

TOWN OF CORONACH

BYLAW 6.2025

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF FARM ANIMALS

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 8 of *The Municipalities Act*, the council of a municipality may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting; the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them; and the enforcement of bylaws;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 8 of *The Municipalities Act*, the council of a municipality may, in a Bylaw, regulate or prohibit and to provide a system of licenses, permits and approvals.

The Council of the **Town of Coronach** in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts Bylaw No. 6.2025 as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw shall be referred to and cited as the “Farm Animal Control Bylaw.”

2. DEFINITIONS

a) Adjoining Neighbour means an owner or occupant of a property that is contiguous to a Subject Property along a common property line. If the Subject Property is located on a corner lot, an Adjoining Neighbour includes an owner or occupant of property that is adjacent to the Subject Property across a rear lane, but not across a street;

b) Administrator means the person appointed as administrator pursuant to Section 111 of *The Municipalities Act*;

c) Animal Control Officer means a person appointed by the Council from time to time for the purpose of enforcing this Bylaw, and includes an Animal Control Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer or Peace Officer of the RCMP;

d) Coop means a fully enclosed weatherproof structure with an attached outdoor enclosure having a bare earth or vegetated floor for urban hens to roam not exceeding ten (10) meters square in a floor area and no more than two (2) meters in height;

e) Council means the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality, elected pursuant to the provisions of *The Local Government Election Act*;

f) Exotic Wildlife means a vertebrate animal of any species, excluding fish, that is not native to Saskatchewan but is considered a wild species in its natural habitat area whether raised for domestic ownership or not;

g) Farm Animal means domesticated fowl, including but not limited to, ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea fowl, peafowl, quail, swans, doves, pheasants, grouse, pigeons or partridge, cattle, horse, sheep, goat, swine, donkey, bison, alpaca, mule or llama, poultry, any rabbit, hare, mink, or otter, and includes without limitation any other animal raised for food or for the use of humans, except for an Urban Hen;

h) Municipality means the Town of Coronach;

i) Permittee means the owner or tenant who applies for a permit;

j) Rooster means a domesticated male chicken;

k) Structure means anything erected or constructed for the purpose of housing Urban Hen(s), including Coop(s) and runs;

l) Subject Property means a lot or parcel of land in respect of which an Urban Hen permit is sought or has been issued;

m) Town means the lands within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Coronach;

n) Urban Hen means a domesticated female chicken, of any age, that is kept for egg production, meat production, or as a pet; and,

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o) Wildlife means a vertebrate animal of any species, excluding fish, that is wild by nature in Saskatchewan and includes any Exotic Wildlife found in Saskatchewan.

3. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

No person shall own, harbor, or maintain any Farm Animal, Wildlife or Exotic Wildlife for any purpose within the Municipality whether or not a permit has been issued by a Saskatchewan Wildlife Officer.

4. PERMITS FOR URBAN HENS

a) No person within the Municipality shall keep an Urban Hen on residential properties or future development zoning districts without first being issued a permit under this Bylaw;

b) Every Permittee shall provide the following to the Municipality, forming a part of their application for an Urban Hen:

- i) Completed Form "A". Urban Hen Application Form;
- ii) Signed declaration stating the Permittee has reviewed the required education package provided by the Municipality regarding the keeping of an Urban Hen; and,
- iii) Provide a site plan indicating the location of any Structures related to housing an Urban Hen and their distances from the property lines;

c) The Municipality may issue a permit, with or without conditions, refuse a permit and/or revoke a permit, at any time;

d) A permit may be revoked if:

- i) The Permittee fails to comply with any conditions upon which the permit was issued or fails to comply with any provisions of this Bylaw;
- ii) The permit was issued as a result of false, incorrect, or misleading information;
- iii) The Permittee fails to obtain an Urban Hen within eight (8) weeks of receiving a permit;
- iv) The Permittee fails to pay any fee required by this Bylaw or any applicable Bylaw;
- v) The Permittee of a Urban Hen permit has been convicted of any offence involving abuse, mistreatment or negligent treatment or keeping of animals;
- vi) The Permittee has previously been the holder of a Urban Hen permit that was revoked for non-compliance with this Bylaw;
- vii) The Permittee has not complied with all other Provincial and Federal regulations for the keeping of livestock; or,
- ix) In the opinion of the Administrator based on reasonable grounds it is in the public interest to do so.

