



PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Keeping of Domestic
Fowl in Settlement Areas

Villages of Cardinal, Johnstown and
Spencerville

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Section 4.5 Hobby Farm and Keeping of Domestic Fowl

This report will address Domestic Fowl in Settlement Areas only.

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A future report will be presented at the next Committee of the Whole, Community Development meeting which will provide an update on the suggested amendments to Hobby Farms and Domestic Fowl in the Rural Area.





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Current By-Law Requirements

Section 4.5 does not permit the keeping of Domestic Fowl in a Settlement Area.

The creation of Subsection 3 is proposed which will provide the rules and regulations to permit the keeping of Domestic Fowl in the Settlement Areas of Cardinal, Johnstown and Spencerville.

Proposed only on lots zoned R1 and R2 only within the Settlement Area.

4.5 Hobby Farms and Keeping of Domestic Fowl

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of this By-law to the contrary, a hobby farm, as defined herein, shall be permitted on a lot in any Rural (RU) or Agriculture (A) zone, provided that such livestock are housed in a building or structure specifically designed for such purpose, and subject to the following provisions:
 1. On a lot having an area of 1.6 ha up to 3.2 ha, a maximum of eight (8) small livestock units or their equivalent in any combination shall be permitted.
 2. On a lot having an area greater than 3.2 ha up to 5.0 ha, a maximum of twelve (12) small livestock units or their equivalent in any combination shall be permitted.
 3. On a lot having an area greater than 5.0 ha, a maximum of five (5) nutrient units, as defined by the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae, shall be permitted. For six (6) or more nutrient units, a hobby farm shall be subject to the setbacks determined by the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae developed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.
 4. For this purpose of calculating livestock units, the following shall apply:
 - 2 small livestock units equals 1 medium livestock unit
 - 4 small livestock units equals 1 large livestock unit
 - 2 medium livestock units equals 1 large livestock unit
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.1, a domestic fowl coop, as defined herein, shall be permitted accessory to a permitted residential dwelling in the Hamlet Residential (HR), Limited Services Residential (RLS), Agriculture (A), and Rural (RU) zone, subject to the following provisions:
 1. The minimum lot area shall be 0.4 ha.
 2. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 3 m from rear and interior lot lines.
 3. 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.
 4. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall be a minimum of 15 m from any well.
 5. Domestic fowl coops and runs shall not be located in any front or exterior side yard.
 6. Runs shall be constructed to provide a minimum of 0.9 m² and a maximum of 2.3 m² of floor space per hen.



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Proposed Regulations – Settlement Areas

A settlement area consists of a dense concentration of residential uses which may be developed on full or partial municipal services or full private onsite services.

Regulations MUST consider the unique characters of the settlement area and avoid applying the same standards as similar uses in the rural area.

Items to consider when reviewing Domestic Fowl in Settlement Areas:

- What zones or uses
- Number and Type of Fowl
- Size and Location of Coop and Run
- Limitations
- Prohibited Uses
- Public Safety and Drinking Water
- Education



3. Domestic Fowl Coop (Settlement Area)

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.1 and Section 4.5 1 and 2: a domestic fowl coop shall be permitted accessory to a permitted residential dwelling in the Residential First Density (R1), Residential Second Density (R2) zones within the Village of Cardinal, Village of Johnstown and Village of Spencerville, subject to the following provisions:

- The definition of Domestic Fowl within this provision shall mean a female chicken or female duck, being a minimum of 4 months of age.
- Maximum number of Domestic Fowl 5
- A coop and run shall be permitted only in a Rear Yard.
- Fowl shall be kept in a secure coop and run at all times.
- Fowl shall be kept in a secure coop between the hours of 9:00 pm to 6:00 am
- Size and Height of Structure
 - Minimum floor area of Coop 0.5 m2 per fowl
 - Minimum floor area of Run 0.9 m2 per fowl
 - Maximum floor area of a combined Coop and Run 10 m2
 - Maximum height of structure 3.0 m
- Setbacks:
 - Interior Side Lot Line 1.2 m
 - Rear Lot Line 1.2 m
 - From the closest point of any dwelling 3.0 m
 - From closest point of any well 3.0 m
- The location of a manure storage container or composter shall comply with the same setback requirements as a coop or run.
- Deceased fowl shall be safely taken to a livestock disposal facility and not be placed with household garbage or buried on the premises.
- Shall not be permitted on a lot located within a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) or an Intake Protection Zone (IPZ).
- Prohibited Uses:
 - Roosters are prohibited.
 - The sale of eggs, or any fowl related byproduct is prohibited.
 - The keeping of meat birds is prohibited.
 - Free range fowl are prohibited
 - Slaughtering of any domestic fowl on the premises is prohibited.

A property owner interested in learning more on the keeping and care of Domestic Fowl, biosecurity and flock safety, can view documents available on the Township's website at www.twp.ec.ca

RECOMENDATION

That Committee recommend to Council, to approve the amendments to Section 4.5, Hobby Farms and Keeping of Domestic Fowl in Zoning By-Law Number 2022-37, to include provisions to permit domestic fowl to be located in the settlement area of the Villages of Cardinal, Johnstown and Spencerville.