



**Schedule "C" Bylaw No. 1780**

**Town of Smithers  
Hen Flock Registration**

HEN OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I reside on the above property, or that I have permission from the property owner.

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I have read and understand the information regarding Backyard Hens under Bylaw No. 1780

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**One time application Fee: \$15**

**Date Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entered into Flock Registry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Backyard Hen Keeping CHECKLIST



## All Backyard Hen Keepers must comply with the following:

The keeping of hens for domestic purpose is permitted as an auxiliary use to a detached, single-family dwelling on any lot provided that the following conditions can be satisfied:

- Lot size must be greater than 550m<sup>2</sup> (5,920 ft<sup>2</sup>) and zoned R-1, R-2, R-6 or P-1 Zone;
- The owner of the property resides on the property where the hens are kept, or obtains written permission from the property owner;
- Roosters are prohibited;**
- The keeping of hens is limited to a maximum of:
  - 6 hens as an auxiliary use to a detached, single-family dwelling;
  - 12 hens on a P-1 property in conjunction with a Community Garden;
  - 12 poultry for each 0.4 ha of parcel area in zones A-1 or R-7.

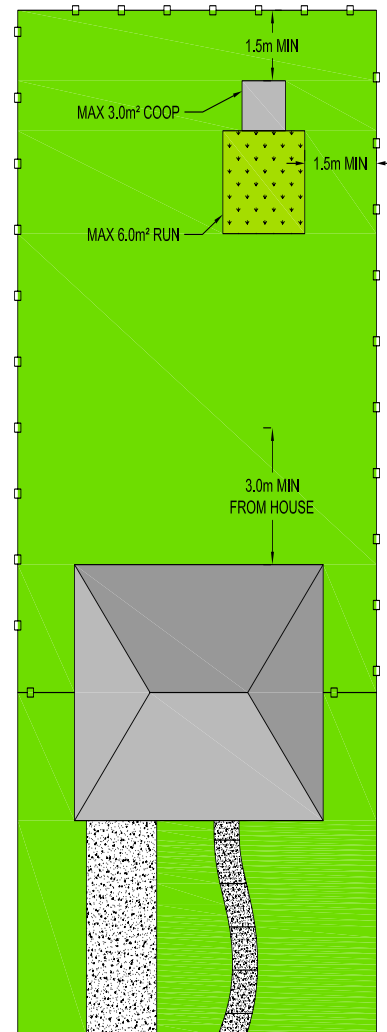
Hens must be kept in a run that is:

- Fenced on all sides and covered from above in a manner that will keep predators and vermin from entering and hens from escaping;
- Provide 1.0 m<sup>2</sup> (10.76 ft<sup>2</sup>) of roofed outdoor enclosure per hen;
- Sited at least 3 m (9.84 ft) from the principal building and 1.5 m (4.92 ft) from the side or rear property line, while being located in the backyard.

At least 1 coop must be provided in such a way that it:

- Kept clean and monitored daily for suitable cleanliness;
- Sited at least 3 m (9.84 ft) from the principal building and 1.5 m (4.92 ft) from the side or rear property line, while being located in the backyard;
- Allows at least 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> (5.3 ft<sup>2</sup>) of coop floor area per hen;
- Includes at least 1 perch no shorter than 15 cm per hen and 1 nest box per 4 hens.

- All hens must be provided sufficient food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, veterinary care and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting; to maintain good health;
- Feed must be stored in such a manner as to not provide an attractant to bears, other wildlife, or vermin;
- Manure must be stored within a fully enclosed structure, with no more than 0.08 m<sup>3</sup> (3 ft<sup>3</sup>) of manure stored at one time; All excess manure must be removed from the property;
- Biosecurity procedures must be followed as recommended by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency;
- Hens are permitted for personal use only, and selling eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from hens is prohibited;
- Slaughtering hens in Town limits is prohibited unless at a certified facility;
- Flocks must be registered for a fee of \$15 with the Town of Smithers.



I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above regulations related to Backyard Hen Keeping.

Signature of Applicant

Date