

NEWS RELEASE

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Residents reminded of regulations concerning the keeping of chickens and ducks

Summary

Residents raising chickens and ducks are reminded to observe regulations that promote the keeping of urban poultry as either pets or as a sustainable food source in a way that prevents any nuisance to neighbours or people nearby. Key things to remember include:

- Six chickens or ducks may be kept on land that is less than 0.4 hectares (1 acre) in size or; four chickens on a lot that is less than 450m sq (4843.75 ft sq).
- Chickens and ducks may be kept provided there are no roosters, cocks, cockerels or peacocks.
- Structures to house chickens and ducks must comply with required yard setbacks and be kept clean.
- No slaughtering of chickens or ducks is permitted on the property.
- Chickens or ducks cannot be kept within a dwelling unit.
- Diseased chickens or ducks that are destroyed must have the carcass disposed of.
- Any manure and waste from the chickens or ducks must be composted or disposed of.
- Chickens and ducks cannot trespass on public property, private property, unfenced land or released or abandoned in the City.

Strategic Link: Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government.

Key Points

- Knowledge of the regulations surrounding how to correctly keep urban poultry ensures problems are minimized.
- Further information regarding the City's regulations on the keeping of urban poultry can be obtained from Nanaimo Animal Control Services Ltd., 1260 Nanaimo Lakes Road, 250-616-0233

Quotes

"The keeping of urban poultry encourages residents to participate in the local food movement, Observing the associated regulations ensures the practice is welcome."

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