

TOWN OF RIMBEY

BYLAW COMMITTEE AGENDA

**AGENDA FOR BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RIMBEY TO
BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2020 AT 3:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

- 1 **Call to Order & Record of Attendance**

- 2. **Agenda Approval and Additions**

- 3. **Minutes**
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- 5. **Adjournment**

TOWN OF RIMBEY

BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RIMBEY HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 AT 3:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4938 50 AVENUE, RIMBEY, ALBERTA.

- 1 Call to Order Chairperson Rondeel called the Bylaw Committee Meeting to order at 3:01 pm with the following in attendance:

Gayle Rondeel
Lana Curle
Janet Carlson
Connor Ibbotson
Chief Administrative Officer - Lori Hillis
Recording Secretary – Kathy Blakely

Absent
Jack Webb

0 members of the public

2. Adoption of Agenda 2.1 October 20, 2020 Agenda

Motion 2020BC005

Moved by Lana Curle to accept the agenda for the October 20, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting as presented.

In favor
Gayle Rondeel
Lana Curle
Janet Carlson
Connor Ibbotson

CARRIED

3. Minutes 3.1 Minutes of October 6, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting

Motion 2020BC006

Moved by Connor Ibbotson to accept the Minutes of the October 6, 2020 Bylaw Committee Meeting, as presented.

In favor
Gayle Rondeel
Lana Curle
Janet Carlson
Connor Ibbotson

CARRIED
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4. New and
Unfinished
Business

4.1 961/20 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw

Motion 2020BC007

Moved by Lana Curle to table further discussion of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw to the next Bylaw Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 continuing at Part 9 – Conditions and Procedures to Rent Cat Traps.

In favor

Gayle Rondeel
Lana Curle
Janet Carlson
Connor Ibbotson

CARRIED

4.2 FYI Microchip Costs

Motion 2020BC008

Moved by Lana Curle to accept the information regarding microchip costs, as information.

In favor

Gayle Rondeel
Lana Curle
Janet Carlson
Connor Ibbotson

CARRIED

4.3 Aggressive Dogs/Dangerous Dogs

Motion 2020BC009

Moved by Janet Carlson to accept the information regarding aggressive dogs/dangerous dogs as information.

In favor

Gayle Rondeel
Lana Curle
Janet Carlson
Connor Ibbotson

CARRIED

5. Adjournment 5.1 Adjournment

Motion 2020BC010

Moved by Lana Curle to adjourn the Bylaw Committee Meeting at 4:25 pm.

In favor

Gayle Rondeel

Lana Curle

Janet Carlson

Connor Ibbotson



CARRIED

Chairperson Councillor Rondeel

Deputy Chairperson Janet Carlson



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Bylaw Committee Agenda Item	4.1
Bylaw Committee Meeting Date	November 03, 2020
Subject	Off Leash Dog Park
For Public Agenda	Public Information
Information	<p>Kate Finley, owner of MA & Paws Pet Supplies attended the Regular Meeting of Council held October 27, 2020 to discuss an Off Leash Dog Park for the Town of Rimbey.</p> <p>Council accepted the presentation as information and deferred the information to the 2021 budget deliberations.</p>
Attachment	Information from Kate Finley, MA & Paws Pet Supplies
Prepared By:	<p> Kathy Blakely Recording Secretary</p> <p><u>October 28, 2020</u> Date</p>
Endorsed By:	<p> Gayle Rondeel Chairperson</p> <p><u>October 28, 2020</u> Date</p>

Dear counsel

I am here today to discuss putting an off-leash dog park in town. This is something that has been brought to my attention by most of my customers that it's something they would like to see. Safety is of the utmost importance and the safety of all animals and owners.

This park will be entered at your own risk and used responsibly and cleaned up after your pet. Garbage cans will be located throughout the park and a poop bag dispenser will be placed near garbage cans; all waste can be taken to the town dump. As the owner of the pet store, we will supply the town with poop bags as needed at a discounted price, same with any volunteer work that will be needed in the area.

This park will fall under the bylaw of 961/20 as well. There will be rules and regulations placed online at our store and at the dog park itself stating what is expected and needed from all pet owners who use the park.

We are requesting that the park be divided into two different sections: small dogs and large dogs. While doing my research, there has been a lot of dog parks built with this in mind and changes to divide the parks for the simple reason that safety for small dogs and large breeds is necessary. In recent years, there has been more animal injuries due to size differences.

See park rules on additional page.

We estimate about 2000 dogs on a given day to use this area from small to large. We have done a survey and gathered that over half of Rimbey itself has 2 dogs per household. We also would have many people coming from surrounding towns to use this facility as well. We have supplied a quote of materials that will be needed based on the land measurements given to us by the town office.

We will need 4 man gates to allow for the animals that are coming in to be separate from the animals leaving the area without issues. 2 for both sides, one large gate on the outside fence and one gate on the fence running between the two areas to be able to mow.

6 ft chain link fencing, 5,000 plus four-man gates and two large gates to get mowers through

Installed by WNK Consulting \$500.00

Poop bag holders supplied by MA & Paws Pet Supplies (donated)

Garbage cans supplied by town/benches supplied by town

We would like to have a water hole dug if possible, on both sides for small and large dogs. Or a water system in place.

Backhoe work done by () \$

Pooper scoopers for clean up if needed, 60.00


We would need about \$20,000 to do this project correctly.

WELCOME TO THE BARK PARK

HOURS: Daily, Dawn to Dusk

For the safety and comfort of all dogs and their humans please follow these simple rules:

-  Users of the dog park, both 2 & 4 legged, do so at their own risk.
-  If your dog misbehaves or causes damage, don't say the dog did it. Their humans are responsible and liable. If you can't control your dogs, you should get a cat or guinea pig.
-  The park is not responsible for injury, theft, accident or your poor life choices.
-  Children ages 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
-  Dogs & humans must be free of contagious conditions, disease and parasites.
-  Recommend max. 3 dogs per human.
-  No foxy canine ladies in heat.
-  Notwithstanding the cute factor, 4 month-old puppies or younger are not permitted.
-  Please leash dogs when entering and exiting the dog park and carry a leash while in the dog park.
-  There is no poop fairy. Please clean up after your dog with poop bags provided.
-  No tobacco, drugs or alcohol. Anyone under the influence should not be in charge of a moving vehicle or canine.
-  Dogs behaving aggressively are not welcome to the club.
-  No human food permitted. Doggie treats are allowed and sharing is encouraged.
-  No breakable containers.

 **Attention Dogs: Grrr, ruff, woof woof. Good dog.**

Emergencies? Call 911
Bites or other injuries? Call 403.885.0020
Park maintenance? Call 403.885.4677



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Bylaw Committee Agenda Item	4.2
Bylaw Committee Meeting Date	November 03, 2020
Subject	Urban Chickens
For Public Agenda Information	Public Information
Information	Chairperson Rondeel investigated information regarding urban chickens.
Attachment	Bylaw 24-17 – Town of Okotoks Urban Chicken Licenses – City of Red Deer Bylaw 770-20 Town of Eckville
Prepared By: <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Kathy Blakely</i></u> Kathy Blakely Recording Secretary</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>October 28, 2020</u> Date</p>	
Endorsed By: <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Gayle Rondeel</i></u> Gayle Rondeel Chairperson</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>October 28, 2020</u> Date</p>	

BYLAW 24-17

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN URBAN AREAS

WHEREAS pursuant to provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, Council may pass a bylaw for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people, the protection of people and property, wild and domestic animals, and certain activities in relation to them; and

WHEREAS pursuant to provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, Council has the authority to provide for a system of licences, permits and approvals; and

WHEREAS Council deems it desirable to regulate and licence the keeping of chickens in urban areas of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Okotoks enacts as follows:

1. **SHORT TITLE**

This bylaw may be known as the "Urban Hen Bylaw".

2. **DEFINITIONS**

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 2.1 **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town appointed by Council, or designate;
- 2.2 **coop** means a fully enclosed weather proof structure and attached outdoor enclosure used for the keeping of urban hens, that is no larger than 10m² (107.63 ft.²) in floor area, and no more than 2m (6.56 ft.) in height;
- 2.3 **Council** means the Council of the Town of Okotoks;
- 2.4 **hen** means a domesticated female chicken;
- 2.5 **outdoor enclosure** means a securely enclosed, roofed outdoor area attached to and forming part of a coop having a bare earth or vegetated floor for urban hens to roam;

2.6 **Peace Officer** means:

- a) a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- b) a Community Peace Officer as appointed by the Solicitor General of Alberta;
- c) a Bylaw Enforcement Officer as appointed by the Town to enforce bylaws of the Town;

2.7 **rooster** means a domesticated male chicken;

2.8 **sell** means to exchange or deliver for money or its equivalent;

2.9 **Town** means the Town of Okotoks, a municipal corporation in the Province of Alberta, and where the context so requires, means the area of land within the corporate boundaries thereof;

2.10 **urban area** means lands located within the Town on which agricultural operations, including but not limited to the keeping of livestock, are neither a permitted or discretionary use under Bylaws of the Town;

2.11 **urban hen** means a hen that is at least sixteen (16) weeks of age;

2.12 **urban hen licence** means a licence issued pursuant to this bylaw which authorizes the licence holder to keep urban hens on a specific property within the Town.

2.13 **violation tag** means a notice or tag in the form as approved by the CAO, issued by the Town, allowing a voluntary payment option of a fine established under this Bylaw;

2.14 **violation ticket** means a ticket issued pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter P-34 and any amendments or regulations thereto.

3. PROHIBITIONS

3.1 No person in an urban area shall keep:

- a) a rooster; or
- b) a hen, other than an urban hen for which a valid urban hen licence has been issued.

4. URBAN HEN LICENCES

4.1 The maximum number of urban hen licences that may be issued in the Town shall be one urban hen licence per one thousand five hundred (1500) persons based on the population of the Town as determined by the most recent census.

- 4.2 A person may keep up to four (4) urban hens by:
- a) submitting a completed urban hen licence application on forms approved by the CAO; and
 - b) paying an annual urban hen licence fee as set out in the Town of Okotoks Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw 09-16.
- 4.3 Urban hen licences are valid for the period of January 1 to December 31 of the year in which it is issued and must be renewed annually prior to January 31 of each subsequent year.
- 4.4 Urban hen licence fees shall not be reduced or prorated no matter the month of purchase.
- 4.5 Urban hen licence fees shall not be refunded or rebated.
- 4.6 An urban hen licence is not transferable from one person to another.
- 4.7 An urban hen licence is not transferable from one property to another except:
- a) when a licence holder has moved to a new property within the Town, then:
 - i. the licence holder may apply to transfer the licence; and
 - ii. an inspection of the new property must be carried out to determine the licence holder is still able to meet all requirements for an urban hen licence as set out in this Bylaw at such property.
- 4.8 A person to whom an urban hen licence has been issued shall produce the licence upon the demand of a Peace Officer.
- 4.9 An urban hen licence may be issued or renewed if the CAO is satisfied that:
- a) the applicant is the owner of the property on which the urban hens will be kept; or that the owner of the property has provided written consent to the applicant;
 - b) the land use designation of the property on which the urban hens will be kept allows the placement of a coop for the keeping of urban hens;
 - c) the applicant resides on the property on which the urban hens will be kept;
 - d) all required information has been provided;
 - e) the applicant has taken a course on the safe handling of hens and eggs;
 - f) the applicable licence fee has been paid; and
 - g) the applicant has complied with all other Provincial and Federal Regulations for the keeping of chickens.
- 4.10 An urban hen licence may be revoked or may not be renewed by the CAO if:
- a) the applicant or licence holder does not meet or no longer meets the requirements for an urban hen licence as set out in this Bylaw;
 - b) the applicant or licence holder furnishes false information or misrepresents any

- c) fact or circumstance required pursuant to this Bylaw;
- c) the applicant or licence holder has, in the opinion of the CAO, based on reasonable grounds, contravened any part of this Bylaw whether or not the contravention has been prosecuted;
- d) the applicant or licence holder fails to pay a fine imposed by a court for a contravention of this Bylaw or any other applicable Bylaw related to the keeping of livestock;
- e) the applicant or licence holder fails to pay any fee required by this Bylaw or any other applicable legislation; or
- f) in the opinion of the CAO, based on reasonable grounds, it is in the public interest to do so.

4.11 If the CAO revokes, or refuses to issue or renew an urban hen licence, the applicant may appeal the decision to Council, in accordance with Town Bylaws.

5. KEEPING OF URBAN HIENS

5.1 A person who keeps urban hens must:

- a) provide each urban hen with at least 0.37m² (3.98 ft.²) of interior floor area, and at least 0.92m² (9.9 ft.²) of outdoor enclosure, within the coop;
- b) ensure that each coop is:
 - i. located in the rear yard of the property;
 - ii. a minimum 3.0m (9.84 ft.) from a dwelling;
 - iii. a minimum 1m (3.28 ft.) from any lot line;
 - iv. a minimum 3.6m (11.81 ft.) from any street adjacent to the property; and
 - v. at grade level, no more than 2m (6.56 ft.) in height;
- c) provide and maintain, in the coop, at least one nest box per coop and one perch per urban hen that is at least 15cm (5.90 in) long;
- d) keep each urban hen in the coop at all times;
- e) provide each urban hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the urban hen in good health;
- f) maintain the coop in good repair and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and noxious or offensive smells and substances;
- g) construct and maintain the coop to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath, within, or within its walls, and to prevent entrance by any other animal;
- h) keep a food container and water container in the coop;
- i) keep the coop secured at all times;
- j) remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner;
- k) store feed within a fully enclosed container;
- l) store manure within a fully enclosed container, and store no more than 85 litres (3 cubic feet) of manure at any time;
- m) remove all other manure not used for composting or fertilizing and dispose of such in accordance with Town Bylaws;
- n) follow biosecurity procedures outlined by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to reduce potential for disease outbreak; and

- o) keep urban hens for personal use only.

