

7. Information

Information/Application

An information and application package is available at the Administration Department in City Hall (216 Mackenzie Avenue) or on the City's website at revelstoke.ca. Registration with the Province of BC is also required and may be completed online at www2.gov.bc.ca under Food Safety.

Site Inspection and License Approval

Bylaw Compliance Officers will be responsible for inspecting the property to ensure that all requirements are met. The City of Revelstoke Manager of Legislative Services will approve the license upon notification of compliance.

Bylaw Enforcement

Bylaw Compliance Officers will continue to provide Animal Control Enforcement services. Please call (250) 837-4747 with any questions or concerns.



Other Resources:

- Urban Chickens at www.urbanchickens.org
- Raising Backyard Chickens www.backyardchickens.com

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Bylaw Enforcement

Backyard Hen Guidelines





The Facts

The Animal Control Bylaw allows for the regulation and licensing of backyard hen keeping. Below are the regulations you should know.



1. Minimum Lot Size Standards

- ◆ Hens are conditionally allowed to be kept on property zones for single family residential use.
- ◆ Hens are not permitted on multi-family or mobile home park lots.

2. Number of Hens

- ◆ Up to five (5) hens may be kept on any property with a single-family dwelling.
- ◆ Roosters are NOT permitted within the City of Revelstoke.
- ◆ Other types of poultry are not permitted.

3. Hen Keeping Standards

- ◆ Slaughtering of hens on single family lots is not permitted. Hens, at the end of their life, will need to be taken to a veterinarian, farm, or sold at a poultry auction or abattoir.
- ◆ Sale of eggs is also prohibited, as backyard hens are kept for personal use only.

4. Coop Standards and Setbacks

- ◆ Every building (coop) or enclosure used to accommodate hens must be:
 - located in the rear and/or side yard of the lot behind and/or beside the dwelling;
 - a minimum of 5.0 metres (16.4 feet) from any neighbouring property's windows or doors;
 - at grade level suggested no more than 2.0 metres (6.6 feet) in height;
 - provide 0.5 square metres (5.38 square feet) per hen of floor area (maximum size of coop and hen enclosure combined = 7.5 square metres (80.73 square feet) in area;
 - provide one perch and one nest per hen;
 - hen enclosure must be covered entirely on all sides and top;
 - Coop must have a water tight roof covering.

5. Care of Hens

- ◆ Owners should be educated and ensure proper maintenance and humane care for the hens.
- ◆ Owners must abide by Provincial and Federal standards for care of poultry.

6. City Requirements

- ◆ Owners must pay a \$50 one time license fee;
- ◆ Owners must notify the City of Revelstoke when they no longer have hens on the property;
- ◆ Feed must be enclosed in an air tight container outside of the hen enclosure and must not be located in an area accessible by wildlife and animals.

