

DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE



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BYLAW NO. 692
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A BYLAW OF THE DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE (HEREINAFTER CALLED “THE DISTRICT”) TO REGULATE OR PROHIBIT THE KEEPING AND IMPOUNDING OF DOGS OR OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS OR FOWL

WHEREAS the District of Tumbler Ridge has adopted an Animal Responsibility Bylaw regulating the control, licensing, and protection of dogs and the keeping of animals within the District of Tumbler Ridge;

AND WHEREAS, the *Community Charter* S.B.C., 2003 Part 3, Division 6 empowers the Council of the District of Tumbler Ridge to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements with respect to animals and to provide for a system of licenses, permits and approvals;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of Tumbler Ridge in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

SECTION 1 - TITLE AND REPEAL

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “District of Tumbler Ridge Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 692, 2020”.
2. Animal Control Bylaw No. 633, 2016 and all amendments thereto are repealed.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

3. In this Bylaw:

Abandon means Intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence leaving a domestic animal at a location without providing minimum care for more than 24 hours, or an animal that has been left behind by former tenants of a rental property.

Animal means any member of the Kingdom Animalia excluding humans;

Animal Control Officer means any person appointed by Council as an animal control officer, and also includes a bylaw enforcement officer and a peace officer;

At Large means an animal in or upon a public place or in or upon the lands or premises of any person other than the owner of the animal without the express or implied consent of that person and while not in the immediate and effective control of the *owner*;

Attack means aggressive or violent behavior by a dog resulting in the serious injury or death of a person or another animal;

Bite means wound to the skin causing it to bruise, puncture, or break;

Chicken means domesticated fowl of the species of *Gallus gallus domesticus*, raised for eggs and/or meat;

Choke Collar means a slip collar or chain that may constrict around the animal's neck as a result of pulling on one end of the collar or chain, and includes Pinch or Prong collars but does not include a Martingale collar;

Commercial Kennel means a place where dogs are bred, reared, trained, or boarded;

Companion Animal means a dog, cat, fish, song bird, parrot, or another animal that is kept for a person's companionship rather than utility, profit or burden, and, which is lawfully kept upon residential property;

Council means the Municipal Council of the *District*;

Dangerous Dog means any dog that:

- (a) has attacked, bitten, or caused injury to a person or animal on public or private property within the District or elsewhere, or that has demonstrated a propensity, tendency, or disposition to do so;
- (b) the District has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to seriously injure or kill a person or animal; or
- (c) is specifically bred or trained for fighting purposes;

District means the Corporation of the District of Tumbler Ridge, including its staff, officers, agents and employees;

Enclosure means a structure forming a pen suitable to confine a dog;

Hen means a female chicken;

High-Risk Dog means any dog that has:

- (a) aggressively pursued or threatened a person or animal, while running at large inside the District's boundaries; or
- (b) demonstrated a propensity, whether within the District's boundaries or elsewhere, to attack or injure a person or animal without provocation;

Incurable Disease includes rabies, and injuries that will result in death;

License Year means the period from January 1 to December 31 in any year;

Livestock means horses, cattle, bees, rabbits, goats, sheep, swine, furbearing animals and game;

Nuisance Dog means any dog:

- (a) that has been seized two (2) times within the previous twelve (12) months for running at large; or

- (b) whose owner has been found liable to pay a fine or penalty under a municipal ticket two (2) times within a twelve (12) month period as a result of the animal either howling or barking excessively, or running at large; or
- (c) for which two (2) instances, of either excessive howling or barking or running at large, within the previous twelve (12) has resulted, on each occasion, in the animal either being seized or the owner being found liable to pay a fine or penalty under a bylaw notice violation or municipal ticket information; and
- (d) that has not already been classified as a Dangerous Dog or a High-Risk Dog under Section 7 or Section 8 of this Bylaw;

Operator means any person who has any responsibility for the management, maintenance or administration of a Commercial Kennel;

Owner means a person:

- (a) who is named as the owner of the animal in a Licence; or
- (b) who has possession or custody of the animal, either temporarily or permanently; or
- (c) who harbours the animal, or allows the animal to remain on his premises; or
- (d) who is the custodial parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 18 years who owns, is in possession of, or has the care or control of an animal;

Police Service Dog means any dog owned by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any municipal police department while on duty, including while engaged in training exercises and under the supervision of a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any municipal police department;

Public Place includes any highway and any real property owned, held, operated or administered by the District or Province;

Seize includes impound and detain;

Spay/Neuter means the sterilization of a female animal by removing the ovaries or of a male animal by removing the testicles or by any method of pharmaceutical sterilization approved by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association;

Special Needs Assistance Animal means

- (a) a special needs animal as defined in the Guide Animal Act, RSBC 1996, c 177; or
- (b) an animal designated as a Special Needs Assistance Animal pursuant to Paragraph 12 of this bylaw;

SPCA means the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals including any of its branches in British Columbia;

Tethered means to be hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object;

Unlicensed dog means any dog over the age of six months that does not have a valid license tag for the current year attached to its collar or harness.

SECTION 3 - POSSESSION OF ANIMALS

4. No person shall keep or allow to be kept on any real property more than six (6) companion animals, consisting of not more than three (3) dogs over the age of eight (8) weeks, except in the lawful operation of an animal clinic, commercial kennel, animal rescue, animal grooming facility, or pet store.