5.2 No person who keeps urban hens shall:

- a) sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from an urban hen;
- b) slaughter any urban hen on the property;
- c) dispose of an urban hen except by delivering it to a farm, abattoir, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of such; and
- d) keep an urban hen in a cage, kennel, or any other form of shelter other than a coop.

6. AUTHORITY OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

6.1 Without restricting any other power, duty, or function granted by the Urban Hen Bylaw, the Chief Administrative Officer may:

- a) carry out any inspections to determine compliance with the Urban Hen Bylaw;
- b) take any steps or carry out any actions required to enforce the Urban Hen Bylaw;
- c) take any steps or carry out any actions required to remedy a contravention of the Urban Hen Bylaw;
- d) establish forms for the purposes of the Urban Hen Bylaw; and
- e) delegate any powers, duties, or functions under the Urban Hen Bylaw to a Town employee

7. PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 No person shall willfully obstruct, hinder or interfere with a Peace Officer or any other person authorized to enforce and engaged in the enforcement of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 7.2 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year, or both.
- 7.3 Where there is a specified penalty listed for an offence in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw, that amount is the minimum specified penalty for the offence.
- 7.4 Where a person contravenes the same provision of this Bylaw two (2) or more times within one twelve (12) month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the second or subsequent contravention shall be the amount stated in Schedule "A" for such offences.

- 7.5 In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day or part of a day on which it continues.
- 7.6 The levying and payment of any fine or the imprisonment for any period provided in this Bylaw shall not relieve a person from the necessity of paying any fees, charges or costs from which that person is liable under the provisions of this Bylaw or any other bylaw.
- 7.7 Any Peace Officer who has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that any person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw may issue and serve:
- a) a violation tag allowing a payment of the specified penalty to the Town; or
 - b) a violation ticket allowing payment according to the provisions of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter P-34 and amendments thereto.
- 7.8 Service of a violation tag will be sufficient if it is:
- a) personally served; or
 - b) served by regular mail to the person's last known mailing address.
- 7.9 If a violation ticket is issued in respect to an offence, the violation ticket may:
- a) specify the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence; or
 - b) require a person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.
- 7.10 A person who commits an offence may:
- a) if a violation ticket is issued in respect of the offence; and
 - b) if the violation ticket specified the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence;

make a voluntary payment equal to the specified fine by delivering the violation ticket and the specified fine to the provincial courthouse specified on the violation ticket.

8. SEVERABILITY

- 8.1 It is the intention of Council that each separate provision of this Bylaw shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein and it is the further intention of Council that if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

9. GENERAL

9.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw by:

- a) doing any act or thing which the person is prohibited from doing; or
- b) failing to do any act or thing the person is required to do;

is guilty of an offence and any offence created pursuant to this Bylaw is a strict liability offence for the purposes of prosecution under this Bylaw.

9.2 Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw(s), or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or licence.

9.3 Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.

9.4 This Bylaw is gender-neutral and, accordingly, any reference to one gender includes the other.

9.5 Schedule "A" shall form a part of this Bylaw and may, from time to time, be amended.

9.6 No provision of this Bylaw or any action taken pursuant to any provision of this Bylaw shall restrict, limit, prevent or preclude the Town from pursuing any other remedy in relation to a premises as provided by the *Municipal Government Act*, or any other law of the Province of Alberta.

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading,

READ A FIRST TIME this 17th day of July, 2017.

READ A SECOND TIME this 21st day of August, 2017.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 21st day of August, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule "A"

SECTION	OFFENCE	PENALTY 1 st Offence	PENALTY 2 nd & Subsequent
3.1 a)	Keep a rooster	\$250	\$500
3.1 b)	Keep an unlicensed urban hen	\$250	\$500
4.3	Fail to renew urban hen licence	\$250	\$500
4.6	Transfer urban hen licence	\$250	\$500
4.7	Fail to produce urban hen licence upon demand	\$250	\$500
5.1 a)	Fail to provide adequate coop space for number of hens	\$250	\$500
5.1 b)	Coop improperly located	\$250	\$500
5.1 c)	Fail to provide nest box or perch per urban hen	\$250	\$500
5.1 d)	Allow urban hen to be outside coop	\$250	\$500
5.1 e)	Fail to adequately provide for essential hen behaviour	\$250	\$500
5.1 f)	Fail to maintain coop to prevent odors	\$250	\$500
5.1 g)	Fail to prevent rodents/animals from entering coop	\$250	\$500
5.1 h)	Fail to keep food and water in coop	\$250	\$500
5.1 i)	Fail to keep coop secured	\$250	\$500
5.1 j)	Fail to remove waste in timely manner	\$250	\$500
5.1 k)	Fail to properly store feed	\$250	\$500
5.1 l)	Fail to properly store manure	\$250	\$500
5.1 m)	Fail to properly dispose of manure	\$250	\$500
5.1 n)	Fail to follow biosecurity procedures	\$250	\$500
5.1 o)	Keep urban hens for other than personal use	\$250	\$500
5.2 a)	Sell products derived from urban hens	\$250	\$500
5.2 b)	Slaughter urban hen on property	\$250	\$500
5.2 c)	Unlawfully dispose of urban hen	\$250	\$500
5.2 d)	Keep urban hen in other form of shelter other than coop	\$250	\$500

- [Home](#)
- [City Services](#)
- [Licences](#)
- [Animal Licences](#)
- Urban Chicken Licences

Urban Chicken Licences

A chicken licence is required to keep chickens on your property.



What is an Urban Chicken?

An urban chicken is a hen that is at least 16 weeks of age kept in an urban area within the city of Red Deer.

What do I need to know before I apply for an Urban Chicken Licence?

You must apply for an Urban Chicken Licence and have it approved before you can start keeping chickens on your property. If your application is approved, you must pay a licence fee and renew the licence annually.

Please note:

- Hens only. No roosters are allowed.
- Licences are issued for a specific property and are non-transferable.
- A maximum of 4 chickens are allowed.
- There is a maximum number of licenses we can issue based on population growth.

Please refer to the Chicken Bylaw found on our [Bylaws](#) page to learn about the rules and regulations.

To Apply:

- Fill out the [Urban Chicken Application \(pdf\)](#)
- If you are not the owner of the property, a Letter of Authorization is required from the registered property owner.
- Bring application and any other required documentation to Inspections and Licensing on the third floor, City Hall, or email it to licensing@reddeer.ca.

More information and resources

For Provincial and Federal information and regulations, please visit:

- [Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development](#)
- [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)
- [Premises Identification \(PID\)](#)

A local group called CLUCK Red Deer (Canadian Liberated Urban Chicken Klub) is a good place to get more information on how to keep urban chickens. They offer courses, coop tours and information to residents interested in learning more.

