in the map layers for viewing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellhead Protection Area • Surface Water Intake Protection Area • Floodplain • Properties less than 0.5 acres • Property not zoned as Residential <p>- Fifty Backyard Chicken Coop licenses will be available until December 2021 and then in 2022 applications will open again for another fifty licenses.</p> <p>- Prohibits roosters.</p> | <p>A License, issued pursuant to this by-law shall expire within the calendar year and all licenses shall expire upon the completion of the Pilot Project, or as declared by City of Kawartha Lakes Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Backyard Chicken coop must be located in the the rear yard of the property; in the case of irregular-shaped lot or a corner lot the exterior side yard may be used; - No person shall construct a Backyard Chicken Coop unless the coop is located 8 metres from any dwelling, school, store or shop and at least 2 metres from each property boundary on which it is located; - No person shall construct a Backyard Chicken Coop on a residential property that is adjacent to an agricultural property that houses a poultry farming operation. | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Backyard Chicken coop must be large enough (min. 0.92 m²/chicken) for the chickens to move around freely and must contain hen boxes and perch areas sufficient to accommodate all chickens;- The Backyard Chicken coop must contain sufficient feeders and water containers for all chickens;- The Backyard Chicken coop is soundly constructed of hard durable material, which is impervious to water;- The Backyard Chicken coop shall be maintained in a state of good repair free from holes, cracks, rust or other damage;- The Backyard Chicken coop and run is enclosed completely and covered in such a way to prevent the chickens from leaving and free ranging; | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Backyard Chicken coop and chickens run shall be protected from entry of other birds or animals; - Chickens must remain in their coops from 8pm until 8am; - The Backyard Chicken coop must be protected from the weather, adequately ventilated, insulated and heated in the winter; - The Backyard Chicken coop is lined with an appropriate material to absorb fecal matter which is resistant to mold and will facilitate daily cleaning, and is disinfected regularly; - Backyard Chicken coops and hen runs must be kept in a clean condition and shall be kept free of obnoxious odours; - Stored manure shall be kept in an enclosed structure such as a compost bin in accordance with | | |
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| | | | <p>regulations, and no more than 0.1 m³ may be stored at one time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manure shall be disposed of in accordance with Municipal bylaws; - All stored feed must be kept in rodent proof containers and secured at all times; <p>q. Home slaughter of chickens is prohibited and any deceased chickens must be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility or at a facility approved by the Ministry of Agriculture or at a City of Kawartha Lakes landfill.</p> <p>r. No person shall place or dispose of a deceased chicken within their household garbage or by placement at the curbside for collection by waste services.</p> <p>s. No person shall offer the sale of eggs, meat or manure or anything associated with chickens.</p> | | |
| Newmarket |  | Backyard Chickens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hens must be kept in their coops from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.; | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits a maximum of 3 hens per lot on any residential property(excludes Multi-Residential); - All hens must be at least 4 months old; - The keeping of roosters is prohibited; - A tenant must obtain permission from the property owner to keep henson the owner's property; - Permission must be obtained from all abutting property owners; - The owner of the hens must reside on the property where the hens are kept; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A minimum enclosure size of 10 square feet per hen; - Hens must be kept in an enclosed hen run when not in their coop; - Hen coops and runs shall be a distance of 1.2m from the rear lot line and 1.2m from any side lot line of the dwelling lot on which the hen coop is located; - Hen coops and hen runs shall be a minimum distance of 3m from all windows and doors of dwellings that are located on an abutting property; - Hen coops shall be less than 2.4m in height; - Hen coops are not permitted in any front yard; - Hen coops and hen runs shall be maintained in a clean condition and the coop shall be kept free of obnoxious odours, substances and vermin; and | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home slaughter of hens is prohibited and any deceased hens shall be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility or through the services of a veterinarian. | | |
| <p>City of Orillia</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The owner must reside on the property. - Maximum number of 4 hens permitted per lot. - Hens must be a minimum of 4 months old. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hen coops are not permitted on lots with an area of less than 500m². - No hen coop shall be located within: Source Water Protection Area. Front or Exterior Side yard. 8m of a dwelling. 3m of a lot line. 3m of a structure. 3m of a sewage works. 15m of any lot line on which a school is located. - Maximum 1 hen coop and 1 outdoor run shall be permitted per lot. - Hen coops must be a minimum of: 9.0m² | <p>\$100.00</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law. |


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| | | | <p>0.37m² of floor area for each hen Maximum height of 5.0m.</p> <p>Outdoor runs shall have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum ground floor area of 9.0m² - At least 0.92m² of outdoor enclosure for each hen - A maximum height of 5.0m <p>All hen coops shall be fully enclosed, waterproof, and shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least one nesting box - At least one perch being 0.3m of space per hen - At least one food, and water container. <p>All hen coops and outdoor runs shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and free of vermin and obnoxious odours.</p> <p>All manure and droppings shall be removed daily from the hen coop and outdoor run and only stored in a secured container or backyard</p> | | |
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| | | | <p>composter. No more than 0.08m² of manure and/or droppings shall be stored at any one time.</p> <p>All hens shall be kept fully enclosed in a hen coop or outdoor run at all times.</p> <p>Hens shall be kept fully enclosed in a coop between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.</p> <p>A hens food supply shall be stored in secure, rodent/predator-proof containers.</p> <p>Prohibits slaughtering and euthanizing of hens and the sale of products derived from hens.</p> <p>Prohibits roosters.</p> | | |
| City of Quinte West | ✓ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits a maximum of 4 hens per property. - License required. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shall be located at least three meters from the side lot line and at least 1.2 metres from the rear lot line of the lot on which the hen coop is located | <p>New application (annual fee) \$65</p> <p>Renewal application (annual fee) \$32.50</p> <p>Penalty \$ 13.25</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Animal Control By-Law. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shall be located at least three metres from the abutting dwellings - At least 7.5 metres from any church or school - It shall contain an enclosed roof structure and shall be no greater than 3 x 3 metres and no greater than 4.5 metres in height. - Shall only be located in the rear yard. | | |
| The Town of Arnprior |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permits a maximum of 4 hens per property. - Prohibits roosters and requires all hens to be at least 4 months of age. - Veterinary checks are required. - Prohibits sales of hens, eggs, or manure and slaughtering. - Prohibited on higher density residential zones. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chickens are not permitted in the front or side yard. - Must be enclosed at all times. - Chickens must be kept in a coop between the hours of 9 pm - 6 am. - Properties must be 500m² or larger in size. - Minimum setback of 3.0 m from the property line; - Minimum setback of 1.2 m from the dwelling and other accessory buildings; - Minimum setback of 3.0 m from all windows and doors of dwellings that | <p>\$50.00 Initial Licensing fee</p> <p>\$25.00 Annual renewal fee.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulated under the Backyard Chickens By-Law 7214-21. |

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| | | | <p>are located on abutting properties;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minimum setback of 12.0 m from institutional and/or commercial land uses.- Maximum of one (1) hen coop and one (1) outdoor run is permitted per property;- Maximum floor area of 9.2 m² for a hen coop;- Maximum height of 2 m for a hen coop;- Coop is required to be fully enclosed with ventilation. If a heat source needs to be installed, the heat source must be a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) rated product and meet the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) standards upon installation;- Coop is required to be built to prevent rodent(s) from harbouring underneath or within the walls and | | |
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| | | | <p>prevent entrance by any other animal;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coop is required to have windows and vents which must be predator and birdproof;- A minimum of one (1) nest box is required;- A minimum of one (1) rodent-proof food and water container is required; and- A minimum of one (1) perch giving 0.3m of space per hen is required | | |
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