

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**

**BY-LAW NO. 2025-08**

**A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2023-54, BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**

**WHEREAS** Sections 8, 9 and 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended (“Municipal Act”) authorize a lower tier municipality to pass by-laws respecting animals;

**AND WHEREAS** section 425 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws providing that a person who contravenes a by-law of a municipality passed under that Act is guilty of an offence;

**WHEREAS** the Township of West Lincoln deems it necessary to amend By-law No. 2023-54, being a by-law to regulate animal care and control within the Township of West Lincoln;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That By-law No. 2023-54, being a by-law to regulate animal care and control within the Township of West Lincoln, be amended by adding the following definitions in *Section 2 Definitions, For the purposes of this by-law.*

“Backyard Chickens” means a hen (female chicken at least four months old) kept for companionship as a pet or for the purpose of providing food for the personal consumption of occupants of a main dwelling on the same lot, and shall not include roosters, waterfowl or other non-domesticated birds.;

“Chicken Run” means a covered, fully fenced and secure enclosure that allows hens access to the outdoors from the coop;

“Coop” means a fully enclosed, locking, weatherproof structure where hens are kept and the interior of which contains nest boxes for egg laying, roosts for hens to sleep on and containers for food and water;

2. That By-law No. 2023-54, being a by-law to regulate animal care and control within the Township of West Lincoln, be amended by adding the following subsection under *Animal Noise* in *Section 5 General Animals*:

Backyard Chickens

5.41. No Owner shall fail to comply with the regulations set out in Schedule "F" as it pertains to keeping of backyard chickens within the Township.

3. That By-law No. 2023-54, being a by-law to regulate animal care and control within the Township of West Lincoln, be amended by adding a new *Schedule "F" Backyard Chickens* and each subsequent schedule thereafter be re-alphabetized accordingly.
4. That By-law No. 2023-54, being a by-law to regulate animal care and control within the Township of West Lincoln, be amended by adding the following provision to the Schedule previously alphabetized as *Schedule "G"* (Part 1 Provincial Offences Act):

Owner- fail to comply with the Regulations in Schedule "F" as it pertains to the keeping of Backyard Chickens	S 5.41	\$250.00
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5. That By-law No. 2023-54, being a by-law to regulate animal care and control within the Township of West Lincoln, be amended by adding the following provision to the Schedule previously alphabetized as *Schedule "H"* (Administrative Penalty (Non-Parking By-law) - Designated By-law Provisions):

Owner- fail to comply with the Regulations in Schedule "F" as it pertains to the keeping of Backyard Chickens	S 5.41	\$250.00
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**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD  
TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS  
24 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.**

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**MAYOR CHERYL GANANN**

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**JUSTIN PAYLOVE, CLERK**

## **SCHEDULE "F"**

### **BACKYARD CHICKENS**

1. In this Schedule, the following regulations apply to Backyard Chickens:
2. Enclosure and Care Regulations:
  - 2.1 Coops shall provide protection from weather and be adequately ventilated.
  - 2.2 Coops and runs shall be constructed and maintained to exclude rodents and predators from entry.
  - 2.3 Coop floors and runs shall consist of vegetation, bare earth or a combination of both or lined with shavings, straw or other appropriate materials to absorb manure and facilitate cleaning.
  - 2.4 Hen coops shall provide a minimum of 0.37 square metres for each hen.
  - 2.5 Hen runs shall provide a minimum of 0.93 square metres for each hen.
  - 2.6 Hens shall be confined to a hen coop or hen run at all times. No free roaming hens are permitted.
  - 2.7 Hens shall be provided with appropriate food, water, space and environmental conditions conducive to good health. Feeders and water containers shall be provided and regularly cleaned and disinfected.
  - 2.8 Feed shall be stored in rodent proof containers and shall be secured at all times to prevent rodents and other animals from accessing it. Leftover feed shall be promptly removed from and disposed of in an appropriate manner.
  - 2.9 Deceased hens shall be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility, through the services of a veterinarian, or through a facility approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and in accordance with all applicable laws within 24 hours of death.
  - 2.10 Shall comply with the Section 3.8.3 of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, and its successor thereto.
3. Manure Storage Regulations:
  - 3.1 Manure shall be stored in an enclosed container no more than 3 cubic metres of manure stored at any one time.
  - 3.2 Manure must be maintained in a clean condition and shall be kept free of odours.
  - 3.3 Manure that is kept for composting or fertilizing shall be stored in an enclosed structure or container such as compost bin. Manure not used for composting or fertilizing or in excess of three (3) cubic feet shall be promptly removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner.