



VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
Corporate Policy No. 215
Chicken Keeping Policy



Title: **Chicken Keeping Policy**

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Purpose

- This Policy is intended to provide guidance regarding the keeping of chickens.

Policy

1. General Policies

- 1.1. A minimum of 2 hens up to a maximum of 6 hens are permitted on all residential lots.
- 1.2. Roosters are not permitted.
- 1.3. Eggs, meat, or manure cannot be used for commercial purposes.
- 1.4. Slaughtering of chickens on property is not allowed.
- 1.5. Biosecurity procedures recommended by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency must be followed.

2. Registration

- 2.1. All owners must register their chickens with the Village prior to bringing them to their property (Refer to Attachment A – Registration Form).
- 2.2. All owners must pay a registration fee per the Fees & Charges Bylaw (as amended from time to time).
- 2.3. A schematic of the enclosure must be submitted to staff at the time of registration.
- 2.4. All chicken owners must register their animals with BC Premises ID (BCPID)

3. Chicken Enclosure, Coop and Run

- 3.1. The enclosure must provide a minimum of 0.37 m² coop space and 0.92 m² enclosed run space per hen. The enclosure must provide adequate protection for the chickens.
- 3.2. Every building (coop) or enclosure used to accommodate chickens must be:
 - located within the rear yard of the lot behind a dwelling;
 - a minimum 3.0 meters (9.8 feet) from a dwelling;
 - a minimum 1.2 meters (3.0 feet) from any lot line;
 - a minimum 3.0 meters (9.8 feet) from a flanking street.
 - Coops should be located in areas where they will not be inundated by seasonal run-off or heavy precipitation and leach into ditches, lakes, streams, or wetlands.

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- 3.3. Owners must identify where the chicken coop and run will be located on their property at the time of registration.
- 3.4. Each hen must be kept in the enclosure at all times; the enclosure must be secured from sunset to sunrise.
- 3.5. Every owner of a chicken coop must ensure that the area is clean, sanitized, free of vermin, and that all excrement is removed at least once a day.
- 3.6. Manure must not be deposited in the municipal sewage or storm drain system, or compost manure in such a way to allow manure to enter the municipal sewage or storm drain system. Manure should be kept for on-site compost or appropriate removal and disposal is the responsibility of the resident at the expense of the resident.

**Village of Belcarra
Chicken Keeping Registration Form**

Hen Owner

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Address:	
Postal Code:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Date:	

Property Zoning

Please put a checkmark next to the zoning for your property where you will be keeping chickens:

- RS-1 (One-Family Residential Zone)
- RM-1 (Duplex or One or Two-House Zone)
- RM-2 (Farrer Cove South Zone)
- RM-3 (Duplex or Four-House Zone)

BCPID

BCPID #	
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(9 digit B.C. Premises Registration # for a Poultry Premises provided by Ministry of Agriculture)

of Hens to be kept on the lot

# of hens	
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Chicken Coop Enclosure

A schematic of your chicken coop is required to be included with the registration form.
Have you included a schematic of the chicken coop? (Check yes or no)

- Yes
- No

Comments:

- I have included the registration fee as per the Fees & Charges Bylaw (as amended from time to time).
- I confirm that I reside on the above property and/or have written consent from the owner of the above property to keep chickens.
- I confirm that I have read and understand the Chicken Keeping Policy and will comply with the policy.