
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

January 28, 2025 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Council Chambers - 18 Centre Street Spencerville

PUBLIC MEETING

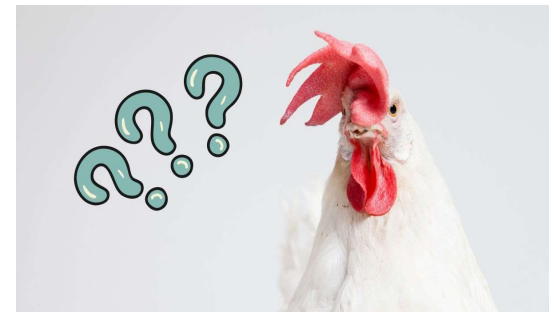
February 3, 2025 at 6 p.m.

PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

Hobby Farms and Keeping of Domestic Fowl

Why Change the Current By-Laws?

Residents of the township have expressed interest in expanding permissions to permit the keeping of domestic fowl coops more broadly within the Township, and in particular, within settlement areas of Spencerville, Johnstown and Cardinal.





Where are they permitted currently?

Domestic Fowl Coops are currently limited to lands zoned:

- Hamlet Residential (HR);
- Limited Services Residential (RLS);
- Agriculture (A); and
- Rural (RU).

What is a Domestic Fowl Coop?

Domestic Fowl Coops are defined in the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Zoning By-law 2022-37 as:

“an accessory residential structure consisting of a coop and run and intended to securely house a maximum of five (5) female egg laying chickens or five (5) female ducks”



What about Roosters?

Roosters are prohibited in a Domestic Fowl Coop under Section 4.5 of the zoning by-law.

They are however, permitted within an Agricultural and Rural zoned property as livestock on lots greater than 5 hectares in lot area.



Current Requirements?

Section 4.5 states that a domestic fowl coop is permitted accessory to a permitted residential dwelling in the Hamlet Residential (HR) Zone, the Limited Services Residential (RLS) Zone, the Agriculture (A) Zone, and the Rural (RU) Zone, subject to the following provisions:

- The minimum lot area shall be 0.4 ha.
- Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 3 m from rear and interior lot lines.
- Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 10 m from any window or door opening of a dwelling on an adjacent lot.
- Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 15 m from any well.
- Domestic fowl coops and runs shall not be located in any front or exterior side yard.
- Runs shall be constructed to provide a minimum of 0.9 m² and a maximum of 2.3 m² of floor space per hen.

Let's Compare the proposed changes?

EXISTING DEFINITION

“an accessory residential structure consisting of a coop and run and intended to securely house a maximum of five (5) female egg laying chickens or five (5) female ducks”

PROPOSED DEFINITION

“an accessory residential structure consisting of a coop and run and intended to securely house a maximum of **three (3)** female egg laying chickens or **three (3)** female ducks”

Let's Compare the proposed changes?

SECTION 4.5(2) EXISTING REQUIREMENTS

Permitted Zones:

- Hamlet Residential (HR)
 - Limited Services Residential (RLS)
 - Agriculture (A)
 - Rural (RU)
- i. The minimum lot area shall be 0.4 ha.
 - ii. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 3 m from rear and interior lot lines.
 - iii. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 10 m from any window or door opening of a dwelling on an adjacent lot.
 - iv. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 15 m from any well.
 - v. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall not be located in any front of exterior side yard.
 - vi. Runs shall be constructed to provide a minimum of 0.9 m² and a maximum of 2.3 m² of floor space per hen.