Website: <http://cluckreddeer.blogspot.ca/>

Email: cluck.reddeer@gmail.com

CHICKEN LICENSE APPLICATION

Chicken Licenses are effective from January 1 to December 31, and are required to be renewed annually

(Applicant must be 18 years of age or older)

PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM

Name of
Applicant: _____

Complete
Address: _____

Phone
Number(s): _____

Email
Address: _____

Number Of Chickens
At This Location: (Max. 4) _____

Circle One:

Owner

Tenant**

****if tenant, a letter of authorization is required from the registered property owner, along with this application form**

Further information regarding other regulations can be obtained by contacting The City Inspections & Licensing Department at 403-342-8182. The granting of this license shall in no way relieve the owner from complying with the requirements of City of Red Deer bylaw 3517/2014, *Chicken Bylaw*, or any other bylaws of the City of Red Deer, or other Provincial or Federal Statutes or Regulations in force.

I acknowledge that I am required to apply for a Premises Identification Number through Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

I certify that I will abide by all regulations after I have received my License, knowing that failure to comply may result in cancellation of the Chicken License.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Any personal information on this form is collected under the authority of section 33 (c) the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act for the purpose of issuing chicken licenses, and for monitoring and animal control purposes. If you have any questions about the collection, use and protection of this information please contact the Inspections & Licensing Department at (403) 342-8190, 4914 – 48 Avenue, Red Deer.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date: YYYY/MM/DD

Account No.

A Bylaw of the Town of Eckville in the Province of Alberta to Regulate the Keeping of Urban Hens in Urban Areas Within the Town of Eckville.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto (the "Act"), a council of a municipality has the authority to regulate or prohibit certain activities 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 WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto (the "Act") a council of municipality may in a bylaw, regulate, or prohibit and to provide for a system of licenses, permits and approvals;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to assess the viability of keeping Urban Hens within the Town;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Eckville, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1.0 TITLE

1.1 This bylaw may be called the "**Urban Hen Bylaw**"

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 For the purpose of this bylaw:

- a) **Abattoir**: means a facility where animals are slaughtered for consumption as food for humans.
- b) **Coop**: means a fully enclosed, weather-proof structure, and attached outdoor enclosure used for the keeping of Urban Hens.
- c) **Chief Administrative Officer**: means a person appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Eckville or designate.

- d) **Council:** means the Council of the Town of Eckville.
- e) **Communicable Disease:** means any disease or illness that may be transferred from an Animal to another Animal, or a human through direct or indirect contact.
- f) **Hen:** means a domesticated female chicken.
- g) **Hen House:** means an enclosed structure that houses Urban Hens at night and includes a secure place for Urban Hens to lay eggs and eat.
- h) **Licensee:** means a Person named on an Urban Hen License.
- i) **Municipal Enforcement Officer/Community Peace Officer/Animal Control Officer:** means a Person as appointed by the Town of Eckville by resolution of Council.
- j) **Municipal Tag:** means a document alleging an offence issued pursuant to the authority of a Bylaw of the Town.
- k) **Outdoor Enclosure (urban hen run):** means a securely enclosed, roofed outdoor area attached to, and forming, part of a Coop having a bare earth or vegetated floor for Urban Hens to roam.
- l) **Owner:** includes any one or more Persons who:
 - i. Is named on an Urban Hen License; or
 - ii. A person who owns or claims any proprietary interest in an Urban Hen; or
 - iii. Has the care, charge, custody, possession, or control of the Urban Hen, either temporarily or permanently; or
 - iv. Harbors an Urban Hen, or allows an Urban Hen to remain, on his/her property
- m) **Owner's Property:** means any premises which are owned or leased by the Owner.
- n) **Premises:** means any dwelling, building, and any parcel or lot of real property or a portion thereof.
- o) **Rooster:** means a domesticated male chicken.
- p) **Running at Large:** means an Urban Hen being outside of a coop or run.
- q) **Town:** means the municipal corporation of the Town of Eckville, or the area contained within the boundary thereof, as the context requires, means the area of land within the corporate boundaries.
- r) **Town Office:** means the Chief Administrative Officer or any other staff member

authorized to carry out their duties.

- s) **Urban Hen:** means a hen that is at least 16 weeks of age.
- t) **Urban Hen License:** means a license issued by the Town of Eckville pursuant to the Urban Hen Bylaw, which authorizes the License holder to keep Urban Hens on specific property within the Town of Eckville.
- u) **Violation Ticket:** has the same meaning as the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- v) **Urban Area:** means land located within the Town of Eckville legal boundaries.

3.0 PURPOSE

3.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate and control the keeping of Urban Hens within the urban areas of the Town of Eckville.

4.0 REGULATIONS

4.1 A person may apply to keep no more than five (5) Urban Hens on a single property.

4.2 The owner must be 18 years of age or older.

4.3 Urban Hens kept on the property are for personal use only.

4.4 No person shall be permitted to:

- a. keep a rooster;
- b. keep a hen, other than an Urban Hen for which a valid Urban Hen License has been issued by the Town of Eckville;
- c. sell eggs, meat, manure, and other products associated with the keeping of Urban Hens;
- d. slaughter Urban Hens on the property;

4.5 Any deceased Urban Hens shall be disposed of by delivering it to an Abattoir, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of such.

4.6 A tenant must obtain written permission from the registered property Owner to keep Urban Hens on the owner's property.

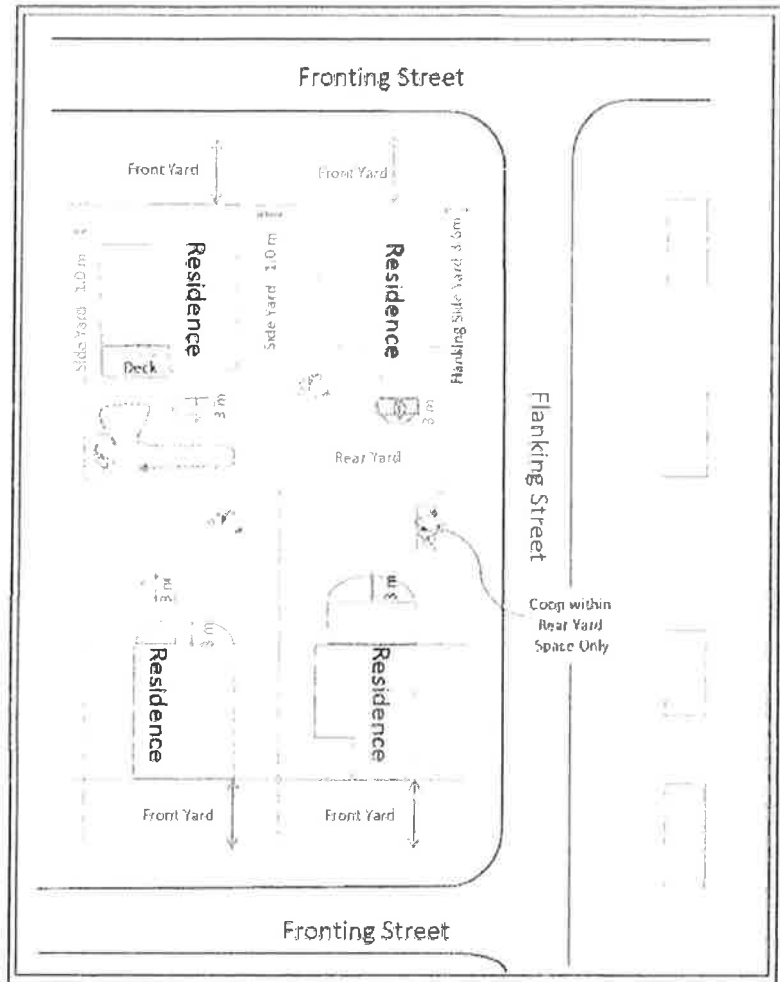
4.7 Any Owner of Urban Hens must reside on the property where the Urban Hens are kept.

