

Animals

Chapter 0232 Fowl - Pigeons

Live Stock – Keeping

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Article 1 - General Provisions

232.1.1 Pigeons - enclosed - exception – conditioning

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, any person who owns pigeons shall keep them enclosed except during a maximum of two flight periods daily, each flight consisting of not more than forty pigeons, and which flight periods shall take place only for the purpose of conditioning, and:

- a) between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.;

- b) between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and
- c) under the supervision of the owner of such pigeons, or some other competent person on his or her behalf;
- d) the provisions of Sections 232.1.1 (a) and (b) shall not apply to members of a racing pigeon club when the members are participating in a *bona fide* flight conducted by an organized racing pigeon club. By-law 7155-94, September 1, 1994; By-law 7068-93, October 21, 1993.

232.1.2 Running at large - prohibited

No person shall permit any domestic fowl, cattle, goats, sheep, skunk, swine, pigeons, horses, ponies, rabbits, ferrets, foxes, raccoons, mink, nutria, chinchilla and guinea pigs within the limits of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock to run at large within the limits of the City of Woodstock except as provided under Section 232.1.1. By-law 4853-73, June 28, 1973; By-law 6415-87, February 19, 1987.

232.1.3 Running at large - impoundment - disposal

Any animal described in this Chapter found running at large in the City shall be liable to be impounded and dealt with and disposed of as provided by the *Pounds Act*, and all the provisions of the Act shall apply to such animals. By-law 4853-73, June 28, 1973.

Article 2 - Coops - Pens - Enclosures - Requirements

232.2.1. Rabbits - other - 20 ft - from neighbouring dwelling

No person shall keep any rabbit, raccoon, deodorized skunk, ferret, or guinea pig within the limits of the City of Woodstock in any coop, cote, pen, building or enclosure of any kind, the outer limits of which are within twenty (20) feet of any neighbouring dwelling in the City.

232.2.2. Domestic fowl - 20 ft - from keeper - 50 ft - from others

No person shall keep any domestic fowl or pigeon within the limits of the City of Woodstock in any coop, cote, pen, building or enclosure of any kind, the outer limits of which are within twenty (20) feet of the dwelling house where such person resides or within fifty (50) feet of any other dwelling in the City. By-law 4853-73, 28 June, 1973; By-law 6862-91, September 5, 1991.

232.2.3. Cattle - horses - 200 ft - from neighbouring dwelling

No person shall keep any cattle, horse, pony, goat, sheep, nutria, swine, fox or mink or chinchilla within the limits of the City of Woodstock in any shed, barn, stable, building, yard or enclosure, the outer limits of which are within two hundred (200) feet of any neighbouring dwelling.

232.2.4. Conditions - sanitary - nuisance - danger – prevented

Every person who keeps any domestic fowl, pigeon, cattle, horse, pony, goat, sheep, swine, rabbit, ferret, guinea pigs, fox, raccoon, skunk, nutria, mink or chinchilla described in this Chapter within the limits of the City of Woodstock shall at all times, keep and maintain the coop, cote, pen, barn, stable, building, yard or enclosure in which the same be kept or confined in a clean and sanitary condition so as not to become a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to the public health and in a manner which does not contravene the provisions of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* or any regulations thereunder. By-law 4853-73, June 28, 1973; By-law 6415-87, February 19, 1987.

232.2.5. Manure - refuse - accumulation - prohibited

No person shall suffer or permit the accumulation, in or around such coop, cote, pen, barn, stable, building, yard or enclosure, of any manure, offal, refuse or offensive matter likely to become a nuisance or dangerous to health.

232.2.6. Yard - pen - for dogs - kept clean

Any yard or pen where a dog or dogs are allowed to run, shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and all droppings, manure, refuse, or dropped or scattered feed shall be removed by the owner or keeper at least twice each week and such refuse resulting from the keeping of such dog or dogs shall be removed from the premises as to prevent odour arising therefrom. By-law 4853-73, June 28, 1973.

232.2.7. Pigeons - maximum permissible - exception

No person shall keep or cause to be kept, on any lot in the City of Woodstock, more than a total of 40 homing, pouter, racing or tumbler pigeons, or any combination thereof, provided however that during the months of April to October, this number may be increased to 60 pigeons, to provide for the raising and racing of young pigeons hatched that year.

232.2.8. Pigeon coup - within 50 ft of dwelling – exception

Sections 232.2.2 and 232.2.7 do not apply to any person who, at the time this section of the enabling by-law comes into force, has an established pigeon coop, cote, pen, building or enclosure which is less than 50 feet from any neighbouring dwelling in the City. By-law 6862-91, September 5, 1991.

Article 3 - Exemptions

232.3.1 Lands - premises - assessed as farmland

The provisions of Sections 232.2.1 through 232.2.3 inclusive shall not apply to those lands and premises owned or occupied by those persons

whose land is, according to the assessment roll, assessed as farmlands with the exception noted in Section 232.3.2.

232.3.2 Farm buildings - adjoining lands not similarly assessed

When any shed, barn, stable or any other building on such farmlands adjoin lands that are not similarly assessed, the provisions of Sections 232.2.1 through 232.2.3 inclusive shall apply only to such structures only so far as they may extend into such farmlands.

232.3.3. Exceptions - owned - occupied - designated

The provisions of Sections 232.2.1 through 232.2.3 inclusive shall not apply to those lands and premises owned or occupied by the Woodstock Agricultural Society, the Western Ontario Breeders Inc., Oxford Farmers Co-operative Produce Company Limited, or parks operated by the Woodstock Board of Parks Management. By-law 4853-73, June 28, 1973.

Article 4 - Enforcement

232.4.1 Fine - for contravention

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Chapter is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided in the Provincial Offences Act. By-law 7139-94, June 2, 1994.

Article 5 – Repeal Enactment

232.5.1 By-laws-previous

By-law 4523-70 of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock and all other by-laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter are hereby repealed.

232.5.2 Effective date

This Chapter shall come into force and take effect as of third and final reading of the enabling by-law. By-law 4853-73, June 28, 1973.