

City of Toronto Act, 2006 Public Notice

Follow Up Report on the UrbanHensTO Backyard Hens Pilot Program

Toronto City Council will be considering recommendations to adopt amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals.

It is proposed that the amendments be adopted at the City Council meeting to be held on May 10, 11, and 12 2023, or at a subsequent meeting. If adopted by City Council, the amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, will:

- a. Remove section 349-4.1 Hens pilot program.
- b. Remove Schedule B – Zones for Hens Pilot Project
- c. Amend section 349-4L by adding:

“(3) Where a person was lawfully keeping a hen or hens as part of the Hens pilot program within permitted areas of the City, that person may continue to keep that hen or those hens until they have died despite the end of the pilot provided:

- (a) the person continues to keep the hens at the location approved by the City and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the pilot and their agreement with the City;
- (b) the Executive Director, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, has not determined that the keeping of the hen or hens jeopardizes public health, the health of the hen or is causing community disruption; and
- (c) The person provides the Executive Director with information on their hens upon request so as to clearly identify them as well as any other information as requested by and to the satisfaction of the Executive Director.

The proposed amendments are outlined in the report titled " Follow Up Report on the UrbanHensTO Backyard Hens Pilot Program". To view or obtain a copy of the report, visit the City's website at:

[Economic and Community Development Committee - Meeting 3 - TMMIS \(toronto.ca\)](#)

At its meeting to be held via video conference and in-person at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, the Economic and Community Development Committee of Toronto City Council will hear from any person or by his or her counsel, agent, or solicitor, who wishes to speak to the matter.

The proposed amendments are subject to the decisions of the Economic and Community Development Committee and City Council. Consequently, the proposed amendments may be modified. Additional or other amendments to the above-noted By-law, including amendments not contemplated or considered in the proposal by Municipal Licensing and Standards staff, may occur as a result of the decisions of the Committee and City Council.

To submit comments or make a presentation to the Economic and Community Development Committee on April 25, 2023, please contact the Committee no later than 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2023:

Economic and Community Development Committee
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
10th Floor, West Tower, Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2
Telephone: 416-397-4579; Fax: 416-392-1879
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To ask questions regarding the content of the report, please contact:

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Any comments received after the Committee meeting will be forwarded to City Council.

While the staff report sets out proposed changes, the Committee and/or City Council may change these proposals and adopt additional or other amendments that differ from the recommendations set out in the report. The proposed amendments are subject to the decision of the Committee and the decision of City Council.

If this matter is postponed at the Committee meeting or City Council meeting or considered at a subsequent Committee or City Council meeting, no additional notice will be provided other than the information on the subsequent Committee or City Council agenda. Please contact the above City officials if you require notice in these cases.

The Economic and Community Development Committee will make its final recommendations on April 25, 2023, which will be forwarded to City Council for its meeting on May 10, 11, and 12, 2023.

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Dated at the City of Toronto on April 18, 2023.

John D. Elvidge
City Clerk