5.0 URBAN HEN COOP AND RUN REQUIREMENTS

5.1 No person shall keep an Urban Hen or Urban Hens, on a parcel in a single-family residential zone, having an area less than 464.52 sq. metres (5,000 ft²).

5.2 Every building (coop) or enclosure used to accommodate Urban Hens must be:

- a. located in the rear yard of the lot behind the dwelling;
- b. a minimum of 3.0 metres (9.8 ft) from the principle dwelling;
- c. a minimum of 1.0 metre (3.3. ft) from any property line;
- d. a maximum of 10 sq. metres (107.6 sq. ft) in size;
- e. a maximum of 2.5 metres (8 ft) in height;



5.3 The Owner shall ensure Urban Hen coops, Urban Hen houses, and Urban Hen runs are properly maintained in a clean condition to prevent negative impacts. Including, but not limited to, attacking nuisance animals, the spread of food over the property, and obnoxious odors, or noise.

5.4 The Owner must ensure the coop and outdoor enclosure are secured from sunset to sunrise.

5.5 Tractors may be used to move urban hens to new areas for foraging during daylight hours.

6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEN OWNERS

6.1 The Owner of an Urban Hen(s) shall:

- a) ensure the rear yard is securely fenced;
- b) ensure that the Urban Hen is not running-at-large;
- c) ensure food is stored in such a way as to discourage predators;
- d) ensure manure is stored in an enclosed container and disposed of, as per health regulations;
- e) keep a food container and water container in the Coop;
- f) remove leftover feed, trash, and manure within 48 hours;
- g) store feed within a fully enclosed container;
- h) not keep an Urban Hen in a cage, kennel, or any other form of shelter other than a Coop or approved Tractor;
- i) not sell eggs, meat, manure, or other products derived from Urban Hens;
- j) not slaughter an Urban Hen on the property;
- k) dispose of an Urban Hen except by delivering it to a farm, Abattoir, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of Urban Hens;
- l) follow biosecurity procedures recommended by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to reduce potential for disease outbreak;

7.0 LICENSING

7.1 A person may not keep an Urban Hen unless that person first submits a completed Urban Hen Registration Application to the Town and receives validation of registration from the Town.

7.2 The Town may not validate an Urban Hen registration application form unless the following has been satisfied:

- a) The initial permit has been reviewed by the planning and development department to ensure compliance with the required regulations and guidelines, of which the applicant of the Urban Hen registration application form will be

contacted within 10 days upon reception of the completed application;

- b) the applicant is the owner of the property and resides on the property on which the Urban Hens will be kept, or the applicant resides on the lot and has written consent from the registered owner of the property to allow Urban Hens to be kept on the property;
- c) the applicant has a valid Alberta Poultry Premises Identification (PID) number obtained from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, and a copy is provided to the Town;
- d) all other required information on the Town's Urban Hen License application form has been provided including payment.

7.3 A person may apply to keep up to five (5) Urban Hens by:

- a) Applying for an annual Urban Hen License from the Town Office during regular business hours; and
- b) Paying an annual \$50.00 Urban Hen License fee , which is due and payable prior to January 31 of each subsequent year.
- c) Urban Hen Licenses fees shall not be reduced or prorated regardless of the month of purchase.
- d) Urban Hen License fees that have been paid shall not be refunded or rebated.

7.4 Upon payment of the Urban Hen License fee by the owner, the Town Office shall issue to the Owner a certificate of licensing.

7.5 A validated Urban Hen License is not transferable from one person to another or from one property to another.

7.6 A person to whom an Urban Hen License has been issued shall produce the license at the demand of the Chief Administrative Officer or Animal Control Officer.

7.7 The maximum number of Urban Hen Licenses that may be issued in the Town shall be one (1) Urban Hen License per one hundred (100) persons, based on the population of the Town of Eckville, as determined in the most recent census.

8.0 PENALTIES

- 8.1 A person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 8.2 No person shall willfully obstruct, hinder, or interfere with an Animal Control Officer or any other person authorized to enforce and engage in the enforcement of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 8.3 A person who is guilty of a first offense is liable to a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
- 8.4 A person who is guilty of a second offense is liable to a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.
- 8.5 Where a person has been found to have contravened the Bylaw two (2) or more times within one twelve (12) month period, the Town reserves the right to revoke the Urban Hen License.

10.0 COMMENCEMENT

The Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

READ A FIRST TIME this 10th day of August, 2020.

READ A SECOND TIME this 14th day of September, 2020.


READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Town of Eckville Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Bylaw Committee Agenda Item	4.3
Bylaw Committee Meeting Date	November 03, 2020
Subject	961/20 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
For Public Agenda	Public Information
Information	At the Regular Meeting of Council held January 28, 2020 Council gave first reading to 961/20 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.
Attachment	961/20 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Prepared By: <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Kathy Blakely</i></u> Kathy Blakely Recording Secretary</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>October 28, 2020</u> Date</p>	
Endorsed By: <p style="text-align: center;"><u></u> Gayle Rondeel Chairperson</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>October 28, 2020</u> Date</p>	



Town of Rimbey

Bylaw 961/20

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF RIMBEY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS AND CATS IN THE TOWN.

WHEREAS A Council of a Municipality may, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, R.S.A. 2000, pass bylaws for the purpose of regulating and controlling domestic animals and activities in relation to them and to provide for the imposition of a fine and or imprisonment due to contravention of said bylaw; and

WHEREAS The Council of the Town of Rimbey deems it necessary and expedient to pass a bylaw for the purpose of regulating and controlling dogs and cats within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Rimbey;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIMBEY, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PART ONE- TITLE

1. The Bylaw shall be cited as the "Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw".

PART TWO- DEFINITIONS

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the word, term or expressions:
 - a) "Altered" means neutered or spayed.
 - b) "Animal" means dog or cat.
 - c) "Animal Control Officer" means a person or firm engaged by the Town to administer and/or enforce the provisions of the bylaw.
 - d) "Aggressive Dog" means any dog that:
 - i. has been designated an aggressive dog by a justice.
 - ii. has been made the subject of an order under the Dangerous Dog Act.
 - e) "Assistance Dog" mean any professionally trained dog, including a guide, hearing or service dog, that works in partnership with a disabled person to increase his/her independence, safety and mobility.
 - f) "Cat" means either a male or female animal of the feline family.
 - g) "Cat License" means the numbered tag issued by the Town of Rimbey on an annual basis.
 - h) "Contractor" means a person employed or under contract by the Town to enforce the provisions of this bylaw and maintain and administer an impound facility for animals.
 - i) "Dog" means either a male or female animal of the canine family.
 - j) "Dog License" means the numbered tag issued by the Town of Rimbey on an annual basis.
 - k) "Exotic Animals" means an animal not indigenous to Canada and not commonly kept as a household pet in Canada.
 - l) "Former Owner" means the person at the time of impoundment who was the Owner of an Animal which has been subsequently sold or destroyed.
 - m) "Justice" has the meaning as defined in the Provincial Offences and Procedure Act, R.S.A 2000, c. P-34 and amendments thereto.
 - n) "Kennel" means any place, owned by a person, group of persons or corporation engaged in the business of breeding, buying, selling, or boarding more than three dogs and/or three cats.
 - o) "Leash" means a restraint that is less than two meters in length and made of material capable of restraining an animal or Aggressive Dog on which it is being used.

