

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA

BYLAW NO. 2022.54

**A BYLAW TO AMEND ZONING BYLAW 2005.85
TEMPORARY USE
(BACK YARD CHICKENS)**

WHEREAS Sections 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended, provides for the enactment of zoning bylaws and amendments:

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara deems it advisable to further amend Bylaw 2005.85 for the Township of Ramara as it relates to the Village Residential (VR), Hamlet and Rural Countryside Residential (RCR) zones;

AND WHEREAS Section 39.1 of the *Planning Act* provides for the temporary use of land, buildings or structures for any purpose set out therein that is otherwise prohibited by the by-law;

AND WHEREAS Section 7.5.1 of the approved Township of Ramara Official Plan, as amended, authorizes the passing of temporary use by-laws

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara hereby enacts as follows:

Definitions

“Backyard Chickens” - the accessory keeping of hens for the purpose of companionship as a pet or providing eggs for personal consumption by occupants of a dwelling on the same lot, and does not include accessory livestock, or agricultural uses otherwise defined by the Township of Ramara’s Zoning By-law.

1. That By-law 2005.85 as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following to Section 2(30) Temporary Use to read as follows:

Subsection 2(30) 3.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2(30) of By-law 2005.85, as amended, the following temporary use shall apply for a term not to exceed three (3) years from the date of the passing of this bylaw;

2. The following provisions apply to the keeping of backyard chickens:

- i. The keeping of backyard chickens is prohibited in Lagoon City Settlement Area, Bayshore Village and any properties abutting a lake, river or stream in the Village Residential (VR) zone;
 - ii. Minimum lot area of property must be 2024 sq.m. (1/2 acre) in size;
 - iii. A maximum of 5 laying hens per property;
 - iv. No roosters permitted;
 - v. All hen coops shall contain an enclosed roof structure and shall be no greater than 3 X 3 metres and no greater than 4.0 metres in height;
 - vi. No person shall allow the chickens to free range on the property and the chickens shall be kept in a suitable hen coop and fenced area at all times;
 - vii. Hen coops and fowl must be located in the rear yard of the property as defined in the municipal Zoning Bylaw;
 - viii. All hen coops and enclosures must be a minimum of 3 m from any interior lot line or rear lot line;
 - ix. All hen coops and enclosures must be a minimum of 15 m from abutting dwellings;
 - x. The collection of eggs and manure to be only be used by the property owner and not offered for sale;
 - xi. The health and odour of the flock must be well maintained by keeping good sanitation practices and litter control.
3. That this Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the passing thereto, subject to the provisions of Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, as amended.

**BYLAW READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED
THIS 27 DAY OF JUNE, 2022.**

The Corporation of the
Township of Ramara

Original Signed By

BASIL CLARKE, MAYOR

Original Signed By

CATHY WAINMAN, DEPUTY CLERK

Status: Passed