

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NUMBER 2024-0032 (PWE-1)

BEING A BYLAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2003-0072 (PWE-1), BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE AND PROHIBIT THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS OTHER THAN DOGS AND CATS, AND BY-LAW NO. 2003-0073 (REG-1), BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE AND PROHIBIT ANIMALS AT LARGE

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Georgina may, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, pass by-laws for purposes related to the health, safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the municipality;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA:

(1) THAT By-law No. 2003-0072 (PWE-1) is hereby amended by deleting Section 2(c) therefrom and replacing it with the following:

“(c) No person shall keep chickens on any property within the Town of Georgina, except:

- (i) On property zoned Residential (R), Low Density Urban Residential (R1), Low Density Urban Residential (R2) or Estate Residential (ER) under Town of Georgina Zoning By-law No. 500, as amended, the occupant of which has been issued an Urban Hens license under Urban Hens Licensing By-law No. 2022-0020 (LI-3), as amended;
- (ii) On a property having an area of less than 0.4 hectares which is zoned Rural (RU) under Town of Georgina Zoning By-law No. 500, as amended, the occupant of which has been issued an Urban Hens license under Urban Hens Licensing By-law No. 2022-0020 (LI-3), as amended; or
- (iii) On other property where chickens may be kept in accordance with Town of Georgina Zoning By-law No. 500, as amended.”

(2) THAT By-law No. 2003-0072 (PWE-1) is hereby further amended by

adding thereto the following Section 2(d):

“(d) No person shall keep pigeons on any property within the Town of Georgina, except:

- (i) On property within Pefferlaw or the Hamlet areas of Belhaven, Ravenshoe, Baldwin, Brown Hill, Virginia or Udora which is zoned Residential (R), Low Density Urban Residential (R1), Low Density Urban Residential (R2) or Estate Residential (ER) under Town of Georgina Zoning By-law No. 500, as amended, provided that such pigeons are kept in accordance with the regulations contained in Schedule ‘B’ hereto;
- (ii) On other property where permission to keep pigeons has been granted in accordance with Section 2 (e), and such permission has not been revoked under Section 2 (f); or
- (iii) On other property where Pigeons may be kept in accordance with Town of Georgina Zoning By-law No. 500, as amended.

(3) THAT By-law No. 2003-0072 (PWE-1) is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following Section 2(e):

“(e) Notwithstanding Section 2 (d), any person who lives outside of Pefferlaw or the Hamlet areas referred to in Section 2 (d) and who can demonstrate compliance with the regulations contained in Schedule ‘B’ to this By-law may make application to the Municipal Law Enforcement Division for permission to keep pigeons on their property. An application under this section must include a non-refundable application fee of \$250, a detailed site plan including all property lines and structures on the property, and permission from the landowner if the applicant is not the landowner. Upon receiving an application, Municipal Law Enforcement staff will inform all property owners within a one hundred metre radius of the subject property and collect public comments. After receiving public comments, Municipal Law Enforcement staff will prepare a report for the consideration of Council, which may then, by resolution, either provide permission to keep pigeons on the subject property until the applicant ceases to be an occupant, or refuse such permission.”

(4) THAT By-law No. 2003-0072 (PWE-1) is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following Section 2(f):

“(f) The Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement may revoke the permission granted by Council to keep pigeons, if the Manager has reasonable grounds to believe that the owner of the pigeons is not adhering to the regulations for keeping pigeons found in Schedule ‘B’ to this By-law.”

(5) THAT By-law No. 2003-0072 (PWE-1) is hereby further amended by adding Schedule 'B' hereto as Schedule 'B' to the said By-law No. 2003-0072 (PWE-1).

(6) AND FURTHER THAT By-law No. 2003-0073 (REG-1) is hereby amended by deleting Section 2(a) therefrom and replacing it with the following:

“(a) No owner of an animal shall allow the animal to be at large within the borders of the town unless the owner is a member of a Pigeon racing club and has released a Pigeon or Pigeons in compliance with Schedule 'B' to By-law No. 2003-0072 (PWE-1), as amended.”

READ AND ENACTED this 8th day of May, 2024.

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk

Schedule 'B'

The following regulations are imposed on the keeping of Pigeons:

1. Pigeons shall only be kept on a property zoned Residential having an area of at least 0.2 hectares
2. Pigeons shall only be kept on a property containing a single detached dwelling.
3. Pigeon lofts shall only be located in a rear yard.
4. Pigeon lofts shall be a minimum of 3 metres from a property line, and a minimum of 10 metres from any dwelling, shop or apartment building other than the owner's dwelling.
5. Pigeon lofts shall be maintained to a high standard of cleanliness, with all items ancillary to the keeping of Pigeons appropriately stored and the lofts free of obnoxious odours, substances and vermin.
6. Pigeon lofts shall be lime-washed, painted or disinfected, including the inside walls and ceilings of the buildings, at least once a year.
7. All Pigeon feed shall be kept in rodent-proof containers.
8. Pigeon flights shall be supervised by the owner of the Pigeons or another individual authorized by the owner, with a maximum of 2 flights per day.
9. Pigeon flights shall be permitted before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. between April 1 and October 31, and before 10:00 a.m. and after 3:00 p.m. between November 1 of one year and March 31 of the following year. Exceptions will be made for organized flights undertaken by a recognized pigeon club.
10. 10 Pigeons shall be permitted per square metre of loft area, up to a maximum of 60 Pigeons between April 1 and October 30. The maximum number of pigeons between November 1 of one year and March 31 of the following year shall be 40.

11. Pigeons are not permitted to perch, roost, nest or rest upon any premises other than the premises occupied by the owner of the Pigeons.
12. Owners shall be required to fit their Pigeons with an owner-identifying leg band.
13. Owners wishing to permit their Pigeons to leave their lofts shall be required to be members of a recognized Pigeon club.