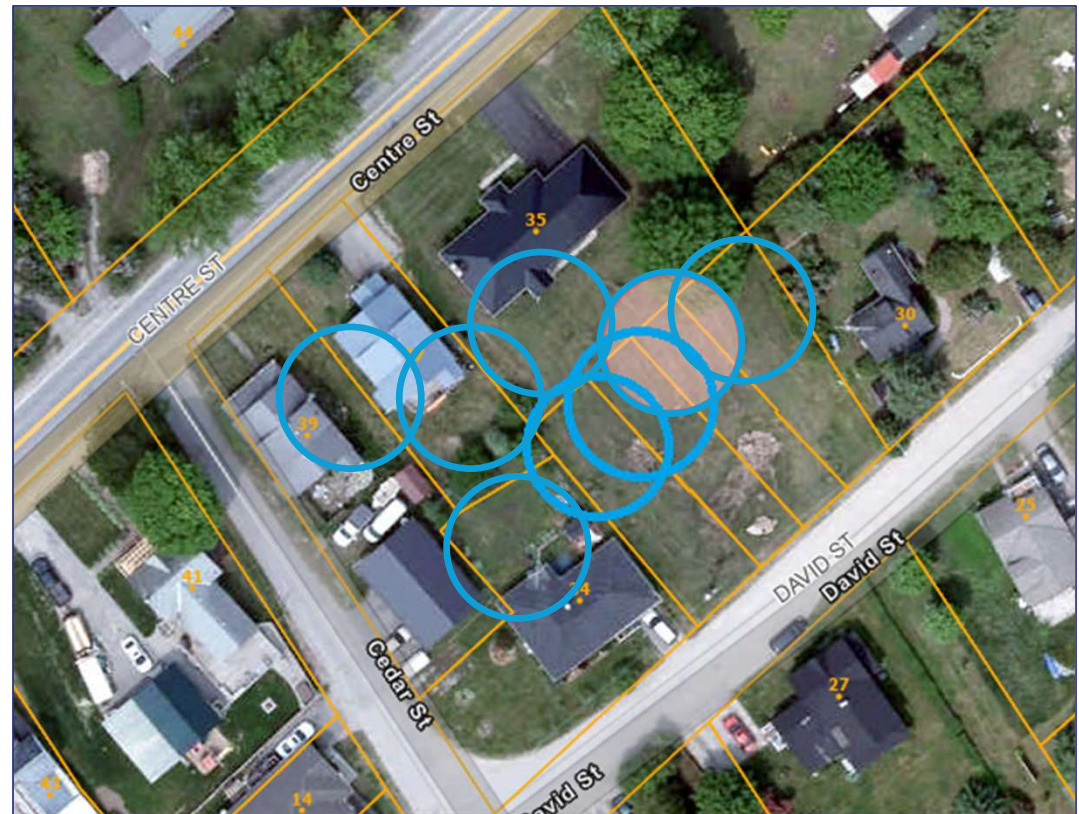
SECTION 4.5(2) PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS

Permitted Zones:

- Hamlet Residential (HR)
 - Limited Services Residential (RLS)
 - Agriculture (A)
 - Rural (RU)
 - Residential First Density (R1)
 - Residential Second Density (R2)
- i. Where only private water service (wells) are available:
 - a) Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 15 m from any well.
 - ii. The keeping of backyard poultry shall not be permitted on a lot located within a Wellhead Protection Area Overlay (WHPA) or an Intake Protection Zone Overlay (IPZ).
 - iii. The maximum number of Domestic Fowl coops is limited to one per parcel of land.
 - iv. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 4 m from rear and interior lot lines.
 - v. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 10 m from any window or door opening of a dwelling on the subject lot and adjacent lot.
 - vi. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall not be located in any front or exterior side yard.
 - vii. Runs shall be constructed to provide a minimum of 0.9 m² and a maximum of 2.3 m² of floor space per hen.

What will this look like in a Village with Private Services?

Example of the 15 metre
setback requirement
from a Well.



What will this look like in the Village of Cardinal?

Applying the required setbacks:

- i. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 4 metres from rear and interior lot lines.
- ii. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 10 m from any window or door opening of a dwelling on the subject lot and adjacent lot.
- iii. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall not be located in any front or exterior side yard.



Should a Licensing System be Established?

Creating a Licensing system for Domestic Fowl Coops will address the following?

1. Applicant would submit a licensing application and site plan drawing to establish a Domestic Fowl Coop. A nominal fee could be required.
2. Township will review the application to ensure compliance with the zoning by-law requirements.
3. An education kit for the keeping of Domestic Fowl regarding the health, safety and disease control practices, be provided to all applicants.
4. License is issued and inspection conducted, prior to housing the domestic fowl to ensure compliance with the approved plan.
5. The licensing process will provide the township with a list of properties with a 'legal' domestic fowl coop and track the location and number licenses issued within the township.
6. Yearly license renewal of all Domestic Fowl Coops would be required, similar to our domestic pet licensing.



Thank You

**Next Step:
Information to be provided to the
Committee of the Whole for discussion.
February 3rd, 2025 at 6:00pm**

Submit comments to:

**Tim Fisher
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Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal
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613-803-8342**

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