

**SUMMARY OF CITY OF ORILLIA BACKYARD HEN COOP
REGULATIONS
(Excerpts from Chapter 287 – Hen Coop Licencing)**

287.5.1 Hen coops - outdoor runs - regulations

Every owner of hens and every owner of the lot shall ensure the following regulations are adhered to:

287.5.1.1 Owner of hens - reside on lot

The applicant or licensee must reside on the lot where the hens are kept.

287.5.1.2 Number of hens permitted

A maximum of four (4) hens shall be permitted per lot.

287.5.1.3 Hens under four months old - prohibited

All hens on a lot shall be at least four (4) months old.

287.5.1.4 Lot size - minimum

No hen coop shall be permitted on a lot having a Lot Area less than 500 m².

287.5.1.5 Location of hen coops and outdoor runs

No hen coop or outdoor run shall be located within:

- a. the Intake Protection Zone - 1 (IPZ-1) or Well Head Protection Area (WHPA) with a vulnerability score of 10, as defined by the City's Source Water Protection Mapping, as set out in Schedule "A";
- b. a Front Yard or Exterior Side Yard,
- c. 8 m of any Dwelling;
- d. 3 m of any Lot Line;
- e. 3 m of any Structure;
- f. 3 m of any sewage works, or;
- g. 15 m of any Lot Line on which a school is located.

287.5.1.6 Maximum - one hen coop and one outdoor run

A maximum of one (1) hen coop, and one (1) outdoor run shall be permitted per lot.

287.5.1.7 Size of hen coop

A hen coop shall be provided that has:

- (a) a maximum Ground Floor Area of 9.0 m²;
- (b) at least 0.37 m² of floor area for each hen;
- (c) a maximum Height of 5 m.

287.5.1.8 Size of outdoor run

An outdoor run shall be provided that has:

- (a) a maximum Ground Floor area of 9.0 m²;
- (b) at least 0.92 m² of outdoor enclosure for each hen;
- (c) a maximum Height of 5 m.

287.5.1.9 Hen coop - general requirements

All hen coops shall be a fully enclosed weatherproof structure or enclosure, and the interior shall include:

- (a) at least one nest box for egg laying;
- (b) at least one perch giving 0.3 m of space per hen;
- (c) at least one food, and water container.

287.5.1.10 Protection against predators

All hen coops and outdoor runs shall be secured against the entry of predators.

287.5.1.11 Cleanliness - sanitary

All hen coops and outdoor runs shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and free of vermin, and obnoxious odours.

287.5.1.12 Manure - droppings - cleaned out daily - storage

All manure and droppings shall be removed daily from the hen coop and outdoor run, and only stored in a secured container or backyard composter. No more than 0.08 m³ of manure and/or droppings shall be stored at any one time.

287.5.1.13 Hens to be enclosed at all times

All hens shall be kept fully enclosed in a hen coop or outdoor run at all times.

287.5.1.14 Hens to be enclosed in coop at night

Despite Section 287.5.1.13, hens shall be kept fully enclosed in a hen coop between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

287.5.1.15 Food supply - storage

A hen's food supply shall be stored in secure, rodent/predator-proof containers.

287.5.1.16 Slaughter - disposal of carcasses

- (a) The slaughtering or euthanizing of hens is prohibited.
- (b) All deceased hens shall be disposed of forthwith at a livestock disposal facility or through the services of a veterinarian.

287.5.1.17 Selling - eggs - manure - meat - other products - prohibited

The selling of eggs, manure, meat, or other products associated with the keeping of hens is prohibited.

287.5.2 Roosters - prohibited

No person shall possess, harbour, or keep any rooster.