SECTION 4 – EXEMPTION FOR POLICE SERVICE DOGS

5. This Bylaw does not apply to a Police Service Dog.

SECTION 5 – LICENSING OF DOGS AND CATS

6. No person shall own, keep, possess or harbour any dog/cat over the age of six (6) months in the District unless a valid and subsisting licence for the current calendar year has been obtained for the dog/cat under this Bylaw.
7. If a dog/cat is required to be licensed pursuant to this Bylaw, the Owner of the dog/cat shall apply to the District for a licence on the prescribed form provided by the District and attached to this Bylaw as Schedule “A”, and pay the fee set out in Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time, and upon receipt of the application and payment of the prescribed fee, the District shall issue a numbered licence and corresponding licence tag for that licence year.
8. The requirement in Section 5 (7) does not apply to a dog/cat that is kept in the District for less than one (1) month in a calendar year.
9. Every licence and corresponding licence tag issued under this Bylaw shall expire on the 31st day of December in the calendar year in which the licence was issued.
10. The licence fees set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time shall be reduced by one-half in respect of an application for a licence made on or after July 1st.
11. The Owner of a dog/cat for which a licence and corresponding licence tag have been issued under this Bylaw shall affix, and keep affixed, the licence tag on the dog/cat by a collar, harness, or other suitable device.
12. The Owner of a Special Needs Assistance Animal is exempt from the licensing fees in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time.
13. The Owner of a dog/cat for which a licence and corresponding licence tag have been issued under this Bylaw may obtain a replacement licence tag upon satisfying that the original licence tag has been lost or stolen and upon payment of the replacement licence fee set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time.

14. A person who acquires a dog/cat must obtain a new dog license within 14 days, even if the dog/cat is already licensed within the District.
15. The District may suspend, revoke, cancel or refuse to issue or re-issue a licence or permit if the applicant for or holder of the licence or permit has been convicted of an offence involving cruelty to an animal.

SECTION 6 – NUISANCE DOGS

16. If the District identifies an animal as being a Nuisance Dog, he or she may provide the owner with written notice that the animal has been designated a Nuisance Dog.
17. An owner of an animal designated as a Nuisance Dog must obtain a Nuisance Dog license for the current year and pay the applicable licence fee set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time. If the Owner of the animal has already paid for a licence for the current year, the owner shall pay the difference between the licence fee previously paid and the fee for a Nuisance Dog Licence.
18. If an owner fails to obtain a Nuisance Dog Licence within 14 days of receiving written notice that the District has designated the owner's animal as a Nuisance Dog, the animal shall be deemed to be unlicensed.
19. An owner may apply to the District to reclassify a Nuisance Dog any time after December 31st of the second consecutive year in which the animal has been the subject of a Nuisance Dog Licence and the District may grant a reclassification if the Nuisance Dog has not been at large, or caused disturbance as a result of excessive barking or howling, within the preceding twelve (12) months.

SECTION 7 – HIGH-RISK DOGS

20. If the District identifies a dog as being a High-Risk Dog, he or she may provide the Owner with written notice that the dog has been designated a High-Risk Dog.
21. An Owner of a dog designated as a High-Risk Dog must obtain a High-Risk Dog Licence for the current year and pay the applicable licence fee set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time. If the Owner of the dog has already paid for a licence for the current year, the Owner shall pay the difference between the licence fee previously paid and the fee for a High-Risk Dog.
22. If an Owner fails to obtain a High-Risk Dog Licence within 14 days of receiving written notice that the District has designated the Owner's dog as a High-Risk Dog, the dog shall be deemed to be unlicensed.
23. The Owner of a High-Risk Dog must not permit the High-Risk Dog to be in a public place unless the dog is firmly held by a person competent to restrain the dog on a leash not exceeding 2 metres or 6.6 feet.

24. A person may allow a High-Risk Dog to be in areas of private lands or premises that are exclusively owned or occupied by that person as long as the dog is securely confined:
- (a) indoors; or
 - (b) in a rear yard and inside an enclosure or fenced area that:
 - (i) is adequately constructed to prevent the dog from escaping;
 - (ii) is locked to prevent casual entry by another person; and
 - (iii) has been inspected and approved by the District.
25. The Owner of a High-Risk Dog must immediately advise the District if the dog is loose or has bitten or attacked any person or animal.
26. An Owner may apply to the District to reclassify a High-Risk Dog any time after December 31st of the second consecutive year in which the animal has been the subject of a High-Risk Dog Licence and the District may grant a reclassification, at the District's discretion, if the High-Risk dog has not been at large within the preceding twelve (12) months and has not exhibited high-risk behaviour during that period.

SECTION 8 – DANGEROUS DOGS

27. If the District identifies a dog as being a Dangerous Dog, the District may provide the Owner with written notice that the dog has been designated a Dangerous Dog.
28. An Owner of a dog designated as a Dangerous Dog must obtain a Dangerous Dog Licence for the current year and pay the applicable licence fee set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time. If the Owner of the dog has already paid for a licence for the current year, the Owner shall pay the difference between the licence fee previously paid and the fee for a Dangerous Dog.
29. If the Owner fails to obtain a Dangerous Dog Licence within 14 days of receiving written notice that the District has designated the Owner's dog as a Dangerous Dog, the dog shall be deemed to be unlicensed.
30. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must not permit the dog to be in a public place or on any private lands and premises in the District unless the dog is:
- (a) firmly held, by a person competent to restrain the dog, on a leash not exceeding 2 metres or 6.6 feet; and
 - (b) properly fitted with a humane basket muzzle that allows the dog to pant and to drink.
31. A person may allow a Dangerous Dog to be in areas of private land or premises that are exclusively owned or occupied by that person as long as the dog is securely confined:
- (a) indoors; or
 - (b) on an enclosed deck that is no less than three (3) metres above ground level and sufficient to prevent the dog's escape; or
 - (c) in a rear yard inside an enclosure or fenced area that:
 - (i) is adequately constructed to prevent the dog from escaping;
 - (ii) is locked to prevent casual entry by another person; and
 - (iii) has been inspected and approved by the District.

