

**Appendix 1: Jurisdictional Scan**

Category	Brampton	Edmonton	Guelph	Kitchener	Toronto	Victoria
<b>Started as a Pilot</b>	No	Yes	No	No	Yes. Pilot ended in 2023.	No
<b>Limits to Total Number of Hens Allowed in Jurisdiction</b>	No	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Number of Hens Allowed per Household</b>	Two per property for residential properties under one acre; up to 10 hens for properties of one acre or greater (with application)	Six per property (minimum of three per property)	No more than 10 hens unless they are kept in a pen at all times.	Four maximum	Four maximum	15 maximum
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	Only for those properties of over one acre who want to keep more than two hens.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Licensing Fee</b>	\$150 initial fee, and annual \$100 renewal fee	No, but a one time \$57 development permit is required for Urban Hen Enclosures	One time \$25 fee	\$52 one time registration fee.	No	No
<b>Neighbour Notification Requirement</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, if the setback requirement is not met.	No	No
<b>Hen Related Complaints</b>	19 complaints in 2022	None provided	Five in 2020	10 in 2019	144 in 2020	20+ in 2020
<b>Charges or NOCs Issued</b>	Six NOCs and one charge issued in 2022	None provided	Two in 2020	One in 2020	45 notices of violation issued and one prosecution initiated in 2020	Four in 2020

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<b>Enforcement conducted exclusively by Animal Services</b>	No, Property Standards checks compliance with Zoning By-law for coops	Yes	Mostly through Guelph Humane Society	No, Property Standards Officer addresses coop complaints	No, Toronto Building deals with any zoning violation	Yes
<b>Mandatory or Elective Education Component</b>	No	Yes, Hen Keeping Course	No response provided	No	Education provided on Pilot Program requirements	No

Jurisdictions That Do Not Permit Urban Hens	
<b>Burlington</b>	Not permitted other than areas that have been defined as rural planning areas, due to complaints about coyotes and rats and concerns about noise and odor nuisance.
<b>Oakville</b>	Not permitted due to concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal welfare</li> <li>• Concerns about the transmission of zoonotic diseases</li> <li>• Odor nuisance</li> <li>• Human- wildlife conflict situations</li> </ul>
<b>Ottawa</b>	Only permitted in lots that are a minimum of two acres in Rural Residential zones. Not permitted in other zones due to concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste disposal</li> <li>• Transmission of zoonotic diseases</li> <li>• Attraction of predators into suburban/urban neighbourhoods</li> <li>• Potential fire hazards in enclosures</li> <li>• Noise and odour</li> <li>• Lawful disposition</li> </ul>

<b>Toronto</b>	<p>Toronto conducted an Urban Hen Pilot from 2018 to 2023, and decided against conducting a City-wide program due to the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited program uptake</li><li>• Considerable costs and resources required to safely administer a city-wide program</li><li>• The emerging concerns of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.</li></ul>
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