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- p) "Livestock" includes but is not limited to:
- i. a horse, mule, ass, swine, emu, ostrich, camel, alpaca, sheep, or goat.
 - ii. domestically reared or kept deer, reindeer, moose, elk or bison.
 - iii. fur bearing animals including fox, coyote, wolf, weasels, or mink.
 - iv. animals of the bovine species.
 - v. animals of the avian species including chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, pheasants or pigeons.
 - vi. Bees.
 - vii. all other animals normally kept for agriculture purposes.
- q) "Minor Injury" means any physical injury to a domestic animal or person, caused by an animal or aggressive dog that results in minor bruising small puncture, scratch or tearing of the skin, bleeding, or any other injury that is not life threatening, disfiguring, or debilitating.
- r) "Municipal Ticket" means a municipal ticket issued on behalf of the Town for a violation under this bylaw.
- s) "Muzzle" means a device of sufficient strength placed over an animals or aggressive dogs' mouth to prevent it from biting.
- t) "Officer" includes an Animal Control Officer, a bylaw enforcement officer, a Peace Officer, a Special Constable and a Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- u) "Owner" includes any person, partnership, association or corporation:
- i. owning, possessing, having charge of, or control over any animal.
 - ii. harboring any animal.
 - iii. suffering or permitting any animal to remain about his or her house or premises.
 - iv. any person to whom a License has been issued under this bylaw.
- For the purpose of this Bylaw, an animal can have more than one Owner at the same time, any, or all, who may be charged with offences under this Bylaw.
- v) "Park or Parkland" means all recreational land areas owned or controlled by the town, lying within the Town boundaries, and whether improved or in whole or in part, or in its natural state: and includes all buildings or other improvements situated on these land areas.
- w) "Running at Large" shall mean any animal off the premises of the owner and not on a leash held by a person able to control the animal.
- x) "Severe Injury" means any physical injury to a domestic animal or person caused by an animal or aggressive dog that results in severe bruising, multiple punctures or lacerations, any laceration requiring sutures or cosmetic surgery, broken bones, or other injury severe in nature.
- y) "Threatening Behavior" means behavior that creates a reasonable apprehension of a threat of harm and may include growling, lunging, snarling, charging, or chasing.
- z) "Unaltered" means not neutered or spayed.



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PART THREE- RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER

- 3.1 No more than three (3) dogs shall be kept or harbored at one time on land or premise occupied by their owners unless approval to operate a kennel is received by way of a Development Permit from the Town of Rimbey. Kennels will not be permitted in residential areas.
- 3.2 No more than three (3) cats shall be kept or harbored at one time on land or premise occupied by their owners.
- 3.3 Puppy's may be kept up to a maximum of four (4) months.
- 3.4 Dog runs may be constructed on private lots in lieu of fencing the total property. All regulations of this by-law shall apply.
- 3.5 A female dog in heat shall be confined and housed on the property of the owner or person having control over the dog in such a manner as to prevent male dogs from accessing the female during the whole period that the dog is in heat.
- 3.6 If an animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately. The owner shall be responsible for carrying the necessary apparatus to remove the offending substance.
- 3.7 If an animal defecates on its owners property to the extent that an excessive smell results, the owner shall immediately remove the defecation upon receipt of notice from an Officer, or Health Authority having jurisdiction.
- 3.8 The owner of a dog or aggressive dog is guilty of an offence if such dog barks or howls so as to disturb a person.
- 3.9
 - a) no owner shall permit his animal to damage public or private property.
 - b) when public or private property is damaged by an animal, its owner shall be deemed to have breached the requirements of subsection (a) and is subject to the fines outlined in Schedule "A".
- 3.10
 - a) no owner shall permit his animal on any school ground, or playground.
 - b) Where an animal is found on a school ground, or playground, the owner shall be deemed to have breached the provisions of subsection (a) and is subject to the fines outlined in Schedule "A".
- 3.11 When an aggressive dog is on the premises of its owner, it shall be kept confined indoors under the effective control of a person sixteen years (16) or older, or confined in a secured enclosed and locked pen, or other structure constructed and secured in such a fashion as to prevent the escape of the aggressive dog, and to prevent the entry of person unauthorized by the owner.
- 3.12 When an aggressive dog is off the premises of the owner, it shall be securely muzzled and shall be either harnessed or leashed securely and under the direct control of a person sixteen years (16) or older to effectively prevent it from threatening or harassing any person. This requirement shall not apply when the aggressive dog is confined in a pen meeting the requirements of 3.11 above.

PART FOUR- LICENSING PROVISIONS AND OFFENCES

- 4.1 Every person, who owns, keeps or harbors an animal or aggressive dog, which is four (4) months of age, or older must obtain a license for each animal or aggressive dog from the Town of Rimbey yearly. Furthermore, any person who obtains an animal or aggressive dog during any point of the calendar year shall within 30 days of obtaining the animal or aggressive dog obtain a license from the Town of Rimbey. Also, any person who moves into the Town of Rimbey at any point during the calendar year with an animal or aggressive dog shall within 30 days apply for a license from the Town of Rimbey.
- 4.2 Animal licenses must be renewed each year that ownership continues. Renewal of animal licenses are due and payable to the Town of Rimbey on the first day of January in each year and shall be for the period of January 1st to December 31st, each year.



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- 4.3 At the time of purchase of a license, the owner shall record with the Town, their name, mailing address, and physical address if different from mailing address. A description of the animal, including sex, breed, age, along with microchip or tattoo number, or other information pertaining to the animal as requested by the Town.
- 4.4 Upon payment of the current yearly licenses fee, the Town or its designate shall issue a license and a tag with a number and year on it to the owner. Every owner shall provide their animal with a collar to which the license tag shall be attached to at all times, which shall be worn by the animal or aggressive dog for which it is issued at all times.
- 4.5 Every person who fails to purchase a license, for any animal or aggressive dog they own, on or before the 31st day of January in any year, shall be guilty of an offence and subject to the penalties provided for in this Bylaw.
- 4.6 The license fee for each year or any part thereof for each dog shall be as outlined in the current Fees for Services Bylaw.
- 4.7 If a tag is lost or destroyed, the owner shall apply for a replacement, which shall be issued by the Town of Rimbey upon presentation by owner of a receipt showing payment of the license fee for the current year and upon payment of 50% of the original fee.
- 4.8 A tag is not transferable from one animal to another or one aggressive dog to another and no refund will be made for any issued tag.
- 4.9 No refund shall be made on any paid animal license fee because of death, sale of animal, or upon the owner leaving the Town of Rimbey prior to the expiry date of the license.