32. At any time when the Dangerous Dog is not securely confined as outlined above, or is being transferred from one form of confinement to another, the dog must be leashed, securely muzzled, and under the care and control of a competent person as outlined under this Section.
33. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must:
- (a) allow an Officer of the District to photograph the dog on demand;
 - (b) immediately advise the District if the dog is loose or has bitten or attacked any person or animal; and
 - (c) within fourteen (14) days of receiving written notice that the dog has been designated a Dangerous Dog, post a warning sign at each entrance to the premises containing the dog in a location that is clearly visible to any person accessing the premises.
34. The District may, on one occasion only, supply an Owner of a Dangerous Dog with a warning sign at the District's cost.
35. A warning sign may only be removed:
- (a) upon the death of the Dangerous Dog, if the Owner has provided the District with a veterinarian's certificate of death;
 - (b) upon the relocation of a Dangerous Dog, if the Owner has provided the District with a letter indicating where the dog now resides and with whom; or
 - (c) in the event that Council rescinds the Dangerous Dog designation after a reconsideration under Section 17.
36. The Owner of a Dangerous Dog may deliver such a dog to the District for immediate surrender and destruction in the interest of public safety.
37. If a Dangerous Dog is surrendered for destruction, the District may waive the animal destruction fee.

SECTION 9 – COMMERCIAL KENNEL

38. Every Operator must make application to the District for a Commercial Kennel License on the form which is attached as Schedule "B" to this Bylaw and pay the fee set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time but need not license individual dogs kept as a part of the Commercial Kennel.
39. Commercial Kennels are only permitted as per the Zoning Bylaw.
40. Every Commercial Kennel License issued under this Bylaw shall expire on the thirty-first day of December of the year for which the license was issued, and is valid only in respect of the Commercial Kennel for which it is issued.
41. Every Commercial Kennel must consist of a fully enclosed building and facilities constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with the following provisions:
- (a) every cage or pen must provide at least 2.3 square metres of floor space for each dog and be of sufficient height to permit each animal kept therein to turn about freely, stand, sit and lie down in a normal position;

- (b) there must be an outdoor exercise area large enough to allow each animal being kept to break into a trot;
 - (c) natural light and ventilation are allowed into the interior of the building by windows, skylights or a combination thereof; and
 - (d) the animals being kept cannot escape.
42. No Operator of a Commercial Kennel will cause or permit:
- (a) more than one animal to be kept in a cage or pen unless the cage or pen is of sufficient size and height to permit each animal being kept therein to move about freely and easily;
 - (b) an animal exhibiting dangerous behaviour or dominance aggression to be kept with other animals;
 - (c) animals under the age of four (4) months to be kept with adult animals other than their female parent; and
 - (d) animals under treatment for a communicable disease or suspected of harbouring a communicable disease to be kept with other animals.
43. Every Operator of a Commercial Kennel must at least once daily clean and sanitize the kennel of animal excrement.
44. Every Operator of a Commercial Kennel must ensure all animals are fully vaccinated and must obtain a certificate or proof of vaccination from the owner upon receipt of the animal at the kennel.

SECTION 10 – RESERVED

SECTION 11 – ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

45. No Owner shall permit or allow an animal to:
- (a) make noise excessively where such noise causes or tends to cause annoyance to persons in the neighbourhood or vicinity;
 - (b) be At Large in the District;
 - (c) be in a Public Place unless the dog is in a carrier or kept on a leash, chain or tether not exceeding 183 centimetres (six feet) in length and the dog is under the immediate care and control of the Owner or unless the area is designated as an off-leash area by the District;
 - (d) be tethered, tied, attached or otherwise fastened by any means to any traffic control device or support thereof, any fire hydrant or fire protection equipment, handrails, or any other object, in such a way as to obstruct the public or create a nuisance;
 - (e) aggressively harass, or chase other animals, bicycles, automobile or vehicles;
 - (f) chase or otherwise threaten a person, whether on the property of the Owner or not;
 - (g) bite another animal, whether on the property of the Owner or not, unless the animal was engaged in the protection of the Owners property or itself while on the Owners property;

- (h) attack another animal, whether on the property of the Owner or not, unless the animal was engaged in the protection of the Owners property or itself while on the Owners property;
 - (i) bite a person, whether on the property of the Owner or not, unless the animal was engaged in the protection of the Owners property or itself while on the Owners property;
 - (j) attack a person, whether on the property of the Owner or not, unless the animal was engaged in the protection of the Owners property or itself while on the Owners property.
46. Every Owner for an intact female dog shall, at all times when the dog is in heat, keep the dog securely confined within a building or enclosure capable of preventing the escape of the dog and the entry of other dogs.
47. Every Owner shall, at all times when his or her dog is off the premises of the Owner, immediately remove or cause to be removed any feces deposited by the dog, and dispose of the feces in a sanitary manner.
48. Every Owner for a diseased animal must, where the disease poses a threat to the health or safety of a person or animal, ensure that the diseased animal does not leave the property or premises of the Owner other than for the purpose of a visit of a veterinarian, in which case the animal must be transported in a manner so as to ensure that it does not come into contact with another person or animal.
49. No person other than the Owner of a Companion Animal shall remove any form of identification on or affixed to the Companion Animal.
50. A person who finds and takes possession of a dog At Large in the District shall immediately provide the Animal Control Officer with a description and photo where possible and provide a name and address for contact by the Owner of the Companion Animal.
51. No person shall keep livestock in the territorial jurisdiction of the District, except on property as permitted in the Zoning Bylaw or as part of a licensed veterinary clinic.
52. No person shall feed or attempt to feed wildlife within the District, with the exception of birds/hummingbirds.
53. Every person shall ensure that any apparatus intended to provide food for birds is suspended on a cable or other device in such a manner that it is inaccessible to wildlife and that the area below the apparatus is kept free of accumulations of seeds and other wildlife attractants.

