

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

BY-LAW NO. 2024-18

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2013-15 TO REGULATE THE KEEPING AND REGISTRATION OF BACKYARD CHICKENS IN THE URBAN AREA WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

WHEREAS under Section 436 of the Municipality Act, 2001, an officer may enter onto and across any lands, at any reasonable time, without a warrant to conduct an investigation or inspection to ensure the provisions of this By-law are being complied with; and

WHEREAS every chicken found running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law may be seized and impounded; and

WHEREAS a chicken/hen has been seized or should be destroyed without delay for humane reasons, the Municipality By-Law Enforcement Officer may dispose of the hen in a humane manner as soon after the seizure as he/she sees fit, without permitting any reason to reclaim the hen and no compensation or damages shall be recovered on account of such disposition.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby **ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Backyard Chickens Regulations

- A maximum of eight (8) chickens/hens shall be allowed on premises zoned 'residential'
- Roosters are strictly prohibited
- Chickens will be kept in the coop between 9:00p.m. and 6:00a.m.
- Each hen is provided with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, veterinary care if needed and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the chickens in good health
- Hens must be contained on owner's property and kept in a coop and or run at all times
- Owner of the chickens must reside on or next to the property where the hens are kept
- Rental properties require written permission from the owner
- Multi-residential properties such as apartments are not permitted to have chickens
- All other by-laws will still apply, for example, noise, animal control, property standards

2. Setback Regulations and Compliance Requirements

- Chicken coops are not permitted in a front or side yard
- 1.2m (3.9ft) from the rear lot line
- 2.5m (8.2ft) from the side lot line
- 2.5m (8.2ft) from a rear lot line abutting a side yard

3. Coop and Run Regulations and Sanitation

Structure


- Coop must provide protection from weather and be adequately ventilated
- Have interior walls which are smoothly finished
- Provide each hen with at least 0.37m² of coop floor area
- Be equipped with at least one perch of not less than 15cm in length and one nest box for each hen
- The floor must be constructed of a material that is resistant to moisture, mold, retain heat in the cold weather and exclude predators
- The floor must be lined with shavings, straw, or other appropriate materials to absorb manure and facilitate cleaning
- The coop and run shall be constructed and maintained in a manner as to prevent the escape of hens
- The coop and run shall be constructed and maintained in a manner to exclude predators and rodents from entry
- The run shall be of sufficient size to provide at least 0.92m² per hen
- The run provided with a floor of any combination of vegetated or bare earth

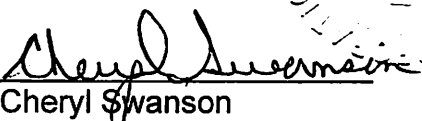
Cleaning

- The coop must be maintained in a clean condition and shall be kept free of odours
- The floor shall be properly washed each week with water and soap or detergent whether the floor is constructed of wood or concrete
- The coop must be deep cleaned 2-3 times a year which includes washing and disinfecting of walls, troughs, perches, and nest boxes
- Manure must be cleaned out daily and stored in a secure container or composter

4. All by-laws, policies and resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this by-law are hereby repealed in so far it is necessary to give effect to the provisions of this by-law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME, AND FINALLY ENACTED AND PASSED this 1st day of May, 2024.


Mark Stickel
Mayor


Cheryl Swanson
Clerk

