

### Appendix 3: Required Amendments to Animal Care and Control By-law 98-04

Requirement	Current Regulations	New or Amended Regulations
Indoor/Outdoor Enclosures (Setbacks)	<p>The By-law outlines specific requirements for indoor and outdoor enclosures for certain animals permitted to be kept under the By-law. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The enclosure is escape-proof; and,</li> <li>- The outdoor animal enclosure be located on a property's rear yard at least three metres (9.84 feet) from the property line and at least 6.1 metres (20.01 feet) from any school, church, or residential building not located on the same lot.</li> </ul>	<p>Based on the current provisions of the By-law for outdoor animal enclosures, very few residential lots in Mississauga would be able to accommodate hens due to insufficient lot size.</p> <p>Hen-specific zoning guidelines may be required to be included in the By-law to account for possible nuisance issues related to the keeping of hens. City Property Standards staff would be consulted to determine requirements for accessory structures such as coops.</p>
Regulation on number of animals	The By-law currently limits the keeping of animals to four.	The number of urban hens that could be kept would be in accordance with this limit. Roosters would need to remain prohibited due to population control and noise concerns.
Standards of Care	The By-law currently regulates considerations for the keeping of animals, including sheltering, enclosures, sanitary conditions, safety outdoors during extreme weather, the basic provisions of life, and the provision of adequate veterinary care.	Extension of By-law provisions for standards of care to hens would need to occur and include specifics to matters hens such as coop construction and dimensions, and other standards of care to ensure the health of the hens would need to be considered and enforced. Outdoor coops must provide appropriate ventilation and protection from vermin and predators, as well as offer the necessary insulation and heating to protect the animals through the winter months.
Licensing	The By-law currently provides for the annual licensing of dogs and cats.	Registration, including the requirement of a fee, will be needed to be introduced to facilitate regulation and offset additional costs expected to the City associated with the regulation of hen keeping and the sheltering of abandoned hens.

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Wildlife Feeding	As per the By-law, 10) No person shall intentionally feed a wild animal or leave food or attractants of any type or in any form out of doors in such a manner as to attract, or be accessible by, a wild animal, feral or stray domestic animal on private or public property. (242-11)	Close regulation supported through enforcement and fines will be required so that the keeping of urban hens does not present an attractant for rats or other wildlife by way of food availability or by virtue of keeping hens which may attract predatory wildlife species, such as coyotes.
Excrements	As per the By-law, 25) 1) Every owner of an animal shall remove forthwith any excrement left by the animal on any property including highways.	Extension of the requirement to remove animal excrement forthwith and in an appropriate manner will need to be included in such regulation and appropriately enforced to prevent nuisance issues.
Animals at Large	As per the By-law 26) 1) No owner shall cause or permit an animal to be at large, subject to the provisions of this Part of the By-law.	Extension of the requirement to maintain animals on one's own property will be applicable to urban hens and will require similar enforcement.
Surrendering, Impoundment and Adoptions	28) 1) An owner of an animal may give up ownership of the animal by surrendering the animal to the Animal Services Section.	Provisions will be required to enable the surrendering and impoundment of at-large, unwanted, sick or old hens for adoption or other disposition, which will require investment in the Animal Services Centre.  Should a resident not meet the fundamental requirements of the regulations for the keeping of urban hens, immediate enforcement action will be required. This may include the rehoming of some or all of the hens.