SECTION 12 – STANDARDS OF CARE FOR ANIMALS

54. No person shall keep any animal in the District unless the animal is provided with:
- (a) clean potable drinking water and food in sufficient quantity and of a recognized nutritional quality to allow for the animal's normal growth and the maintenance of the animal's normal body weight;

- (b) food and water receptacles which are clean;
 - (c) the opportunity for regular exercise sufficient to maintain the animal's good health, including daily opportunities to be free of an Enclosure and exercised under appropriate control; and
 - (d) necessary veterinary care when the animal exhibits signs of pain, injury, illness, suffering, or disease.
55. No person may keep any animal which normally resides outside or which is kept outside for extended periods of time, unless the animal is provided with outside shelter:
- (a) which ensures protection from heat, cold and wet that is appropriate to the animal's weight and type of coat;
 - (b) which provides sufficient space to allow the animal to stand, sit, and lie down comfortably, and to turn about freely;
 - (c) which provides sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times;
 - (d) which contains bedding that will assist with maintaining normal body temperature; and
 - (e) which is regularly cleaned and sanitized and all excreta removed and properly disposed of at least once a day.
56. No Owner of any dog shall keep such dog in an Enclosure unless all of the following requirements are met:
- (a) the enclosure shall be a fully enclosed structure with a minimum dimension of two (2) metres in width, by four (4) metres in length, and two (2) metres in height from the grade upon which the enclosure is constructed;
 - (b) the location of the Enclosure shall be within a rear yard;
 - (c) the Enclosure shall include an outside shelter that conforms to Paragraph 55 of this Bylaw;
 - (d) the Enclosure must be regularly cleaned and sanitized and all excreta removed at least once a day; and
 - (e) the Owner of any dog shall ensure that such dog is not confined to an Enclosure in excess of fourteen (14) hours within any twenty four (24) hour period.
57. No person may cause, permit, or allow an animal:
- (a) to be tethered in such a way that the animal is able to leave the boundaries of the Owner's property; or
 - (b) to be tethered where a choke collar forms part of the securing apparatus, or where a rope or cord is tied directly around the animal's neck; or be tethered other than with a collar that is properly fitted to that dog and attached in a manner that will not injure the animal or enable the animal to injure itself by pulling on the tether; or
 - (c) to be tethered unless the tether of sufficient length to enable the full and unrestricted movement of the animal; or
 - (d) to be left unattended or unsupervised while tethered; or
 - (e) to be tethered for more than two (2) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period.
58. No person shall keep an animal confined in an Enclosure, or motor vehicle, without sufficient ventilation to prevent the animal from suffering discomfort or heat related injury. Such enclosed space or vehicle (if stationary) shall be in an area providing sufficient shade to protect the animal from direct rays of sun at all times.

59. No person may transport a dog in a vehicle outside of the passenger compartment or in an uncovered passenger compartment unless it is adequately confined to a pen or cage or unless it is secured in a body harness or other manner of fastening to prevent it from jumping or falling off the vehicle or otherwise injuring itself.
60. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, no person shall:
- (a) abandon any animal;
 - (b) in any way use poison, air pellet guns, bows and arrows, firearms, sling shots, or any object as a weapon on any animal;
 - (c) tease, torment, or provoke an animal;
 - (d) cause, permit or allow an animal to suffer; or
 - (e) train or allow any animal to fight.

SECTION 13 – ABILITIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

61. The District may seize:
- (a) any Unlicensed Dog;
 - (b) any Dangerous Dog not secured or muzzled in accordance with Section 8;
 - (c) any animal found to be At Large contrary to this bylaw; and
 - (d) any animal that is, or appears to be, suffering.
62. When an animal is not on a Owner's property, the Animal Control Officer may, where necessary, employ the use of lures, baits, nets, sonic and mechanical devices or any other means of apprehending animals provided always that such methods are applied humanely.
63. An Animal Control Officer shall immediately convey any animal seized and liable to impoundment under this Bylaw to the Municipal Pound.

SECTION 14 - POUND OPERATION

64. The *owner* of an animal that has been impounded may recover the animal from the Pound by providing the *Animal Control Officer* with proof of ownership, and by paying the fees prescribed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time, in accordance with the number of days the animal was impounded and the number of times that the animal has been impounded.
65. The *owner* of an *unlicensed dog* must also replace the dog's license tag or license the dog, and pay the fees prescribed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time, before recovering the dog from the Pound.
66. If a High-Risk Dog has been impounded and the owner wants to reclaim that dog, the owner must pay, in addition to the regular impoundment fees, the surcharge and other charges stated the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time for the handling and care of a High-Risk Dog, and must read, complete and sign an Application for Release of a High-Risk Dog attached as Schedule "C" to this bylaw.

67. If a Dangerous Dog has been impounded and the owner wants to reclaim that dog, the owner must pay, in addition to the regular impoundment fees, the surcharge and other charges stated the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time for the handling and care of a Dangerous Dog, and must read, complete and sign an Application for Release of a Dangerous Dog attached as Schedule "D" to this bylaw.
68. The District may sell, adopt out, or humanely euthanize a dog or other animal
- (a) with the consent of the Owner, after
 - (i) the Owner has read, completed and signed the Animal Surrender Form attached as Schedule "F" to this bylaw; and
 - (ii) all outstanding fines, penalties and fees have been paid; or
 - (b) without the consent of the owner, if
 - (i) 72 hours have elapsed from the date of impoundment
 - (ii) all reasonable efforts to contact the owner of the animal have failed.
69. If the District sells, adopts out or euthanizes any animal, the following forms will be completed as applicable:
- (a) Euthanasia Request Form attached as Schedule "G" to this Bylaw; or
 - (b) Animal Adoption Application Form attached as Schedule "H" to this Bylaw.
70. The owner of an animal shall pay the maintenance and other applicable fees set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time, even if the owner does not reclaim the animal.
71. The District may euthanize any animal that is suffering from an *incurable disease*.
72. No person shall rescue, attempt to rescue or release any animal in the Pound or in the custody of the District.
73. If the District considers that an impounded animal requires:
- (a) a vaccination;
 - (b) flea treatment;
 - (c) worm treatment;
 - (d) examination by a veterinarian; or
 - (e) urgent veterinary care to alleviate any pain or suffering as recommended by a veterinarian,
- then the District can cause such care to be provided at the sole cost and expense of the animal's Owner.

