

Bylaw No. 02/21

A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS/ HORSES/ DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN URBAN AREAS

The Council of the Village of Christopher lake, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be called the “Domestic Animal Bylaw”, other than dogs and cats.
2. For the purposes of this bylaw;
 - a) **“Coop”** means a fully enclosed weatherproof structure and attached Outdoor Enclosure used for the keeping of Urban Chickens;
 - b) **“Domestic Animal”** means an animal that is tame or kept, or that has been or is being sufficiently tamed or kept serving some purpose for the use of people;
 - c) **“Horse”** means any horse, mare, colt or filly;
 - d) **“License”** means a license issued by the Administrator pursuant to this Bylaw authorizing the license holder to keep Urban Chickens, horses and domesticated animals on a specific property within an Urban Area;
 - e) **“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 Chickens to roam;
 - f) **“Rooster”** means a domesticated male chicken;
 - g) **“Urban Chicken”** means a Hen that is at least 16 weeks of age;
 - h) **“Urban Area”** means lands located within the Village of Christopher Lake.

Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate and control the keeping domestic animals within Urban Areas.

Livestock, and Poultry

- 1) A person may keep livestock or poultry with the Village of Christopher Lake upon the following conditions;
 - a) With special permission of Council;
 - b) Chickens may be kept to a maximum of (6) in the R2 district as per Zoning Bylaw No.12/14 within the Village;
 - c) Horses may be kept to a maximum of (2) in the R2 district as per Zoning Bylaw No.12/14 within the Village.

Prohibitions

1. In an Urban Area, no person shall:
 - a) Keep a Rooster;
 - b) Other than an Urban Chicken for which a valid License has been issued.
 - c) No animal shall be raised for fur or meat.

License

1. A person may apply to keep no more than (6) Urban Chickens and or no more than 2 Domesticated Animals or Horses by:

- a) Submitting a completed application, on the form approved by the Council as attached on Schedule A; and
 - b) Paying a application fee of \$50.00.
2. The Council may not issue or renew a License unless satisfied that:
- a) The applicant is the owner of the property on which the Urban Chickens/ Domesticated animals will be kept, or that the owner of the property has provided written consent to the application;
 - b) The R2 District of the property on which the Urban Chickens will be kept allows the placement of a Coop for the keeping of Urban Chickens;
 - c) The applicant resides on the property on which the Urban Chickens and or domesticated animals will be kept;
 - d) The applicable fee has been paid; and
 - e) All required information has been provided.
3. The Council may refuse to grant or renew a License for the following reasons:
- a) The applicant or license holder does not or no longer meets the requirements of this bylaw for a License.
 - b) The applicant or license holder:
 - i. Furnishes false information or misrepresents any fact or circumstance to the Council or Administrator;
 - ii. Has, in the opinion of the Council based on reasonable grounds, contravened this bylaw whether the contravention has been prosecuted;
 - iii. 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 Urban Chickens, horses and domesticated animals;
 - iv. Fails to pay any fee required by this or any applicable Bylaw; or
 - c) In the opinion of the Council based on reasonable grounds it is in the public interest to do so.
4. A License is not transferable from one person to another or from one property to another.

Regulations for the Keeping of Urban Chickens

- 1. A person who keeps Urban Chickens must:**
- a) Provide each Hen an interior floor area and an outdoor enclosure, within the Coop;
 - b) Keep each Hen in the Coop at all times;
 - c) Provide each Hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dustbathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the Hen in good health;
 - d) Maintain the Coop in good repair and sanitary condition, and free from vermin and noxious or offensive smells and substances, which consists or no less than one time every two weeks for the Coop to be cleaned;
 - e) Construct and maintain the Coop to prevent any rodent from harbouring underneath or within it or within its walls, and to prevent entrance by any other animal;
 - f) Keep the Coop secured from sunset to sunrise;
 - g) Remove leftover feed, trash, and manure in a timely manner;
 - h) Store feed within a fully enclosed container;
 - i) And manure to be disposed of out of the urban area;
 - j) Follow biosecurity procedures recommended by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to reduce potential for disease outbreak; and
 - k) Keep Hens for personal use only.
2. No person who keeps Urban Chickens shall:

- a) Sell eggs, manure, meat, or other products derived from Hens;
- b) Slaughter a Hen on the property;
- c) Dispose of a Hen except by delivering it to a farm, veterinarian, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of Hens; and
- d) Keep a Hen in a cage, kennel, or any shelter other than a Coop.

Regulations for the Keeping of Horses

1. A person who keeps horses must:

- a) Ensure all lands and premises where horses will be kept are adequately always fenced and maintained in a sanitary condition, and manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in such a manner as to cause, in the opinion of the Animal Control Bylaw Officer, an objectional odor nuisance;
- b) Shelters should be constructed to fulfil the requirements for stables regarding walls, floor, roof except that there should be three walls only to allow the free passage of horses;
- c) Ensure that accessory buildings are a minimum of 15 meters from any neighboring dwellings;
- d) Ensure the pasture is a minimum of 15 meters from any existing neighboring dwelling;
- e) Maximum Storage of four round bails or 40 square bales ;
- f) Food and clean water should be available at all times;
- g) The trough or other container should be easily cleaned, resist tipping over, be free of protrusions and situated to make contamination unlikely;
- h) Stables and shelters should be maintained in good repair and should be cleaned daily to remove manure, soiled bedding, uneaten food, and other refuse.

Offence and Penalties

1. A person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
2. A person who is guilty of an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than \$200.00.

Powers of Administrator and or Bylaw Officer

1. Without restricting any other power, duty or function granted by this Bylaw, the Administrator or Animal Control Bylaw Officer may:
 - a) Carry out any inspections to determine compliance with this Bylaw;
 - b) Take any steps or carry out any actions required to enforce this Bylaw;
 - c) Take any steps or carry out any actions required to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw;
 - d) The Municipality may, in accordance with Section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*, add any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Municipality in remedying a contravention of this bylaw to the taxes on the property on which the work was done.
 - e) Establish forms for the purposes of this Bylaw.

General

1. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any Federal or Provincial law or regulation, other Village Bylaw, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or license.

Severability

1. Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.

Enactment

1. This bylaw shall come into effect on May 20th,2021.
2. Bylaw No.05/85 is hereby repealed.

__Chris McShannock_____
Mayor

(SEAL)

__Jeannie Rip_____
Administrator

Certified a True Copy of Bylaw No. 06/21
Adopted by Resolution of Council this 20th,
Day of May 2021.

_Chris McShannock_____
Mayor

(SEAL)

_Jeannie Rip_____
Administrator

SCHEDULE A

LICENSE APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Chickens (6) Horses (2)

At This Location: _____

Circle One: **Owner** **Tenant**

*****If tenant, a letter or authorization is required from the registered property owner, along with this application form.**

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