

**BY-LAW NUMBER 53-2022**

**OF**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD**

Being a By-law to Amend Chapter 206  
Dogs – Other Animals  
City of Brantford Municipal Code

WHEREAS Chapter 206 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code regarding Dogs-Other Animals is enacted by by-law; and

WHEREAS City Council at its meeting held February 22, 2022 adopted the recommendation of staff to define and regulate the keeping, harbouring, and possessing of chickens within urban areas of the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS such regulations will establish a permit process pertaining to the keeping, harbouring, and possessing of chickens; and

WHEREAS the definition of kennel will be amended in order to align with the definition of kennel as approved in the City of Brantford Zoning By-Law 160-90.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT Section 206.1.6 Kennel – defined, be deleted and replaced with:

206.1.6 Kennel – defined

“kennel” means a kennel as defined in the City of Brantford Zoning By-Law 160-90, as amended.

2. THAT Section 206.4.2 Farm animals – appropriate zoning - required be amended as follows:

No person shall keep, harbour or possess any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, mules or poultry anywhere within the City of Brantford unless on a property which is assessed pursuant to the Assessment Act, as amended as farm lands and used only for farm purposes by the owner

or tenant thereof, or, in the case of poultry, in accordance with Article 10 Chickens – Keeping.

3. THAT Sections 206.10.1 to 206.10.3 inclusive be deleted and replaced with the following, and the by-law be renumbered as necessary to reflect the addition:

Section 206.10.1 Chickens – Permit Required

No person shall keep, harbour or possess or cause to keep, harbour or possess chickens, without first having obtained a permit from the City of Brantford. Permit fees shall be in accordance with the By-law to Fix Fees and Charges to be collected by the Corporation of the City of Brantford for 2021 - By-Law 52-2021, as amended from time to time.

Section 206.10.2 Chickens - Limit – Hens

No more than four (4) hens (female chickens) shall be permitted on a property at any time.

Section 206.10.3 Chickens - Prohibited - Roosters

Roosters (male chickens) shall not be permitted on a property at any time.

Section 206.10.4 Chicken - Coop

All hens shall be housed in a properly maintained coop that provides a protective shelter from the elements and predators, and is a safe space for the hens to lay eggs.

A coop, in addition to the requirements of Article 11 Pens, shall:

- a. not be located in the front yard or exterior side yard as defined in the City of Brantford Zoning Bylaw 160-90 as amended; and
- b. be no less than 7.5m from buildings on other lots, and at least 2.5m away from side yard lot lines and 1.2m away from rear lot lines; and
- c. be elevated off the ground with windows covered with a sturdy mesh for protection from predators; and
- d. have regular cleaning to remove debris and other potential hazards including soiled material that could cause foul odour, and is disposed of or composted in accordance with all applicable laws and legislation; and

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- e. have proper ventilation to support a healthy flock; and
  - f. have litter for hens; and
  - g. have perches for hens; and
  - h. have nest boxes for hens to lay eggs.

4. THAT Sections 206.11.3 be deleted and replaced with the following, and the by-law be renumbered as necessary to reflect the addition:

Section 206.11.3 Exemption - pen - conforming - prior to enactment

Sections 206.10.4 a – c, 206.11.1 and 206.11.2 shall not require the relocation or modification of any building, structure or other enclosure if such building, structure or other enclosure was lawfully being used as a pen or coop on the day of the passing of the enabling by-law; but only for so long as the building, structure or other enclosure continues to be so used.

5. THAT this By-law comes into force effective immediately.

READ A FIRST TIME: MARCH 22, 2022

READ A SECOND TIME: MARCH 22, 2022

PASSED: MARCH 22, 2022

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk