

NORTH VANCOUVER BACKYARD HEN PROPOSAL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY TABLE

Subject	Proposed Provision
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hen keeping will be allowed in all residential zones, including multi-family • Keepers of hens will reside on the lot containing the hen enclosure • Hen keeping will be prohibited in commercial, industrial, and comprehensive development zones • Hen facilities will be prohibited, for the time being, in public parks and community gardens • All zones be subject to same requirements
Number and Type of Chickens Allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 6-8 hens per lot • Hens younger than four months prohibited (pullets only) • No roosters
Siting and Size Restrictions for Hen Enclosures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclosures will be kept back 1 m (3.28 ft) from the property lines on all sides • Enclosures will be kept only in back and side yards • On grade level • 9.2 m² (100 ft²) floor area limit, and a 2 m (6.56 ft) height limit
Housing Enclosure Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hens need an enclosed run and house, with a locking door • Minimum space requirement of 0.37 m² (4 ft²) of coop space and 0.92 m² (10 ft²) of outdoor enclosure per hen • Minimum of one perch measuring at least 15 cm (6 in) per bird • 1 cm (½ in) hardware cloth be used on outside runs • at least one nest box • We strongly recommend a course on how to construct a secure coop; such as those offered by Duncan Martin or through Maplewood Farm • We have a website that offers many links and resources such as instructional videos, documents and forums

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<p>Basic Care and Humane Treatment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Humane treatment of farm animals is commonly defined by the “five freedoms,” as developed by the Farm Animal Welfare Council, an advisory body to the UK government. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition 2) Freedom from discomfort 3) Freedom from pain, injury and disease 4) Freedom to express normal behavior 5) Freedom from fear and distress ● Maplewood Farm will be offering a chicken ownership course at the Farm, which we will strongly recommend to our members
<p>Sanitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enclose must be maintained in sanitary conditions free from unpleasant odor and substances ● Recommended that manure and scraps be removed at least weekly ● Manure may be flushed down the toilet or composted, not allowed in North Vancouver city or district disposal service ● Storage of manure/compost must be within fully enclosed structure, such as the compost bins sold by the North Vancouver Recycling Program
<p>Other Regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slaughtering or attempts at euthanasia prohibited by those who keep hens ● Chicken carcasses are not allowed in City garbage containers ● Voluntary registry ● Voluntary foster/adoption registry
<p>Reasonable Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● By-law needs to be open enough that hen ownership is possible and not too expensive ● Maplewood Farm course will be under \$50 ● Our website, which is free to use, offers many links and resources such as instructional videos, documents and forums
<p>Enforcement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No facilities would need to be built. ● Confiscated chickens would spend 24-48 hours in a dog/cat kennel at the Animal Shelter and then be fostered or adopted by a willing urban chicken owner ● Registration for this voluntary program would be coordinated through our website

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<p>Common Misconception</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Noise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hens only vocalize for approximately 5 minutes after laying an egg ○ Hens make less noise than dogs or even human conversations ○ Roosters will not be permitted. ● Odour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A frequently cleaned coop has no odor that can be detected outside the immediate vicinity ○ Chicken manure is excellent fertilizer and can be composted in contained compost bins in residents' yards ● Pest Attraction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A well-built coop will ensure predators cannot access chickens, feed or eggs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solid henhouse construction ▪ Hardware cloth on the run, buried 30 cm under the ground all the way around the coop ▪ Bulk feed stored indoors
<p>Public Health Concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Avian Influenza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avian Influenza is transmitted via direct contact bird droppings, feathers, and body fluids ○ The greatest risk of Avian Influenza infection for humans appears to be through the slaughtering of live infected poultry, which will not be legal ● Salmonella <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salmonella is bacteria in the intestine of an infected animal. ○ Salmonella is spread through contact with fecal matter ○ Proper hand-washing and manure handling will eliminate Salmonella transmission