PART FIVE- ANIMAL CONTROL PROVISIONS

- 5.1 The owner of an animal is guilty of an offence if the animal:
 - a) is running at large.
 - b) is on a park or parkland where animals are prohibited or where the park or parkland area contains a playground apparatus and/or a sand rubber or other materials utilized as a play area.
 - c) destroys or damages any public or private property.
- 5.2 The owner of a cat is guilty of an offence if the cat defecates or sprays on property other than the owner's property or the cat stalks birds.
- 5.3 Any person who owns or occupies a dwelling unit(as defined by the land use bylaw), is guilty of an offence if he or she has more than three(3) dogs over the age of four months on any land which contains or is permitted under the Land Use Bylaw to contain, a dwelling unit.
- 5.4 Any person who owns or occupies a dwelling unit(as defined by the land use bylaw), is guilty of an offence if he or she has more than three(3) cats over the age of four months on any land which contains or is permitted under the Land Use Bylaw to contain, a dwelling unit.
- 5.5 Section 5.3 does not apply to the premises lawfully used for the care and treatment of animals operated by a licensed veterinarian or a person in possession of a development permit to operate a kennel or cattery as authorized by the Town's current Land Use Bylaw.
- 5.6 The owner of an animal or aggressive dog is guilty of an offence if he or she allows the defecation of an animal or aggressive dog to accumulate on private property to such an extent that is it likely to annoy people or constitute a nuisance due to odor or unsightliness.
- 5.7 A person is guilty of an offence if such person springs or otherwise tampers with or damages a live trap in which animals are being trapped, or have been trapped, so as to allow any animal to escape from the trap.

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- 5.8 Any owner of an animal in the Town for a period of 30 days in a calendar year is required to have a current license for the Town unless the owner is visiting and the animal is licensed in another municipality.
- 5.9 A person is guilty of an offence if he or she exercises an animal or aggressive dog while he or she is driving a motor vehicle.
- 5.10 The owner of an animal or aggressive dog is guilty of an offence if he or she fails to ensure the animal or aggressive dog wears a collar and tag when the animal or aggressive dog is off the owner's premises.
- 5.11 The owner of a dog is guilty of an offence if such dog is in an area where signs prohibit the presence of dogs.
- 5.12 No person shall keep or cause to be kept:
 - a) any exotic animal, venomous snake, reptile, insect or spider.
 - b) any wild animal.
 - c) any livestock on any property unless the property is designated as an Agriculture District as provided under the Town Land Use Bylaw and has been approved for such by the Development Officer.

PART SIX- THREATEN, ATTACK, OR BIT-ANIMAL PROVISION

- 6.1 The owner of an animal or aggressive dog is guilty of an offence if the animal:
 - a) exhibits threatening behavior towards a person or other domestic animal;
 - b) bites, attacks or causes minor injury to a domestic animal.
 - c) bites, attacks or causes minor injury to a person.
 - d) bites, attacks or causes major injury to a domestic animal.
 - e) bites, attacks or causes major injury or death to a person.
 - f) causes death to a domestic animal.
- 6.2 Section 6.1 applies to the conduct of an animal or aggressive dog whether on or off the property of the owner.

PART SEVEN- ADDITIONAL PENALTIES

- 7.1 A Justice, after convicting an owner of dog of an offence under this Bylaw, may, in addition to the fine specified under this Bylaw, order one or more of the following:
 - a) the dog be designated as an aggressive dog.
 - b) the dog be humanely euthanized.
 - c) the owner be prohibited from owning any dog for a specified period of time.

PART EIGHT- INTERFERENCE WITH AN OFFICER

- 8.1 Any person, whether or not he or she is the owner of an animal or aggressive dog which is being or has been pursued and or captured, is guilty of an offence if he or she:
 - a) interferes with, or attempts to obstruct, an Officer who is attempting to capture, or who has captured, any animal.
 - b) unlocks or unlatches or otherwise opens the vehicle in which animals captured for impoundment have been placed, so as to allow or attempt to allow any animal to escape there from.
 - c) removes, or attempts to remove, any animal from the possession of an Officer.
 - d) refuses to provide identification (name, address, and date of birth) and proof thereof to an Officer upon request.
 - e) provides false or misleading information to an Officer.

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- 9.1 A residence of the Town of Rimbey who finds a cat on its property may report a complaint to the Contractor and request a cat trap from the Contractor
- 9.2 The person with the complaint (Complainant) can attend at the office of the Contractor during normal business hours and request a cat trap. In order to obtain a cat trap, the Complainant must sign the form and agreement provided by the Contractor, and the Contractor will then provide a cat trap to the Complainant. The Contractor is responsible to have the Complainant sign a cat trap agreement stating that they will treat the cat humanely.
- 9.3 The Complainant will be required to pay a \$100.00 deposit to the Contractor. This deposit will be returned to the Complainant at such time as the trap is returned and is found to be in the same condition it was at the time it was obtained from the Contractor. If the trap is damaged or stolen the deposit is forfeited to the Contractor and it shall be the responsibility of the Complainant to pay the balance of the cost of the trap to be replaced.
- 9.4 It will be the responsibility of the Complaint to check the trap hourly, or as approved by the Contractor and, if an animal is caught, the Complainant must make arrangements to have the animal picked up or delivered to the Contractor within 24 hours following the trapping. During the week the Contractor will arrange the scheduling of their officers patrols in such a manner to reduce the length of time a cat is kept in a trap to a minimum. Traps are not to be set on weekends or when outside temperatures are constantly below zero (0) degrees. Traps shall be set in a shaded area of the property, away from the sun.
- 9.5 The Contractor may enter the property of the Complainant (but not a dwelling house) to ascertain if a cat has been properly placed or set and if a cat has been trapped.
- 9.6 The Complaint shall not leave a trap set on his property unattended when absent from the property for any period of time more than 3 hours, except as approved by the Contractor.
- 9.7 When the Contractor takes possession of a trapped cat, the Contractor will try to locate an identifying tag or tattoo on the cat and if found will make reasonable efforts to contact the owner of the cat in order to report that it has been impounded by the Contractor.
- 9.8 If the cat owner attends the Contractor's office to claim his or her cat that was trapped on another person's property, an offence ticket for the cat running at large may be issued in accordance with the Bylaw.
- 9.9 If a Complainant is disabled and therefore unable to pick up the cat trap, the Contractor will deliver the trap to the Complaints property, and pick up the trap 72 hours later. No fee shall be charged to the Complaint.
- 9.10 Any person renting a cat trap or the Animal Control Officer shall be responsible for trapping any animal caught as humanely as possible.
- 9.11 Any person who abuses, teases or pokes an animal in a cat trap or is causing pain, suffering, or injury to any animal may be charged with an offence under section 446 of the Criminal Code of Canada.
- 9.12 Any person seeing a cat in a trap being abused is encouraged to telephone and report the abuse to the Contractor, at which time the Contractor will, if warranted after investigation, attend at the premises where the abuse has taken place and remove the cat and the trap forthwith.

