



TOWN OF KENTVILLE BY-LAW
CHAPTER 70
ANIMAL CONTROL – AMENDING BYLAW

1. This by-law may be cited as the Animal Control – Amending By-Law regarding the keeping of chickens.

AMENDMENTS

2. The Animal Control Bylaw is amended as follows:
 - 2.1 Addition of definition 2a) “Chicken License” means a license issued by Staff authorizing the license holder to raise chickens on a specific property within the Town;
 - 2.2 Addition of definition 2b) “Chickens” means hens and poults but does not include roosters;
 - 2.3 Addition of definition 3a) “Coop” means a fully enclosed weather-proof structure and attached outdoor enclosure used for the keeping and protection of chickens at night;
 - 2.4 In definition 8), replace “Schedule “B” attached to and forming a part of this By-law” with “Policy Statement G33 Animal Control Bylaw Fees”;
 - 2.5 In definition 10), delete “as are set out in Schedule “B””;
 - 2.6 In definition 12), delete “as are set out in Schedule “B””;
 - 2.7 In definition 16), replace “Schedule “B”” with “Policy Statement G33 Animal Control Bylaw Fees”.
 - 2.8 After section 11, addition of the heading “Chickens”.
 - 2.9 Addition of 11a. “A Chicken License is not required to keep chickens in the Town, but an Owner of a Chicken is encouraged to obtain a License by submitting a Chicken License Application in such form as required by staff”;
 - 2.10 Addition of 11b. “A license is not required to keep chickens, but the Town encourages voluntary registration of backyard chickens.”
 - 2.11 Addition of 11c. “The keeping of Chickens shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) chickens”
 - 2.12 Addition of 11d. “Chickens must be contained within a fence on the property, and must have access to a coop at night which is within the fenced area;
 - 2.13 Addition of 11e. “The fenced area must
 - i. Be located in a rear yard;
 - ii. Be setback a minimum of 20 metres from any watercourses;

- iii. Be setback a minimum of 1 metre from all property lines; and
 - iv. Satisfy any other regulations for fences in the Land Use By-law.”
- 2.14 Addition of 11f. “The keeping of roosters is prohibited.”;
 - 2.15 In section 17.(1), replace “16(5)” with “21(5)”;
 - 2.16 In section 17.(2), replace “16(7)” with “21(7)”;
 - 2.17 In section 17.(3), replace “16(8)” with “21(8)”;
 - 2.18 After section 19, addition of 19a. “Any person who violates sections 14, 15, 16 or 17 relating to the keeping of chickens and roosters, is guilty of an offence.”;
 - 2.19 Addition of 19b. “It shall be a defence to a charge that the size of a flock of chickens exceeds the limit imposed in section 13 that the size is no larger than the size that existed on the date of the adoption of this Bylaw”;
 - 2.20 Addition of 19c. “It shall be a defence to a charge of keeping a rooster that the Owner kept no fewer roosters at the time of the adoption of this Bylaw.”;
 - 2.21 In section 28(1), the numbers should read “Any person who contravened sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 24 or 25...”;
 - 2.22 In section 28(2), the number should read “Any person who contravenes subsection 21(7) ...”;
 - 2.23 In section 29, the number should read “Any person who contravenes section 22(2) ...”;

**Clerk’s Annotation For Official By-Law Book
Bylaw**

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Amending Bylaw

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I certify that this Animal Control – Amending Bylaw – Chapter 70 was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

Dan Troke, Clerk

*Effective Date of the By-Law unless otherwise specified in the By-Law