



URBAN HEN REGULATIONS

The following Regulations have been made by the Town of Steady Brook under Sections 414(1) and 414(2) of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, SNL 1999, c M-24.



, Mayor

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

Urban Hen Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Steady Brook Urban Hen Regulations.
2. For the purpose of these Regulations:
 - a. "at large" means the case of a hen being outside a Coop or Hen Run.
 - b. "Town" means the Town of Steady Brook.
 - c. "Coop" means a fully enclosed weatherproof building in which hens are kept and which the interior thereof includes nest boxes for egg laying, perches for the hens to sleep on, and food and water containers.
 - d. "Council" means the Steady Brook Council.
 - e. "Hen" means a domesticated female chicken that is at least four months old.
 - f. "Hen Run" means a covered secure enclosure of wire mesh with holes that are no greater than on quarter of an inch (1") in diameter that allows Hens outdoors and protects Hens from predators.
 - g. "Inspector" means the Municipal Enforcement Officer or Clerk, or any person appointed by Council to act as an Inspector under these Regulations.
 - h. "Occupant" of any property means a person who
 - i. owns the property;
 - ii. resides at the property;
 - iii. is in physical possession of the property; or
 - iv. has responsibility for and control over the condition of the property, the activities conducted on the property, and the persons allowed to enter the property.

General Prohibitions

3. No Occupant of a property or Owner in the Town shall keep or allow a Hen on any property within the Town out with a permit issued by Council.
4. No Occupant of a property or Owner in the Town shall keep or allow a Hen in the Town except in the manner as provided in these regulations and except in accordance with any conditions prescribed on a permit issues to the occupant or owner for the keeping of a Hen.

5. No Occupant or Owner shall keep more than as per what is outlined in the Town of Steady Brook Development Regulations on a Property within the Town.
6. No Occupant or Owner shall keep or allow a Hen to be kept on any property within the Town unless the Occupant or Owner resides on the property.

Permits

7. No Occupant or Owner shall keep a Hen in the Town unless:
 - a. a permit fee has been paid to the town and a permit has been issued by Council for the keeping of Hens on the property on which the Hen is to be kept.
 - b. a license fee has been paid to the Town and a license has been issued by Council for each Hen.
8. Every permit and License issued pursuant to these Regulations shall expire on the 31st day of December next after the date of issuance and shall not be non-transferrable between property owners and is non-refundable.
9. The permit shall not be remitted or reduced for any cause including death, loss of, or removal of a Hen for the Town after the date of issuance.
10. Upon completion of the Town's prescribed application form and payment of the permit fee by the Owner or Occupant, the Town shall:
 - a. provide notice to all residences during the Monthly Public Meetings to advise the Town of any objections they may have to issuance of a permit to keep hens on the Applicant's property;
 - b. inspect the Property to ensure it is possible to keep hens in a manner that complies with these Regulations; and
 - c. consider any issues of public health, safety, convenience, or other concerns raised by the Inspector or by owners of adjacent properties.

After considering the above, the Town shall decide whether to allow the keeping of hens on the Applicant's property. If the decision is in favor of the Applicant, the Town shall then issue a permit for the keeping of Hens on the Property.

11. If a permit is issued, the Owner or Occupant may then complete construction of a Coop and Hen Run and shall keep the permit visibly displayed on the Coop or Hen Run.
12. Upon completion of construction of the Coop and Hen Run, and prior to keeping any Hens on the property, the Owner or Occupant shall contact the Town for an inspection. The Inspector shall inspect the Coop and Hen Run and, provided the Inspector finds the structures in compliance with these Regulations, the Owner and/or Occupant shall make payment of the license fee, the Town shall issue a numbered bird tag for the current year for each Hen registered, and the Owner or

Occupant shall display the tag by attaching it to a leg of the Hen. The Owner or Occupant may then keep the licensed Hens on the property.

13. It is a deemed condition of all permits and licenses that the Owner or Occupant must comply with all Regulations and must allow access by the Inspector to the Coop and Hen Run at all reasonable times to assess compliance with these Regulations. Failure to comply with these Regulations or to co-operate with an Inspector may result in immediate revocation of permits and licenses issued under these Regulations.

CONTROL OF ANIMALS

14. No Occupant or Owner shall permit or allow a Hen to stray or be at large.
15. Hens must be kept in a Coop between the hours of 9:00 PM. and 7:00 AM.
16. Hens must be kept in a Hen Run when not in their Coop.

PERMISSION TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

17. No person shall establish or carry on any business or institution for the boarding, keeping, or treating of Hens, or sale of eggs, manure, or other products associated with the keeping of Hens without written permission of Council to carry out such business or institution.

COOPS & HEN RUNS

18. Coops and Hen Runs shall not be placed in any front yard or side yard.
19. Coops and Hen Runs shall not be placed at a distance of less than one (1) metre from the rear or side property boundary lines.
20. Coops and Hen Runs shall not be placed in a front yard or within seven (7) metres of a front property boundary line or street reservation.
21. Coops and Hen Runs shall not be placed within three (3) metres of any window or door of a residential dwelling located on a neighboring property.
22. Coops and Hen Runs shall not be placed on any easements or right of ways.
23. The combination of Coops and Hen Runs on a property shall not be any smaller than four (4) square metres, nor any greater than ten (10) square metres.

SANITATION

24. No person shall keep a Hen that, in the opinion of the Municipal Enforcement Officer, is exhibiting behavior or symptoms of illness that threaten the health and/or safety of persons or animals.
25. Hen Runs and Coops shall be maintained in a clean condition, free of noxious odours, Substances, and vermin.
26. Hens shall be provided with clean, fresh drinking water, nesting materials, and food of sufficient quantity and quality so as to allow for normal, healthy growth and the maintenance

of normal, healthy body weight.

27. Food and water for Hens shall be kept in receptacles that avoid contamination by excreta.
28. Hens shall be either destroyed or provided veterinary care when ill.
29. Coops and Hen Runs shall be cleaned, including removal of excrement, on a daily basis.
30. No Owner or Occupier shall allow a Hen to be kept in an unsanitary condition. Conditions shall be considered unsanitary where, in the opinion of the Municipal Enforcement Officer, the keeping of the Hen results in an accumulation of fecal matter, an odour, insect infestation or rodent attractants which endanger the health of the Hen or any animal or person, or which disturb or are likely to disturb the enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any person in or about their dwelling or property.
31. Where there is a conflict between the standards set out in these Regulations and the *Animal Health and Protection Act, SNL 2010, c. A-9.1* and any regulations enacted thereunder, the *Occupancy and Maintenance Regulations {Newfoundland and Labrador Regulation 1021/96}*, or any other applicable legislation, the highest standard for protection of the health and wellbeing of Hens and for the use and enjoyment of persons property shall prevail.
32. These Regulations were adopted and passed by Council at a meeting held on the 15th day of June, 2023 and are effective as of that date.