SECTION 15 – RIGHT OF REFUSAL TO RELEASE FROM IMPOUNDMENT

74. Upon reasonable grounds, the Animal Control Officer has the right to refuse to any person the release or adoption of any animal for any of the following reasons:
- (a) to protect the safety of the public from the animal;
 - (b) to protect the safety of the animal from the public;
 - (c) to protect the health and welfare of the animal from the individual;
 - (d) if the person is under eighteen (18) years of age; or

- (e) if the person is apparently under the influence of alcohol or a drug, such that the Animal Control Officer does not feel that the individual has the cognitive ability to accept responsibility for the animal.
75. If, within fourteen (14) days after the decision to detain was made or confirmed, an animal detained pursuant to Section 13 is not claimed by its Owner, the animal shall be deemed to have been surrendered to the District and the Animal Control Officer may cause the animal to be made available for adoption or otherwise disposed of.
76. An Owner whose animal was detained pursuant to Section 13 may request that the District reconsider the decision to detain the animal as outlined in Section 17 of this Bylaw.

SECTION 16 – OBSTRUCTION

77. No person shall hinder, delay, or obstruct in any manner, directly or indirectly, an Animal Control Officer or any person employed by the Animal Control Officer in carrying out the duties and powers of an Animal Control Officer under this Bylaw.
78. Every occupier of premises where any animal is kept or found and every person where encountered, having at that time the apparent custody of an animal, shall immediately, upon demand made by an Animal Control Officer or a peace officer, truthfully and fully supply the following information:
- (a) his or her name;
 - (b) the number of animals owned or kept by him or her, their breed, sex, and general description;
 - (c) the place where such animals are kept; and
 - (d) whether the animals are currently licensed or registered; and
 - (e) a record of vaccinations and care.

SECTION 17 – COUNCIL RECONSIDERATION

79. A person may request that the Council reconsider:
- (a) a Nuisance Dog designation;
 - (b) a High-Risk Dog designation;
 - (c) a Dangerous Dog designation;
 - (d) a refusal to release from impoundment;
 - (e) a refusal, suspension or cancellation of a commercial kennel licence; or
 - (f) a refusal, suspension or cancellation of a backyard hen keeping licence.
80. Such a request must be in writing and must include the reasons why the Owner believes the decision should be reconsidered.
81. Upon receipt of a completed request, the Corporate Officer will add the request to the agenda of the next convenient meeting of Council.
82. Upon Council's decision to uphold or overturn the original request, the District will provide written reasons to the Owner for so doing.

SECTION 18 - BACKYARD HEN KEEPING LICENSES

83. A person shall apply for a backyard hen license under this Bylaw on the form which is attached to this Bylaw as Schedule "I" and pay the license fee in the amount set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time. Upon receipt of the application and payment of the prescribed fee, the District shall issue a numbered backyard hen permit to the applicant.
84. If any person becomes the owner of backyard hens, that person shall apply for a license and pay the applicable license fee within 7 days of becoming the owner of backyard hens.
85. Every backyard hen license is valid only for the owner of the backyard hens to whom it was issued.
86. At any time the District may cancel or suspend a backyard hen license issued pursuant to this Bylaw if the backyard hen license holder fails to comply with the provisions of this Bylaw.

SECTION 19 – BACKYARD HEN KEEPING

87. A person who engages in backyard hen keeping must:
- a) possess a valid backyard hen keeping license, through the processes prescribed in the Animal Responsibility Bylaw as amended from time to time;
 - b) be the registered owner or obtain permission from the registered property owner at a property where hens are kept, and reside at a property where the hens are kept;
 - c) keep no more than eight (8) hens per parcel of land. Roosters or other fowl or farm animals will not be permitted unless in accordance with the District of Tumbler Ridge Animal Responsibility Bylaw and District of Tumbler Ridge Zoning Bylaw, as amended from time to time;
 - d) keep hens in a run that:
 - i) is fenced on all sides in a manner that will keep predators from entering and hens from escaping;
 - ii) provides at least 1 m² of covered outdoor space per hen;
 - iii) is less than 2.4 m in height;
 - iv) is sited at least 2.0m from any parcel line and located to the rear of the front face of the principal building;
 - v) has a ground surface comprised of material that is clean, non-toxic, biodegradable, readily available, and easily replaceable, and which is well maintained.
 - e) provide at least one (1) coop that:
 - i) is kept clean and monitored for suitable cleanliness daily;
 - ii) is sited at least 2.0 m from the rear or side parcel line where there is no lane. For clarity, no setback is required from the rear parcel line for coops less than 1 m² in size where there is a lane;
 - iii) provides at least 0.5 m² of coop floor area per hen;

- iv) provides and maintains at least one perch that is at least fifteen (15) cm long per hen and at least one nest box per four hens that is large enough for the hen to turn around and sit.
- f) provides each hen with food, water, shelter light, ventilation, veterinary care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the hen in good health with consideration of the temperature fluctuations from winter through summer;
- g) not keep the hen in a cage;
- h) remove all leftover feed, trash and manure in a timely manner;
- i) store manure in a fully enclosed structure, and store no more than 1.0 m³ of manure at any time;
- j) remove all manure not used for composting or fertilizing; and
- k) keep hens for personal use, and not sell eggs, manure, meat or other products derived from hens.
- l) not slaughter, or attempt to euthanize, or bury a hen within District limits, unless at an authorized facility.

