



Your guide to keeping urban chickens in the Town of High River



High River Council has approved Urban Chicken Bylaw 4470/2016 to regulate and provide guidelines for residents to keep chickens within the corporate boundaries of the Town of High River.

This Bylaw requires residents to apply for and maintain an Urban Chicken License on an annual basis.

Urban Chickens kept within the Town of High River are for personal use only and any person wanting to keep Urban Chickens must obtain a Premises Identification (PID) under the Premises Identification Regulation (200/2008) in the *Alberta Animal Health Act*.

Liability insurance must also be obtained by the applicant.

URBAN CHICKEN REQUIREMENTS

- Only Hens will be allowed to be kept;
- Roosters are not allowed to be kept;
- No more than three (3) Hens can be kept on a single property;
- Each Hen must be provided with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the Hen in good health;
- No Hen shall be slaughtered on the property;
- Hens will be disposed of by delivering it to a farm, abattoir, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of Hens.

COOP RESTRICTIONS

- Provide each Hen with at least 0.37 m² of interior floor area, and at least 0.92 m² of outdoor enclosure, within the coop;
- Provide and maintain, in the coop, at least one nest box per coop and one perch per Hen, that is at least 15 cm long;
- Keep each Hen in the coop at all times;
- Maintain the coop in good repair and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and noxious or offensive smells and substances;
- Construct and maintain the coop to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath or within it or within its walls, and to prevent entrance by any other animal.

ENFORCEMENT

- This Bylaw shall be enforced by any Bylaw Enforcement Officer;
- Approved Licence holders shall make themselves and their coops available for inspection on reasonable request by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

HOW TO APPLY

Online

Visit www.highriver.ca and select 'Bylaw & Protective Services' from the Residents menu to download an application or for more information about the Urban Chicken Bylaw.

In person

Visit 309B Macleod Trail SW and pick up an application from the main reception desk.

Return all forms to:

309B Macleod Trail S.W
High River, AB T1V 1Z5

