

# The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

## By-law Number 2024-###

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Being a By-law to permit backyard poultry in residential areas of the Township.

Whereas, Section 34 of the Planning Act RSO 1990 permits Council to enact by-laws to control the use of lands within the Municipality; and

Whereas, Council received staff report DEV2024-001 Backyard Poultry Informational Report at the January 10, 2024 Committee of Whole Meeting; and

Whereas, Council directed staff to permit poultry in residential areas through a housekeeping amendment to the Zoning By-law;

Therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs enacts the following:

1. THAT Section 4 – Definitions of Zoning By-law 2002-020 be amended by adding the following Definitions:
  - a. **Animal Enclosure** Means an accessory structure including pens, runs, and similar enclosures meant for the keeping or containment of animals but excluding perimeter fencing of a lot and fenced agricultural fields or paddocks.
  - b. **Backyard Poultry** Means a pullet or hen kept for companionship as a pet or for the purpose of providing food for the personal consumption of occupants of a dwelling on the same lot, and shall not include roosters, waterfowl or other domesticated birds.
  - c. **Hen** Means a domesticated female chicken that is at least four months old.
2. That Section 5.13 of Zoning By-law 2020-020 be amended as follows:
  - a. **5.13 Livestock on Residential Lots**

Livestock, other than backyard poultry, shall only be permitted on a lot in the Agricultural or Rural Zone that has a lot area of 0.8 hectares or greater. Livestock, other than backyard poultry, shall not be permitted on residential lots.

Backyard poultry shall be permitted on a lot in the Agricultural, Rural, Residential and Shoreline Residential zones as an accessory use to a residential use on the same lot provided the minimum lot size exceeds 0.2 hectares. Backyard poultry shall include a maximum of ten (10) hens and/or pullets.

A building, shelter, or animal enclosure for keeping backyard poultry:

    - a) Shall meet the requirements of Section 5.1.3 (setbacks and yard requirements); and,
    - b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law to the contrary, shall:
      - i) not exceed 10 square metres in total floor area, inclusive of outdoor enclosure; and,
      - ii) not be nearer than 10 metres from a dwelling on an adjacent lot.

3. That this by-law shall come into force and effect upon being passed by Council.

Read a first and second time this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

Read a third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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Mayor – Sue Carleton

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Clerk – Carly Craig