SECTION 20 – PROHIBITED ANIMALS

88. Except as provided in section 68 of this bylaw, no person shall, on either a temporary or permanent basis:
- (a) breed;
 - (b) possess;
 - (c) exhibit for entertainment or educational purposes; or
 - (d) display in public;
- any prohibited animal outlined in Schedule “E” to this Bylaw.
89. Paragraph 88 does not apply to:
- (a) the premises of a (local government) facility used for keeping impounded animals;
 - (b) the premises of any police department;
 - (c) premises operated by The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;
 - (d) the premises of a veterinarian licensed by the College of Veterinarians of BC, providing the veterinarian is providing temporary care for a prohibited animal;
 - (e) premises that keep prohibited animals for which a valid permit is in place pursuant to the Wildlife Act, RSBC 1996 c 488;
 - (f) premises that keep animals for educational and research purposes, which are accredited by the Canadian Council for Animal Care; or
 - (g) premises of an aquarium or zoological park, which is accredited by the Canadian Association of Zoological Parks and Aquaria.

SECTION 21 – SCHEDULES

90. Schedules "A," "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H" and "I" of this bylaw form a part of this bylaw and are enforceable in the same manner as this bylaw.

SECTION 22 – PENALTIES

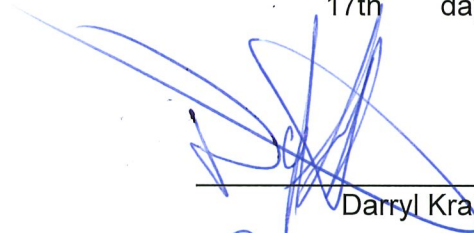
91. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects to do, or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a penalty not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars and not more than Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, together with the cost of prosecution.

RECEIVED FIRST READING on the 13th day of July, 2020

RECEIVED SECOND READING on the 13th day of July, 2020

RECEIVED THIRD READING on the 13th day of July, 2020

ADOPTED on the 17th day of August, 2020



Darryl Krakowka, Deputy Mayor



Aleen Torralville, Corporate Officer



**DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "A"**

DOG/CAT LICENCE APPLICATION FORM

Application Type:

☐ **Renewal** ☐ **New**
☐ **Dog** ☐ **Cat**

Tag Number:

ANIMAL OWNER INFORMATION

Last Name:

First Name:

Date:

Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Emergency Contact Person and Number:

ANIMAL INFORMATION

Name:

Identification:

Breed:

Secondary Breed:

Age or D.O.B.:

Sex: ☐ **Male** ☐ **Neutered**
 ☐ **Female** ☐ **Spayed**

Colour:

Markings:

AGREEMENT

- * All licence fees are listed in the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time.
- * July 1st and after, all licence fees are 50% off.
- * There will be a fee to issue a replacement tag.
- * This licences will expire on December 31 of this year.
- * I have a copy of the District of Tumbler Ridge Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 692, 2020 and I understand and will comply with all regulations listed throughout the bylaw. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Signature of Owner: _____



**DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "B"**

**COMMERCIAL KENNEL LICENCE
APPLICATION FORM**

KENNEL OPERATOR INFORMATION

Name of Kennel Operator:

Name of Kennel:

If the kennel is located on leased or rented property, an approval letter signed by the registered owner of the property must be attached to this application

Street Address of Kennel:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Alternate Contact Person and Phone Number in Case of Emergency:

KENNEL SPECIFICATIONS

(Please attach a photo of the kennel and a brief description or drawing of your operation.)

I am aware that the District of Tumbler Ridge Bylaw No. 692 regulates the responsibilities of Commercial Kennel Operators.

I will comply with the Commercial Kennel guidelines in accordance with this Bylaw in order to prevent nuisances or disturbances to individuals or the public.

I am aware that the District may attend my property to ascertain whether the bylaw regulations are being observed.

Kennel Operator's Signature: _____ Date: _____



**DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "C"**

APPLICATION FOR THE RELEASE OF A HIGH-RISK DOG

1. I, _____, of _____
(name of owner) (address of owner)
in the District of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, hereby apply for the release of

Dog's Name:	License No.
Breed:	Colour/Markings:
Age or DOB:	Sex:

(the "Dog").

2. I am the owner of the Dog.
3. I am aware and have been informed that the Dog is a *High-Risk Dog* within the meaning of Bylaw No. 692 and I am aware of the responsibility and potential liability which rest with me in keeping or harbouring the Dog and state that the Dog will be kept at:

(address).

4. In consideration of the release of the Dog to me, I hereby acknowledge, covenant and agree with the District of Tumbler Ridge:
- (a) that I will at all times when the Dog is not kept on a leash and under the control of a person who is competent to control the Dog, keep the Dog in a dwelling or accessory building or within a securely locked enclosure complying with the requirements of Bylaw No. 692.
 - (b) that I will save harmless and indemnify the District of Tumbler Ridge, its *Animal Control Officer*, and any of its officers, employees, agents or elected or appointed officials from and against any and all actions, causes of action, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs or expenses whatsoever and by whomsoever brought in any way arising from or caused by the release of the Dog to me or the keeping or harbouring of the Dog by me and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for any personal injury or death inflicted on any other animal or any person by the Dog or any damage to property caused by the Dog.
5. I submit herewith the sum of \$_____ in payment of all licence and impounding fees payable by me pursuant to the Fees and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time.

(Name of Witness)

(Signature of Owner)

(Signature of Witness)

(Date)



**DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "D"**

APPLICATION FOR THE RELEASE OF A DANGEROUS DOG

1. I, _____, of _____
(name of owner) (address of owner)
in the District of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, hereby apply for the release of

Dog's Name:	License No.
Breed:	Colour/Markings:
Age or DOB:	Sex:

(the "Dog").