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PART TEN-IMPOUNDING ANIMALS

- 10.1 Any Officer or any designated Contractor with the Town may seize and impound:
- a) any animal or aggressive dog running at large.
 - b) any animal or aggressive dog not wearing a collar or tag while off the premises of the owner.
 - c) any animal found on a park or playground where animals are prohibited or where the park or parkland area contains a playground apparatus and/or a sand rubber or other materials utilizes as a play area.
 - d) any female animal or aggressive dog in heat and not confined or housed
- 10.2 Upon receiving an animal or aggressive dog for impound, an Animal Control Officer, Contractor, or its staff, shall make reasonable efforts to identify and contact the owner of the animal or aggressive dog
- 10.3 Subject to the entry notice provisions of Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26, an Officer may enter upon privately owned property at all times, other than a dwelling house, for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this Bylaw
- 10.4 An Officer, including an Animal Control Officer is hereby authorized to use live traps, nets or any other similar means to effect capture of animals or aggressive dogs. The Town or its Contractor shall not be held liable for the death or injury of any animal or aggressive dog.
- 10.5 The Contractor shall not sell, euthanize or otherwise dispose of any impound animal or aggressive dog until the animal or aggressive dog is retained in the Contractors Impound facility for seventy-two(72) hours, not including the day of impounding, Sunday's or Statutory Holidays. After the expiration of the seventy-two (72) hours, if the owner has not claimed the impounded animal, the animal becomes property of the Contractor.
- 10.6 Section 10.5 may be overruled if an impounded animal or aggressive dog is deemed to be in immediate and severe medical distress by a licensed veterinarian or other qualified animal health professional, whereas humane euthanasia is the only treatment option to end suffering.
- 10.7 The Contractor may retain an animal for a longer period if in the opinion of the Contractor the circumstances warrant the expense or they have reasonable grounds to believe that the animal is a continued danger to persons, animals or property
- 10.8 Any healthy animal may be returned to the owner during the seventy-two (72) hour period of impoundment upon payment to the Contractor the costs of impoundment and boarding (as specified between the Town and the Contractor).
- 10.9 Any person claiming an impounded animal shall present government issued photo identification to the Contractor or its staff.
- 10.10 Where an impounded animal or aggressive dog has not been claimed by an owner within 72 hours of impoundment, the Contractor is authorized to sell, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of any impounded animal or aggressive dog.

PART ELEVEN- FULL RIGHT AND TITLE

- 11.1 The purchaser of an animal from the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw shall obtain full right and title to it and the right and title of the former owner of the animal shall cease upon the purchase.



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PART TWELVE MUNICIPAL TICKETS AND VIOLATION TICKETS

- 12.1 Where an Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has contravened any provision of the Bylaw:
 - a) he or she may serve upon the person a Municipal Ticket allowing payment of the specified fine as set out in Schedule "A", which payment will be accepted by the Town or the Contractor on behalf of the Town in lieu of prosecution for the offence if paid within 21 days of the date of service; or
 - b) he or she may issue and serve a violation ticket in accordance with the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, c P-34 and amendments thereto, allowing a voluntary payment or requiring a person to appear in court, without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.
- 12.2 An Officer may, but is not required to issue a Municipal Ticket before issuing a violation ticket under the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.
- 12.3 A Municipal Ticket shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if:
 - a) served personally on the owner of the animal or aggressive dog, or left at the owners residence; or
 - b) mailed to the address of the owner of the animal or aggressive dog.
- 12.4 Penalties for a second, third and subsequent offences will be applicable, where those offences occur within one (1) year of the first offence.

PART THIRTEEN – EFFECTIVE DATE

- 13.1 This Bylaw shall take effect on January 1, 2021.
- 13.2 Bylaw 755/03 is repealed on January 1, 2021.

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2020.

MAYOR RICK PANKIW

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LORI HILLIS



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THE REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS AND CATS IN THE TOWN.**

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2020.

MAYOR RICK PANKIW

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LORI HILLIS

READ a third and final time this _____ day of _____, 2020.

MAYOR RICK PANKIW

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
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Schedule "A"	
Fail to license (5.8)	\$200.00 first offence \$400.00 second offence \$600.00 third and subsequent offence
Animal running at large (5.1(a))	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Animal on a park or parkland where prohibited (5.1(b))	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Animal destroys or damages property (5.1(c))	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Cat sprays/defecates/stalks birds (5.2)	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Fail to Confine an animal in heat (3.5)	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Dog barks or howls as to disturb a person (3.8)	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Have more than three dogs (3) (5.3)	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Have more than three cats (3) (5.4)	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Fail to remove defecation (3.6)	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Allowing defecation to accumulate on property (3.7)	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Tampering/spring/damage trap (5.7)	\$200.00 first offence \$400.00 second offence \$600.00 third and subsequent offence
Keeping or harboring an exotic animal (5.12)	\$100.00 first offence \$200.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Failure to ensure collar and tag are worn by animal (4.4)	\$75.00 first offence \$150.00 second offence \$300.00 third and subsequent offence
Keeping or harboring wild or exotic animals or livestock (5.12(a)(b)(c))	\$200.00 first offence \$400.00 second offence \$600.00 third and subsequent offence



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Aggressive dog not muzzled, in control and on a leash (3.12)	\$200.00 first offence \$400.00 second offence \$600.00 third and subsequent offence
Animal exhibits threatening behavior to person/animal (6.1(a))	\$200.00 first offence \$400.00 second offence \$600.00 third and subsequent offence
Animal bites, attacks or causes minor injury to an animal (6.1(b))	\$200.00 first offence \$400.00 second offence \$800.00 third and subsequent offence
Animal bites, attacks or causes major injury to an animal (6.1(d))	\$500.00 first offence \$1,000.00 second offence COURT third and subsequent offence
Animal bites, attacks or causes minor injury to a person (6.1(c))	\$500.00 first offence \$1,000.00 second offence COURT third and subsequent offence
Animal bites, attacks or causes severe injury or death to person (6.1(e))	COURT first offence COURT second offence COURT third and subsequent offence
Animal causes death to an animal (6.1(f))	\$500.00 first offence COURT second offence COURT third and subsequent offence
Refuse to provide identification to an officer (8.1(d))	\$500.00 first offence \$1,000.00 second offence COURT third and subsequent offence
Interfere with an officer (8.1(a))	\$500.00 first offence \$1,000.00 second offence \$1,500.00 third and subsequent offence
Unlock/unlatch a vehicle where an animal is confined (8.1(b))	\$500.00 first offence \$1,000.00 second offence \$1,500.00 third and subsequent offence
Provide false or misleading information to an officer (8.1(e))	\$500.00 first offence \$1,000.00 second offence \$1,500.00 third and subsequent offence
Remove or attempt to remove animal from an officer (8.1(c))	\$500.00 first offence \$1,000.00 second offence \$1,500.00 third and subsequent offence