

Township of Hornepayne Animal By-Law Survey

Backyard Hens in the Urban Area

The Township of Hornepayne is reviewing its Animal By-Law and is seeking public input on whether residents should be allowed to keep chickens, specifically hens only, within the urban area of the Township.

Currently, chickens are prohibited in the urban area.

Roosters will continue to be prohibited.

This survey is for information-gathering purposes only. The results will help Council understand community interest and concerns before making any decisions.

Survey Questions

1. Do you live in the Township of Hornepayne?

Yes

No

2. Which area do you live in?

Urban area, serviced by municipal water and sewer

Rural area, not serviced by municipal water and sewer

Unsure

3. Do you support allowing residents to keep hens, but not roosters, in the urban area of the Township of Hornepayne?

Yes

No

Unsure / I need more information

4. If hens were allowed in the urban area, how many hens should be permitted per property?

1 to 2 hens

3 to 4 hens

5 to 6 hens

More than 6 hens

Hens should not be permitted

Unsure

5. If hens were allowed, what rules should the Township consider?

Please select all that apply.

Limit the number of hens per property

Require hens to be kept in a coop or enclosed area

Require the coop to be located a certain distance from neighbouring homes or property lines

Require the property to be kept clean and free from odours

Prohibit roosters

Prohibit home slaughtering

Require feed to be stored securely to avoid attracting wildlife or pests

Require an annual licence or registration

Require written permission from neighbouring property owners

Other:

No additional rules are needed

Unsure

6. What concerns, if any, would you have about hens being kept in the urban area?

Please select all that apply.

Noise

Odour

Attracting wildlife or pests

Animal welfare

Waste management

Impact on neighbouring properties

Enforcement concerns

I do not have any concerns

Other:

7. Would you be interested in keeping hens on your property if they were permitted?

Yes

No

Maybe

8. Do you have any additional comments for Council to consider?

Open comment box:

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. Survey results will be provided to Council for consideration as part of the Animal By-Law review. Completion of this survey does not mean that any changes to the By-Law have been approved.