2. I am the owner of the Dog.
3. I am aware and have been informed that the Dog is a *Dangerous Dog* within the meaning of Bylaw No. 692 and I am aware of the responsibility and potential liability which rest with me in keeping or harbouring the Dog and state that the Dog will be kept at:

(address).

4. In consideration of the release of the Dog to me, I hereby acknowledge, covenant and agree with the District of Tumbler Ridge:
- (a) that I will at all times when the Dog is not kept on a leash [and muzzle if this box is checked ☐ - (b) that I will save harmless and indemnify the District of Tumbler Ridge, its *Animal Control Officer*, and any of its officers, employees, agents or elected or appointed officials from and against any and all actions, causes of action, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs or expenses whatsoever and by whomsoever brought in any way arising from or caused by the release of the Dog to me or the keeping or harbouring of the Dog by me and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for any personal injury or death inflicted on any other animal or any person by the Dog or any damage to property caused by the Dog.
5. I submit herewith the sum of \$_____ in payment of all licence and impounding fees payable by me pursuant to Bylaw No.692.

(Name of Witness)

(Signature of Owner)

(Signature of Witness)

(Date)



**DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "E"**

LIST OF PROHIBITED ANIMALS

1. all nonhuman primates
2. all felidae, except the domestic cat
3. all canidae, except the domestic dog
4. all ursidae (bears)
5. all proboscidea (elephants)
6. all pinnipedia (seals, walrus)
7. all marsupials
8. all edentates (anteaters)
9. all xenartha (such as sloths, armadillos, and tamanduas)
10. all monotremata (spiny anteater and platypus)
11. all venomous or poisonous reptiles and amphibians
12. all snakes which reach an adult length larger than 3 metres
13. all venomous or poisonous invertebrates (such as black widow spiders, tarantulas, and blue-ringed octopus)
14. all ungulates, except the bison and the domestic breeds of cow, goat, sheep, pig, horse, mule, donkey, ass, llama, and alpaca
15. all hyenidae (hyenas)
16. all hyracoidean (hyraxes)
17. all mustelidae (skunks, weasels, otters, wild ferrets), except the domestic ferret
18. all procyonidae (raccoons, coatimundis)
19. all viverridae (civets and genets)
20. all herpestidae (mongooses)
21. all cetacea (whales, porpoises, dolphins)
22. all rodentia, except the hamster, gerbil, guinea pig, domestic mouse, and domestic rat.
23. all chiroptera (bats), colugos (flying lemurs), and scandentia (treeshrews)
24. all lagomorphs (rabbits and hare), except the domestic rabbit
25. all birds except the domestic quail, pheasant, pigeon, chicken, duck, goose and turkey, plus the budgie, cockatiel, lovebird, finch, and canary.
26. all lizards which reach an adult length larger than 2 metres
27. crocodylia (such as alligators, crocodiles, gavials)



**DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "F"**

ANIMAL SURRENDER FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Owner's Name:		Date:
Address:		
Postal Code:	Phone Number:	
Animal's Name:	Identification:	
Breed:	Colour/Markings:	
Age or D.O.B.:	Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Neutered ☐ Female ☐ Spayed	
Reason for Surrender:		

CONSENT

- * I/ we are the owner(s) of the above described animal and are legally responsible for its care and have authority to surrender.
- * I/ we authorize the District of Tumbler Ridge to have a licensed veterinarian humanely euthanize the above described animal if necessary.
- * I/ we have been given the opportunity to receive independent legal advice before executing this release and have waived that opportunity. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- * I/ we agree to indemnify the District of Tumbler Ridge, its employees or agents against any and all claims arising from all services performed and provided.
- * I/we the owners understand and agree that we cannot reclaim the animal back after relinquishing it to the District of Tumbler Ridge. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- * Has the animal bitten any person(s) in the past 15 (fifteen) days? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- * Has the animal, to your knowledge been exposed to a disease? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- * I/ we the owners will authorize veterinary records. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Owner: _____

Printed Name of Animal Control Officer

Printed Name of Witness

Signature of Animal Control Officer

Signature of Witness



**DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "G"**

EUTHANASIA REQUEST FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Owner's Name:

Date:

Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Animal's Name:

Identification:

Breed:

Colour/Markings:

Age or D.O.B.:

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Neutered
☐ Female ☐ Spayed

Reason for Euthanasia:

☐ Private Cremation Requested

☐ General Cremation Requested

CONSENT

- * I/ we are the owner(s) of the above described animal and are legally responsible for its care and have authority to request euthanasia.
- * I/ we authorize the District of Tumbler Ridge to have a licensed veterinarian humanely euthanize the above described animal on my/our behalf.
- * I/ we have been given the opportunity to receive independent legal advice before executing this release and have waived that opportunity. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- * I/ we agree to indemnify the District of Tumbler Ridge, its employees or agents against any and all claims arising from all services performed and provided.
- * Has the animal bitten any person(s) in the past 15 (fifteen) days? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- * Has the animal, to your knowledge been exposed to a disease? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- * I/ we the owners will authorize veterinary records? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Owner: _____

Printed Name of Animal Control Officer

Printed Name of Witness

Signature of Animal Control Officer

Signature of Witness



**DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "H"**

ANIMAL ADOPTION APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

Civic Address:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

BCDL/ID:

Birthdate:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date:

Staff Name:

Animal's Name:

GENERAL INFORMATION

YOUR HOME

1. Who will have the primary responsibility for this animal?

1. What type of home do you live in?

☐Acreage ☐House ☐Apartment

2. Have you had animals before? ☐Yes ☐No

2. Do you: ☐Own ☐Rent

3. What happened to them?

3. Do you have your landlord's/strata's permission to have pets? ☐Yes ☐No

4. Have you surrendered or given away a pet?

☐Yes ☐No

Please provide us with contact information for your landlord or a copy of your strata by-laws:

Checked by the District of Tumbler Ridge

☐Yes, please initial: _____

If yes, please provide the reason:

4. How many hours will your animal be alone on Weekdays_____ Weekends _____

YOUR FAMILY	YOUR PETS																				
1. Who are you adopting this animal for? ☐ Myself ☐ Other: _____	1. Are there other animals in your household? ☐ Yes ☐ No																				
2. Number of adults (18+) at home: _____																					
3. Number of children at home: 0-7 _____ 8-17 _____																					
4. Any visiting children? ☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, please list them: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th><th>Breed</th><th>Age</th><th>Sex</th><th>Fixed?</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Breed	Age	Sex	Fixed?															
Name	Breed	Age	Sex	Fixed?																	
5. Any allergies in the family? ☐ Yes ☐ No	2. Please provide the name and phone number of your vet: _____																				
6. How busy is your family's schedule? ☐ Very Busy ☐ Busy ☐ Not Busy	HOME VISIT																				
7. How would you describe yourself? ☐ Nervous ☐ Loud ☐ Calm ☐ Quiet	Are you willing to have a District of Tumbler Ridge Animal Control or Bylaw Enforcement Officer do a home visit by appointment? ☐ Yes ☐ No																				
8. Are you planning on any of the following in the next month? ☐ Moving ☐ Holiday ☐ Change in Schedule																					
9. Where will your animal stay during holidays? ☐ At home with care ☐ Boarding ☐ Other	If not, why?																				
DOGS ONLY																					
1. How many hours of exercise can you give your dog? Weekdays _____ Weekends _____																					
2. What would you enjoy doing with your dog? ☐ On-leash walking ☐ Off-leash walking ☐ Off-leash parks ☐ Jogging ☐ Cycling ☐ Other																					
3. Approximately how much do you think your dog will cost you per year? Vet/medical _____ Food _____ Boarding _____ Grooming _____																					
4. Where will your animal stay during the night? ☐ Loose in the house ☐ Crated inside ☐ Garage ☐ Fenced kennel run ☐ Fenced yard ☐ Loose outside																					
5. Where will your animal stay during the day? ☐ Loose in the house ☐ Crated inside ☐ Garage ☐ Fenced kennel/run ☐ Fenced yard ☐ Loose outside ☐ Other: _____																					

TELL US WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR

Sex:	☐ Female	☐ Male	☐ No preference		
Coat:	☐ Short	☐ Medium	☐ Long	☐ Non-shedding	☐ No preference
Age:	☐ Puppy	☐ Adult	☐ Senior	☐ No preference	
Size:	☐ Small	☐ Medium	☐ Large	☐ No preference	
Breed/Type/Colour:					

PROBLEMS YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK ON

- ☐Separation anxiety ☐Excitability ☐Mild aggression ☐Obedience ☐House training ☐Fearfulness
☐Reaction to other dogs ☐Barking ☐Vocalization
☐I am not willing to work on any problems
☐I need more information to decide

I WOULD LIKE MY DOG TO:	VERY IMPORTANT	QUITE IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Be friendly with children	☐	☐	☐
Be friendly with other dogs	☐	☐	☐
Be friendly with cats	☐	☐	☐
Be friendly with me	☐	☐	☐
Be friendly with visitors to the house	☐	☐	☐
Enjoy being groomed	☐	☐	☐
Enjoy being held	☐	☐	☐
Enjoy being petted	☐	☐	☐
Be calm	☐	☐	☐
Be playful	☐	☐	☐
Be quiet	☐	☐	☐
Be independent	☐	☐	☐
Never wake me up at night	☐	☐	☐
Never show aggressive behaviour	☐	☐	☐

SOME DOGS WILL REQUIRE TRAINING	YES	NO	NOT SURE
I need a dog that is already trained	☐	☐	☐
I am first time dog owner	☐	☐	☐
I have obedience trained before	☐	☐	☐
I have lots of experience and could handle a difficult dog	☐	☐	☐

Under what circumstances would you return your dog?					
☐ Moving	☐ Too costly	☐ New baby	☐ Aggression	☐ Medical reasons	☐ Not enough time
☐ Behaviour problem					
Comments:					
Have all the members of your household met the dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
Have you ever been convicted of neglect or cruelty to animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No					

**FALSIFIED INFORMATION WILL LEAD TO AUTOMATIC REJECTION OF THE APPLICATION. THE DISTRICT OF
TUMBLER RIDGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICANT**

I understand that it is my responsibility to see and evaluate the animal for myself before agreeing to adoption. The adoption of a lifelong animal friend should not be impulsive, but rather a carefully thought out decision, which will ensure a loving, lasting relationship. I understand that the District does not know any current or previous medical or health information about this animal.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____



DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE
ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 692, 2020
SCHEDULE "I"

BACKYARD HEN KEEPING LICENCE
APPLICATION FORM

HEN OWNER INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

If the owner of the hens is an occupied lessee/tenant, a signed approval letter must be attached to the application

Civic Address:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Number of Hens:

(Maximum 8, **NO** Roosters)

CHICKEN COOP INFORMATION

(Please attach a photo of the coop and a brief description or drawing of your operation and coop location.)

I am aware that the District of Tumbler Ridge Bylaw No. 692 regulates the responsibilities of Backyard Hen Owners.

I will comply with the backyard Hen guidelines in accordance with this Bylaw in order to prevent nuisances or disturbances to individuals or the public.

I am aware that the District may attend my property to ascertain whether the bylaw regulations are being observed.

Hen Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____