

## **SCHEDULE "A" to By-law 44-2023**

### **Regulations for the Keeping of Hens Within the Town of Pelham**

- 1) A Licensee may keep a maximum of up to six (6) Hens in accordance with these Regulations.
- 2) The keeping of Roosters is prohibited.
- 3) The Licensee must lawfully occupy and reside at the Property where the Hens are kept. If the licensee is not the legal owner of the Property, they must have written approval from the legal owner of the Property.
- 4) Any Property where Hens are kept shall:
  - (a) contain a Single Detached Dwelling; and
  - (b) have a lot area of no less 0.4 ha.
- 5) Hens shall be confined to a Hen Coop or Hen Run at all times. Free Roaming Hens are prohibited.
- 6) No more than one (1) Hen Coop and one (1) Hen Run may be situated on a Property.
- 7) The Hen Coop shall provide a minimum of 0.37m<sup>2</sup> for each Hen.
- 8) The Hen Run shall provide a minimum of 0.93m<sup>2</sup> for each Hen. The floor of the Hen Run shall consist of vegetation, bare earth or a combination of them.
- 9) Notwithstanding the accessory structure height and size provisions in the Zoning By-law:
  - (a) Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall be located in the rear yard of the Property;
  - (b) Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall be located no less than 5.0m from any interior lot line;
  - (c) Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall be located no less than 10.0m from the rear lot line;
  - (d) Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall not exceed 3.0m in height;
  - (e) Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall be completely enclosed; and
  - (f) the combined floor area of the Hen Coop and Hen Run shall be less than 10.0m<sup>2</sup>.
- 10) Other than as set out in section 9 of these Regulations, Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall meet all other applicable Zoning By-law requirements for accessory structures.
- 11) Hens shall be kept in locked Hen Coops from sunset to sunrise.
- 12) Hen Coops shall have adequate ventilation and shall be weather and predator proof.
- 13) Hen Coops and Hen Runs shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be kept free of obnoxious odours, substances and vermin.

- 14) 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 behaviors such as scratching, roosting and dust bathing.
- 15) Feeders and water containers shall be provided and regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- 16) Feed shall be stored in rodent proof containers and shall be secured at all times to prevent rodents and other animals from accessing it.
- 17) Leftover feed shall be promptly removed from and disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- 18) Manure that is kept for composting or fertilizing shall be stored in an enclosed structure or container such as a compost bin. No more than three (3) cubic feet shall be stored at any one time. Manure not used for composting or fertilizing or in excess of three (3) cubic feet shall be promptly removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- 19) The slaughter of Hens is prohibited.
- 20) Deceased Hens shall be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility, through the services of a veterinarian, or through a facility approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and in accordance with all applicable laws, within 24 hours of death.
- 21) Hens shall be kept in accordance with all applicable law including Town of Pelham By-laws respecting noise, lot maintenance, property standards and animals as well as provincial legislation.