| Municipal Research on Keeping Urban Hens Tanya Dunford | Brampton (593,638) Animal Control By-Law 261-93 amended by 340-2012 | Brantford (97,496) Chapter 206 | Clearview (14,151) Bylaw #16-39 | Edmonton (932,546) Animal Licensing and Control By-law 13145 PILOT | Guelph (131,794) Bylaw #(2016)-20122 Being Amended | Kingston (123,798) By-Law 2004-144 | Kitchener (233,222) Chapter 408 amended by By-law 2016-118 | London (383,822) Animal Control By-law PH-3 |
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| Allows Urban Hens | Yes No | | Yes | Yes - Maximum of 50 permits available in pilot | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Licensing/Registration | License valid for 12 months License will not be issued for more than 2 hens on a lot size less than 1 acre | | Application with sketch illustrating location and size of coop and manure storage structure | Must apply for license to keep hens | Yes - with City or Pound Operator | Application for Hen Coop Permit | Application to keep | |
| Number of Hens Allowed | Maximum 2-10 | | Maximum of 1-4 unless council resolution for more | | Currently no limit Recommending 10 | 6 | 4 | |
| Coop Regulations | 2 metres from each boundary of the property of the owner Appearance shall be maintained by regular painting, or with permanent siding All equipment and material screened from view of general public | | .37m2 coop floor area, .92m2 of outdoor enclosure or fenced yard Coop and manure storage structure not to exceed area of 10m2 At least one roost giving 15 cm of space per hen and one nest box per four hens | fenced and secured .9m from side property, 18m from front property line, .6m from rear property line, .9m from other buildings, .37m2 for | free from standing water, regularly cleansed and disinfected | 1.2m from side lot of dwelling lot, 15m from any school, 7.5m from church or business 3m from all windows and | 1.2m from rear lot line, 3m from side lot, no front yard Floor must be resistant to moisture, mold, lined with shavings or straw to facilitate cleaning Chicken boxes and perch must be provided for all hens | |
| Manure Regulations | Refuse in air tight containers to prevent odours, disposed in a manner that will not create a public nuisance or health hazard. | | Store in enclosed structure no more than .85m3 at a time Remove all other manure not used for composting or fertilizing | Remove, discarde or compost manure | Immediately remove and sanitarily dispose of all manure | Stored in enclosed structure no more than 3 cubic feet Manure disposed of in accordance with Municipal by-laws | Manure must be cleaned out daily and stored in a secured container or composter | |
| Fees | \$50.00 license fee | | \$30 annual backyard chickens permit fee | \$50-91 for development permit | None | \$25.00 annually | \$50.00 one-time application fee | |
| Other | Owner shall permit entry on the lot for the purpose of enforcing this by-law and it is an offence to obstruct any City employee Notice to Neighbours required with ability to object to Clerk within 20 days | | Must obtain consent from property owner Right of entry in by-law Follow Canadian Food Inspection Agency ("CFIA") procedures | Roosters not permitted Neighbour notification required Hens are banded for identification and documented with City | N/A | Neighbour permission required Owner permission required for renters No owner shall cause or permit his or her hend to become a public nuisance by persistently clucking No roosters | Multi-residential properties not permitted to have chickens No roosters Neighbour permission if 2.5m setback can't be achieved Must be kept in enclosed run when not in coop Contained on owners property at all times Banded with owner contact information | |

| Municipal Research on Keeping Urban Hens Tanya Dunford | Niagara Falls (88,071) Animal Control By-law 2002-129 as amended by 2002-152 and 2010- | Orillia (31,166) Chapter 287 PILOT | Quinte West (43,577) 11-138 | Severn (13,477) Bylaw 2013-08 | Toronto (2,731,571) Chapter 349, Animals | Vancouver (631,486) Animal Control Bylaw #9150 | Waterloo (104,986) By-law 09-047 | Windsor (217,188) Bylaw #8156 |
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| Allows Urban Hens | Yes | Yes - 2 year pilot June 5, 2017-2019 | Yes | Yes | No - As of July, 2017 considering pilot project | Yes | No | No |
| Licensing/Registration | | Hen coop license | Annual license for hen coop license May require inspection City may refuse to issue a license | No | | Online application and registration only | Permit issued to 21 people who were allowed to have them before June 26, 2009. Grandfathered hens are the only hens allowed | |
| Number of Hens Allowed | 10 | 4 | 4 | Maximum 12 | | One to four | Limit stated on permit | |
| Coop Regulations | fully enclose the chickens 25 feet from rear lot line, 15 feet from side lot line Detached dwelling on lot only | No front or side yard 8m from dwelling, 3m from lot line, 3m from structure, 3m from sewage works, 15m from school 9.0m2 ground floor, .37m2 floor area for each hen, max height of 5m | obnoxious smells and substances | Enclosed roof max 3x3 metres and no higher than 4.5m .25 acre lot size, 3m from side lot, 1.2m from rear lot, 7.5m from school or church Only in rear lot | | Each hen37m2 of floor area and .92m2 roofed outdoor enclosure At lease one perch - 15cm long 1 nest box | Rear yard, 3 metres from lot line, 6 metres from flankage line 15 metres from school, church, dwelling or human habitation | |
| Manure Regulations | Prompt removal of manure | Manure cleaned daily | All manure covered No more than 3 cubic feet shall be stored Manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed | By-law enforced for sanitary conditions and disposal of animal waste | | Remove manure in timely manner Store no more than 3 cubic feet | Immediate removal and sanitary disposal | |
| Fees | None | \$100 covers 2 year pilot Need site plan/declaration | New - \$57.50/yr Renewal - \$\$28.75/yr | None | | None | None | |
| Other | No roosters | No roosters No selling eggs, manure, mean or other products Slaughtering euthanizing prohibited | Access to feed and clean water at all times, in solid containers, uneaten feed to be | No roosters | | Opportunities for scratching, dust-bathing, roosting Follow biosecurity procedures recommended by Canadian Food Inspection Agency | No new permits being issued. | |