e) At the time of application for a permit, the Permittee must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Administrator that all Adjoining Neighbours have been notified of the intent to apply for a permit on the Subject Property. If an adjoining property of the Subject Property is undeveloped or developed but otherwise vacant, the Permittee is not required to notify that adjoining property;

f) An Urban Hen permit is valid for the period of January 1 to December 31 in the year in which the license is issued;

g) Urban Hen fees shall not be reduced or prorated no matter the month of purchase or total number of Urban Hens acquired; and,

h) An Urban Hen permit is not transferable from one person to another or from one property to another.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR URBAN HENS

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- a) An Urban Hen may only be kept in Residential and Future Development zoning districts, pursuant to the Town Zoning Bylaw;
- b) No Permittee shall keep more than six (6) Urban Hen(s);
- c) Urban Hen(s) may be kept for egg production, meat production, or as a pet;
- d) The Permittee must reside on the property where Urban Hen(s) are being kept;
- e) Farm Animal and Roosters are strictly prohibited;
- f) Urban Hen(s) are not permitted to run at large; beyond the boundaries of the permitted property. Urban Hen(s) are to be always in a secured area. The Coop must be secured from sunset on any given day to sunrise the following day;
- g) Urban Hen Coop(s) and runs shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and kept free from obnoxious odors, substances, and vermin;
- h) A Permittee must provide each Urban Hen with food, unfrozen water, shelter, adequate light, and ventilation, heat in the winter months, veterinary care, dust-baths, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, roosting, pecking, and socializing, which are all sufficient to maintain the Urban Hen in good health;
- i) A Permittee must provide warmth to the Urban Hen(s) through heat lamps, wall insulation, poly-sheeting, seedling heat mat, or other means;
- j) Urban Hen(s) shall not be slaughtered or euthanized within the Municipality;
- k) Deceased Urban Hen(s) shall not be disposed of, except by delivering it to a farm, slaughterhouse, veterinarian, or other facility that could dispose of deceased hens, lawfully; and,
- l) The Permittee shall only possess quiet Urban Hen breeds, which include: Orpingtons, Speckled Sussex, Brahmas, Wyandottes, Silkies, Australorps, Cochins, Ameraucanas, and/or, Barred Plymouth Rocks.

6. COOP AND RUN REGULATIONS

- a) Structure(s) for Urban Hen(s) may only be kept in rear or side yards;
- b) Each Urban Hen must be provided with at least 0.37 m² (4 ft²) of indoor coop floor area, and at least 0.92 m² (10ft²) of enclosed covered outdoor run area;
- c) Provide and maintain, in each Coop, perch space for each Urban Hen, that is at least 30.48 cm (12 in) long, and one nesting box for every 2 (two) Urban Hens;
- d) Keep each Urban Hen enclosed within the yard. Urban Hen(s) cannot wander outside of the property;
- e) Adhere to the location and size of a Coop:
 - i) A Coop needs to be located at least 3 m (9.84 ft) from the rear and side lot lines, except where a rear or side lot does not abut a residential property;
 - ii) A Coop needs to be located at least 3 m (9.84 ft) from any door or window of a dwelling;
 - iii) A Coop can be no more than 2 m (6.56 ft) in height;
 - iv) A Coop cannot occupy an area of land larger than 9.2 m² (99 ft²); and,
 - v) A Coop cannot be in a Utility Right of Way or an Overland Drainage Right of Way.
- f) Each Urban Hen enclosure must be constructed and maintained to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath or within it or within its walls, and to prevent entrance by any other animal;

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- g) Leftover feed, trash, and manure must be removed in a timely manner;
- h) Manure must be stored within a fully enclosed structure, and no more than 3 ft³ of manure can be stored at a time;
- i) All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing must be removed;
- j) Ensure the Urban Hen(s) are kept in the Coop with all openings, such as doors and windows, secured in such a manner that will not allow predators to enter;
- k) Store feed in a fully enclosed, non-penetrable container;
- l) Keep food and water containers in the Coop; and,
- m) The Municipality has the authority to impose additional site-specific conditions.

