

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

BY-LAW NO. 2013-08

**BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE AND PROHIBIT THE KEEPING OF CERTAIN KINDS OF ANIMALS AND FOWL WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN**

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WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 11. (9), provides that a municipality may pass By-laws respecting animals;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Severn deems it expedient to regulate and prohibit the keeping of certain kinds of animals within residential areas of the Township of Severn;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS

<b>"Domestic Farm Animal"</b>	shall mean and include horses, cows, oxen, pigs, goats, sheep, llamas and donkeys.
<b>"Domestic Fowl"</b>	shall mean and include geese, ducks, turkeys and any other such poultry and the young of any of them.
<b>"Owner"</b>	shall mean any person who possesses or harbours a domestic farm animal or domestic fowl and "own", "owns" or "owned" have corresponding meanings.
<b>"Animal Control Officer"</b>	shall mean an Animal Control Officer and/or Municipal Law Enforcement Officer appointed by the Corporation of the Township of Severn.

2. No person shall possess or harbour any domestic farm animal or domestic fowl within the Township of Severn, save and except in or upon lands located within the Rural (RU), Agricultural (AG), Environmental Protection/Sensitivity – High or Low (EP) and Rural Conservation (RE) Zones as defined in the Township of Severn's applicable Zoning By-laws.
3. That this By-law shall not apply to the following:
  - (a) Any veterinary hospital under the control of a licensed veterinarian.
  - (b) Any premises owned or operated by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
4. Domestic farm animals or domestic fowls are permitted to be displayed or exhibited at an organized public event or competition if it is a permitted use of the event's property under the applicable Zoning By-law and which event is operated in accordance with any other municipal, provincial or federal legislation or regulation.

5. Chickens

- (a) That the keeping of chickens shall be allowed in residential zones of the Township of Severn, subject to the following provisions:
  - (i) No person shall own more than a maximum of twelve (12) chickens per property
  - (ii) No person shall retain more than a maximum of twelve (12) chickens within four weeks of a hatching period
  - (iii) No person shall own roosters which are prohibited at all times
  - (iv) No person shall allow the chickens to free range on the property and the chickens shall be kept in a suitable hen coop at all times
- (b) All hen coops shall contain an enclosed roof structure and shall be no greater than 3 X 3 metres and no greater than 4.5 metres in height.
- (c) The following lot size and setbacks for hen coops shall apply to residential zones:
  - (i) Minimum of .25 acres lot size
  - (ii) 3 metres from the side lot line and at least 1.2 metres from the rear lot line
  - (iii) At least 3 metres from abutting dwellings
  - (iv) At least 7.5 metres from any church or school
  - (v) Shall only be located in the rear yard
- (d) The Township of Severn Animal Care By-law shall be enforced for sanitary conditions and the disposal of animal waste.

6. Rabbits

- (a) No person shall keep more than twelve (12) rabbits in a residential zone.
- (b) If outdoor shelter is to be provided, the following lot size and setbacks for outdoor shelters shall apply to residential zones:
  - (i) Minimum of .25 acres lot size
  - (ii) 3 metres from the side lot line and at least 1.2 metres from the rear lot line
  - (iii) At least 3 metres from abutting dwellings
  - (iv) At least 7.5 metres from any church or school
  - (v) Shall only be located in the rear yard
- (c) The Township of Severn Care By-law shall be enforced for sanitary conditions and the disposal of animal waste.

7. Every person who contravenes any part of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

8. All sections of this By-law shall be deemed to be separate and independent and the invalidity of any section or provision thereof shall not affect the remaining sections.

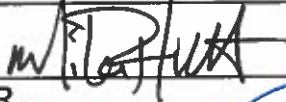
9. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing thereof.

10. That By-law No. 2005-146 be and it is hereby now repealed.

By-law read a first and second time this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN



MAYOR



CLERK-TREASURER