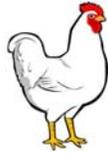


## City of Powell River

# KEEPING POULTRY IN THE CITY



### 'URBAN CHICKEN MOVEMENT'

Local food production has become increasingly popular in recent years. Food safety, food security and the popularity of ideas such as the '100 - Mile Diet Challenge' have encouraged people to consider 'urban farming' as a way to increase local food supply. Following this trend, there is a national movement to keep poultry in urban settings and there are several benefits as follows:

- *Environmental benefits of producing & consuming local food (eg. no transport)*
- *More natural husbandry & better conditions for poultry (eg. compared to factory farms)*
- *Better quality, fresher food*
- *Positive affects from raising poultry as a hobby*

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Council approved a bylaw to allow for the keeping of poultry on urban lots within the City.

**We are one of only a few cities within BC to allow this type of use in urban settings!**

Refer to the City's website at [www.powellriver.ca](http://www.powellriver.ca) for a copy of **Animal Control Bylaw 1979** and important links for more information on the keeping of poultry.

If you live in the City of Powell River, you can keep poultry, such as any domestic fowl, duck, goose, turkey, pigeon or similar bird on certain lands zoned as follows:

**A1:** Small Lot Rural

**A2:** Large Lot Rural

**RA1:** Residential Agricultural

**R3:** Townsite Residential

**R1:** Single Family Residential

**R2:** Single & Two Family Residential

### How many poultry can I keep on my property?

The number is dependant on your zone and in some cases on the size of the property as follows:

- R1, R2 or R3 zoned lots, up to 3 poultry, *none* of which can be a rooster;
- RA1 zoned lot less than 0.5 acres, up to 12 poultry, *none* of which may be a rooster;
- RA1, A1 or A2 zoned lot 0.5 acres or greater, up to 24 poultry, *one* of which may be a rooster.

### What type of enclosure do I need for my poultry?

The enclosure must provide the following:

- adequate weather protection;
- prevent the poultry from wandering into neighbouring properties;
- provide protection from natural predators;
- be located within the rear yard of the property; and
- is not less than 0.9 metres (3 ft) from a property line.

### Do I need a Building Permit for the enclosure?

Any accessory structures that are greater than 10 m<sup>2</sup> (108 ft<sup>2</sup>) in area require a Building Permit and all need to be sited according to the setbacks as set out in your residential zone. For more information, contact the Building Office at 604 485-8614, or view the **Zoning Bylaw 2100** on the City's website at [www.powellriver.ca](http://www.powellriver.ca).

For more information on chicken coop design and the keeping of poultry in urban settings, you can visit the **Powell River Farmers' Institute** website at [www.prfarmers.ca](http://www.prfarmers.ca). Click on the 'Urban Livestock' menu item to view helpful information and other important links.