7. SEIZURE OF WILDLIFE, EXOTIC WILDLIFE, FARM ANIMALS, AND URBAN HENS

- a) The Animal Control Officer has the right to access any Subject Property to inspect for compliance with this Bylaw;
- b) Any Wildlife Officer may exercise any authority provided through the Wildlife Act to seize, capture, or destroy any Wildlife found to be at large or being harboured within the Municipality;
- c) Stray Farm Animals and Urban Hen(s) shall be captured and impounded in a manner determined by the Animal Control Officer. All costs associated with a Farm Animal's or Urban Hen(s) capture, impoundment, and feed in addition to any penalties associated with it being at large shall be paid prior to the animal being released to the owner;
- d) The Animal Control Officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw may serve on that person a notice of violation, with fines pursuant to section 8 and/or Schedule A of this Bylaw, which shall indicate that the Municipality will accept a voluntary payment, to be paid in full to the Municipality within thirty (30) days;
- e) Where the Municipality receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under Section 8 and/or Schedule A within the time specified, the person receiving the notice of violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention;
- f) In the event of the revocation of an Urban Hen permit, the Permittee will be given fourteen (14) days to rehome the Urban Hen(s); and,
- g) No person shall hinder, interrupt, or cause to be hindered any employee of the Municipality or its contractors, servant, agents, or workers, in the exercise of the powers or duties as authorized or required under the Farm Animal Control Bylaw.

8. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- a) A person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence;
- b) Any person found committing or having committed a breach of any offence provided in this Bylaw may be issued a Summary Offense Procedures Act Part 7 Summons, by an Animal Control Officer appointed by Council, outlining the offense, and stating the penalty provided;
- c) Any person receiving a summons issued in accordance with subsection 8b) of this section, may avoid prosecution for the breach by making payment of the penalty, for the breach, to the Town Office within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the ticket as follows:

Section 3 Owning or harbouring a Farm animal(s), Wildlife, or Exotic Wildlife - \$300.00;
each

- d) Any person failing to pay the penalty within the time required by subsection (c) of this section is liable, upon summary conviction for the offense committed to the penalty stated as follows:

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Section 3 Owning or harbouring a Farm Animal(s), Wildlife or Exotic Wildlife - \$600.00; each

e) A person who is guilty of an offence is liable to a fine as outlined in Section 8c) and/or as set out in Schedule A in this Bylaw.

9. SEVERABILITY

a) If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any part, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw to be invalid, that portion shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of this Bylaw, and the part, section, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this Bylaw is to be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and the holding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw; and,

b) This Bylaw shall not be construed to hold the Municipality or its agents responsible or liable for any damage to persons or property caused as a result of the administration of this Bylaw.

10. COMING INTO FORCE

That this Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the final date of passing by Council.

11. REPEAL

Bylaw NO. 5 of 2014 is hereby repealed.

Readings

Read a First time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Read a Second time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Read a Third time and passed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Dated: _____

[SEAL]

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 6.2025 adopted by resolution of Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Chief Administrative Officer

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Form “A” to Bylaw 6.2025

Application

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Urban Hen Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION		<input type="checkbox"/> Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident
Full Name	Last	First	
Address	Street Name and Number		PO Box
Apartment/Unit #	City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Cell Phone:		Business Phone:	
Email Address:		Fax Number:	

Property Owner Information (Please leave blank if information is same as above)			
Full Name	Last	First	
Address	Street Name and Number		
Apartment/Unit #	City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Cell Phone:		Email Address:	

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (ensure all items below are included in the application package)	
Completed Application	
Application Fee \$50.00	
Letter of permission from the owner of the property where the hens will be kept (not required if owner is the applicant).	
Site Plan (include location of the coop, run, and any other accessory structures, showing dimensions and setbacks).	

Indicate number of Urban Hen(s) to be kept on the property:

Applicant(s)/ owner(s) declaration

I/We _____ being the registered owner(s) of the Subject Property located at _____, solemnly declare that:

1) I/We understand and acknowledge that submission of the application under the Town Bylaw No. 6.2025, being a Bylaw to regulate Farm Animals and Urban Hen(s), does not guarantee that a permit will be issued under the Bylaw, and that the permit will not be issued until all requirements of the Bylaw are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

2) I/We have reviewed the following documents:

- “Bird Health Basics” by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency;
- “How to prevent and detect disease in small flocks and pet birds” by the Government of Canada; and,
- “Guide to Urban Chickens and Small Flocks” by Alberta Farm Animal Care.

3) All of the above statements are true and I make a solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Applicant Signature

Date

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SCHEDULE "A" to Bylaw 6.2025

FEES

SECTION	DESCRIPTION	FEE
4	Urban Hens Application	\$50.00

PENALTIES

SECTION	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE	FIRST OFFENCE	SECOND & SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES
4a)	Failure to obtain permit for urban hens	\$150.00	\$300.00
5b)	Keeping more than six (6) urban hens on one property	\$150.00	\$300.00
5e)	Keeping a rooster or farm animal	\$50.00	\$100.00
5f)	Failure to keep urban hen on the permitted property	\$50.00	\$100.00
5g)	Failure to keep sanitary coop/run conditions	\$100.00	\$200.00