



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

POTENTIAL ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW NO. 2015-09 AMENDMENT:

ALLOWING CHICKENS ON PARCELS LESS THAN 2 ACRES

OCTOBER 20, 2020

Current Bylaw 2015-09 Section 10

SECTION 10 – ANIMAL/BIRD REGULATIONS

The following animal units are permitted:

- 10(1) On any residential parcel less than 0.81 ha (2.0 ac) in Size, no more than four (4) Household Pets shall be allowed.
- 10(2) On any residential parcel more than 0.81 ha (2.0 ac), agricultural or non-residential parcel no more than four (4) Dogs shall be allowed.
- 10(3) On any residential or agricultural parcels between 0.81 ha (2.0 ac) and 16.1 ha (39.9 ac) in size, additional Animal/Bird Units shall be allowed in accordance with the following:

<u>Residential parcel Size</u>	<u>Allowable Number of Animal/Bird Units:</u>
0.81 ha – 1.21 ha (2.0 – 2.99 ac)	1
1,22 ha – 1.61 ha (3.0 – 3.99 ac)	2
1.62 ha – 2.02 ha (4.0 – 4.99 ac)	3
2.03 ha – 2.42 ha (5.0 – 5.99 ac)	4
2.43 ha – 4.04 ha (6.0 – 9.99 ac)	5
4.05 ha or greater (10.0 ac plus)	5*

1 animal unit = 15 chickens

Background

- 2015 - Similar proposal brought forward to allow chickens on properties under 2 acres
 - Pilot project report was presented and rejected
- 2020 - New request was brought forward by County resident requesting bylaw amendment
 - “Backyard Chickens” report presented
 - ↳ Prior legislation
 - ↳ Rationale, benefits, questions



Rationale, what has changed?

- Food biosecurity petition
- COVID 19 has focused attention on food security
- Municipalities are allowing chickens on smaller properties
- Lillydale shut down – still have commercial operations



Other Municipalities

- Sturgeon County-under review [currently allow 3-6 (birds or animal units?)]
- City of Grande Prairie-backyard chicken program
- City of Edmonton-backyard chicken program
- Leduc County-chickens allowed
- Strathcona-under review (allowed in a County Residential zoning)
- Red Deer County-chickens allowed
- Lac Ste Anne County- <1 ac – Not allowed; 1-2 ac – 15 layers or 50 broilers

Questions put forth to ASB and CSC

- Support changing the bylaw to allow chickens on properties under 2 acres

-Rationale

- Support changing the bylaw to allow chickens on properties under 2 acres with conditions

-Rationale

- Do not change the bylaw

-Rationale



- What other information should be considered?

Alternatives

- A. Parkland County Animal Control Bylaw (2015-09) not be amended based on the collective feedback from the Agricultural Services Board and the Community Sustainability Committee; OR
- B. Conduct targeted public engagement to gather broader input from residents to determine the need for amendments to Parkland County Animal Control Bylaw (2015-09) and impact on County resources as a result of the amendment

Conclusion

Administration recommends the development of a targeted public engagement process to gather broader input from residents to determine the need for amendments to Parkland County Animal Control Bylaw (2015-09) and impact on County resources as a result of the amendment



Questions?

