

**VILLAGE OF COWLEY**

**BYLAW # 368-21**

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF COWLEY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING BYLAW #368, BEING THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, allows a municipality to pass by laws regulating and controlling wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them;

AND WHEREAS *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, allows a municipality to impose fines and penalties for infractions of the bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Cowley in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled does hereby enact the following:

1. This bylaw may be cited as “THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW AMENDMENT”.
2. Amendments per Schedule A attached.

SCHEDULE A

1. Add to Animal Control Bylaw, new definitions as follows:

**Chicken** means 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.

**Coop** means a fully enclosed weatherproof structure and attached outdoor enclosure used for the keeping of urban chickens, that is no larger than 10m<sup>2</sup> (108 ft<sup>2</sup>) in floor area, and no more than 2.4 m (8 ft) in height.

**Hen** means a domesticated female chicken.

**Outdoor Enclosure** means a securely enclosed, roofed outdoor area attached to and forming part of a coop having a bare earth or vegetated floor for chickens to roam.

**Rooster** means a domesticated male chicken.

**Village** means the Village of Cowley.

2. Within the boundaries of the Village as defined within this bylaw.
  - a. A person may keep up to a maximum of 10 chickens upon a parcel of land.
  - b. No person shall:
    - Keep a rooster
3. Responsibilities of the Chicken Owner
  - a. Chicken owners must comply with the *Alberta Animal Health Act* and any other applicable standards adopted by the Province of Alberta.
  - b. Chicken owners on whose property hens are kept have a duty to take reasonable measures to ensure that:
    - The coop and hens kept in the coop do not pose a safety risk to persons on adjacent public or private property.
    - The potential for damage to building and/or property located on adjacent public or private property because of the keeping of chickens is minimized.
    - Are required to follow procedures outlined by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to reduce potential disease outbreak.

4. A person who keeps one or more Chickens within the Village must:
  - a. Provide each chicken with at least .37 m<sup>2</sup> (4 ft<sup>2</sup>) of coop floor area, and at least .92m<sup>2</sup> (10ft<sup>2</sup>) of roofed outdoor enclosure; with all structures meeting the setback requirements within the Land Use Bylaw.
  - b. Provide and maintain a floor of any combination of vegetated or bare earth in each outdoor enclosure.
  - c. Provide and maintain in each coop, at least one perch, for each chicken, that is at least 15cm (0.5 ft) long and one nest box.
  - d. Always keep each chicken in the enclosed area.
  - e. Provide each chicken with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, veterinary care, and opportunities for essential behaviors such as scratching, dust bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the chicken in good health.
  - f. Maintain each chicken enclosure in good repair and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and obnoxious smells and substances.
  - g. Construct and maintain each chicken enclosure to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath or within it or within its' walls, and to prevent entrance by any other animal.
  - h. Keep a food container and water container in each coop.
  - i. Keep each coop secured from sunset to sunrise.
  - j. Remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner.
  - k. Store manure within a fully enclosed structure and store no more than 3 ft<sup>3</sup> of manure at a time.
  - l. Remove all other manure not used for composting or fertilizing and dispose of in a proper manner.
  - m. Follow biosecurity procedures recommended by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to reduce potential for disease outbreak.
  - n. Keep chickens for personal use only.
5. Any person who keeps chickens within the Village that is in contravention of Schedule A is guilty of an offence.
6. This Bylaw comes into force and effect upon third and final passing thereof.

Read a first time on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Read a second time on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Read a third time and passed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer