



BYLAW NO. 466/25 URBAN HEN BYLAW

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF STRASBOURG, IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF URBAN HENS

The Council of the Town of Strasbourg in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Urban Hen Bylaw."

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to outline the Town's responsibility in regards to the licensing, control, and regulation of urban hens within the community.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Bylaw:

- a. **Bylaw Enforcement Officer** - The person or persons appointed or contracted by the Town for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Bylaw.
- b. **Chicken** - A domesticated fowl that is kept for egg or meat production or as a pet, but does not include a turkey, goose, duck, artificially reared grouse, partridge, quail, pheasant, or ptarmigan.
- c. **Council** - The Mayor and Councillors of the Town elected pursuant to the provisions of *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*.
- d. **Hen** - A domesticated female chicken.
- e. **Owner** - Includes:
 - i. A person, persons, partnership, association or corporation who keeps, possesses, harbours, or has care of or control of a dog or cat.
 - ii. The person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of a dog or cat.
- f. **Rooster** - A domesticated male chicken.
- g. **Town** - The Town of Strasbourg.

4. LICENSING & REGISTRATION OF URBAN HENS

- 4.1 A person is entitled to keep Urban Hens on their property by first applying to the Town by filling out Form "A" and paying the prescribed application fee as found in Schedule "A," which forms part of this Bylaw.
- 4.2 The following rules and regulations must be adhered to when keeping Urban Hens. The applicant must:
- a. Only have up to a maximum of five (5) hens.
 - b. Not have any roosters.
 - c. Provide each hen with at least 0.37 m² (4 ft²) of coop floor area, and at least 0.92 m² (10 ft²) of covered outdoor enclosure.
 - d. Provide and maintain a floor of any combination of vegetated or bare earth in each outdoor enclosure.
 - e. Provide and maintain, in each coop, at least one perch for each hen, that is at least 15 cm (6 in) long, and one nest box.
 - f. Keep each hen enclosed within the yard. If hens are to wander around the yard, the yard shall be fully fenced.
 - g. Adhere to the location and size of coops:



- i. Coops need to be located at least 3 m (10 ft) from the rear and side lot lines.
 - ii. Coops need to be located at least 3 m (10 ft) from any door or window of a residential building.
 - iii. Coops need to be located in the rear yard of the lot.
 - iv. Coops can be no more than 2 m (6.5 ft) in height.
 - v. Coops cannot occupy an area of land larger than 9.2 m² (99 ft²).
- h. Provide each hen with food, water, shelter, light, and ventilation, heat in winter months, veterinary care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the hen in good health.
- i. Maintain each hen enclosure in good repair and sanitary condition, and to the best of a person's ability, free from vermin and obnoxious smells and substances.
- j. Construct and maintain each hen enclosure to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath or within it or within its walls, and to prevent entrance by any other animal.
- k. Keep each hen enclosed within the yard. If hens are to wander around the yard, the yard must be fully fenced.
- l. Keep a chicken-friendly food and water container in each coop.
- m. Keep each coop closed from sunset to sunrise.
- n. Remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner.
- o. Store manure within a fully enclosed structure, and store no more than three cubic feet of manure at a time.
- p. Remove all other manure not used for composting or fertilizing.
- q. Keep hens for personal use only, and not sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from hens.
- r. Not slaughter, or attempt to euthanize, a hen on the property.
- s. Not dispose of a hen except by delivering it to a farm, abattoir, veterinarian, or other facility that has the ability to dispose of hens lawfully.
- t. Not keep a hen in a cage.
- 4.3 Any person who does not comply with the set out regulations may have their hens and/or henhouse removed from their property by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- 5. SEVERABILITY**
- 5.1 A decision of the court that one or more of the provisions of this Bylaw are invalid in whole or in part does not affect the validity, effectiveness, or enforceability of the other provisions or parts thereof with respect to this Bylaw.
- 6. COMING INTO FORCE**
- 6.1 This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the final date of passing by Council.

<i>Read a first time this</i>	<u>24th day of September, 2025.</u>
<i>Read a second time this</i>	<u>24th day of September, 2025.</u>
<i>Read a third time and passed this</i>	<u>24th day of September, 2025.</u>

TOWN OF STRASBOURG



Mayor

Jennifer C. [Signature]
Chief Administrative Officer

Certified to be a true copy of Bylaw
No. 466/25 adopted by the Council
of the Town of Strasbourg, on the
24th day of September, 2025.

[SEAL]

Chief Administrative Officer



**SCHEDULE "A"
BYLAW NO. 466/25
URBAN HEN FEES**

SECTION	DESCRIPTION	FEE
4.1	Urban Hen License	\$25.00 one-time fee

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FORM "A"
BYLAW NO. 466/25
URBAN HEN APPLICATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Civic Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please check off the following:

- ☐ I would like to keep _____ hens in my backyard (*up to five*).
(number)
- ☐ I currently own a residential property in the Town of Strasbourg.
- ☐ There is enough space in my backyard to ensure a minimum of 4 ft² for each hen and a minimum of 10 ft² of roofed space to run.
- ☐ I own or have access to hens and the required equipment including (but not limited to) a weather and predator-proof coop.
- ☐ I understand that no products from the hens may be sold including (but not limited to) eggs, meat, and fertilizer.
- ☐ I understand that owners of hens shall adhere to good management and husbandry practices and maintain hens in such a condition so as to prevent distress, disease, and welfare issues.
- ☐ I understand that to allow my hens out in the yard, the yard must be fully fenced and contained.
- ☐ By checking this box I declare that the information in this application form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understood the information provided to me by the Town as laid out in Section 4 of Bylaw 466/25. I understand that false information given may result in the denial of my application for Urban Hens.

Signature: _____

Date: _____