

## BC Local Government livestock-related zoning bylaw comparisons

City of Kelowna				
	<1/2 Acre (0.2 ha)	1 Acre (.40 ha) or less	< 2 Acres (0.8 ha)	>2 Acres
<b>Zoning - A1, RR1, RR2, RR3 &amp; RU1 "c"</b>	2 Rabbits			
<b>Zoning – A1, RR1, RR2, RR3 &amp; RU1 "c"</b>		10 – Rabbits or Poultry (combination thereof)		
<b>Zoning – RR3, RU1 "c"</b>			10 – Rabbits or Poultry 1 – Horse or Cow 1 – Sheep or goat	20 – Rabbits or Poultry 2 – Horse or Cow 2 – Sheep or goats
<b>Zoning – A1, RR1, &amp; RR2 "c"</b>			Unlimited: rabbits, poultry horse, cow, sheep, or goat	
<b>Zoning A1 "c"</b>				Unlimited: rabbits, poultry horse, cow, sheep, or goat
Regional District of North Okanagan				
	< 1 Acre	1 Acre	1 Acre or < 2 Acres (0.8 ha)	>2 Acre
<b>Zoning – Rural</b>	4 hens – No Roosters	10 hens	10 hens	
<b>Zoning – Residential</b>	4 hens – No Roosters	10 hens	10 hens	
<b>Zoning – Agricultural Intensive</b>		6 Animal Units, bees, horses, sheep, goats, dairy cows, rabbits, poultry (at 2.428 units per acre)	6 Animal Units, bees, horses, sheep, goats, dairy cows, rabbits, poultry (at 2.428 units per acre)	
<b>Zoning – Agricultural Limited</b>				
<b>Zoning – Agricultural Restricted</b>				3 Animal Units, horses, sheep, goats, cattle, rabbits, poultry & swine (at 1.214 units per acre)

<b>Salmon Arm District</b>				
<b>All Zones</b>	<b>&lt;0.5 acre (0.2 ha)</b>	<b>&lt; 1 acre</b>	<b>1 to 2 acres</b>	<b>&gt; 2 acres</b>
<b>All Zones</b>	2 Rabbits	combination of up to 10 fowl, turkeys, geese, ducks or rabbits	2 Animals plus up to 10 fowl, turkey, geese, ducks or rabbits or combination thereof	4 Animals plus up to 24 domestic fowl, turkeys, geese, ducks, or rabbits or combination thereof
<b>A-1, A-2, or A-3</b>				Unlimited
<b>Central Okanagan Regional District</b>				
<b>400 m<sup>2</sup> or less</b>	<b>.098 to .370 acre</b>	<b>.370 acre to .617 acre</b>	<b>0.25 ha – 1.23 acre</b>	<b>1.23 acre to 2.47 acre</b>
Not Permitted	5 small livestock (no roosters)	5 small livestock	25 small livestock	1 livestock and 25 small livestock

**Sunshine Coast Regional District**

The Sunshine Coast RD Bylaw currently describes “Keeping of Poultry or Rabbits” and “Keeping of Livestock” as follows:

**Keeping of Poultry or Rabbits**

- (2) *In any zone other than an R1, RM1 or RM2 zone, on a parcel having an area of 1500 square meters or more, the use of land, buildings and structures may include the keeping of poultry or rabbits for domestic consumption only provided that:*
  - (a) *poultry and rabbits shall be kept in pens or similar enclosures; and*
  - (b) *no drinking or feeding trough, no manure pile, and no enclosure, structure or building related to the keeping of poultry or rabbits, except fences under two metres in height to enclose animals, shall be located within 15 metres of a parcel line.*
- (3) *Subject to the provisions of this bylaw, on a parcel having an area less than 1500 square meters the use of land, buildings and structures shall not include the keeping of poultry or rabbits.*

**Keeping of Livestock**

- (4) *In any zone, other than the RM1 or RM2 on a parcel of land having an area of 3500 square meters or more the use of land, buildings and structures may include the keeping of livestock provided that:*
  - (a) *the keeping of livestock shall be for the purposes of domestic consumption only;*
  - (b) *an enclosure or other structure, feeding or drinking trough, or structure used or intended to be used for the storage of feed, bedding or manure related to the keeping of livestock shall not be located within 20m of a parcel line.*

## Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District is presently engaged in an extensive zoning bylaw review process which includes, in part, general provisions for the keeping of animals. Their planning approach also includes a new “agriculture” definition and distinction between “livestock”, “household animal” and “pet”. Their proposal is as follows:

**AGRICULTURE USE** means the systematic and controlled use of living organisms and the environment to improve the human condition [from ALC website]. It includes growing, rearing and harvesting agricultural products; growing crops; fruit and berry production; growing trees and shrubs; raising, housing and grazing livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals and bees; animal feeding and holding areas; storage of crops; and the processing of the primary agricultural products harvested, reared or produced on that farm. In the context of this Bylaw, agriculture use includes forest management use, the rough sawing of logs, horticulture, storing and repairing farm equipment used on the land, and other related uses including greenhouses, but excludes abnormally intensive livestock feeding operations, animal care and, on land that is not in the ALR, intensive agriculture use.

**HOUSEHOLD ANIMAL** means a domesticated animal such as a cow, horse, goat or poultry kept by a household and used or the product of which is used primarily and directly by the household and not for sale or business purposes.

**LIVESTOCK** means animals used for agricultural purposes and sold or the products of which are sold and includes cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, buffalo, water buffalo, sheep, goats, ratites, llamas, alpacas, swine, rabbits, fish and fur-bearing animals.

**PET** means a domesticated animal kept by a household and used or the product of which is used primarily and directly by the household and not for sale or business purposes, and includes dogs and cats, but specifically excludes livestock.

### 3.17.1 Keeping Animals

In all zones where agriculture use or animal care is not a permitted use, keeping animals shall be deemed to be an accessory use and shall be limited to:

- 1) on lots with a lot area of less than 0.24 hectare, the keeping of animals is restricted to pets;
- 2) on lots with a lot area of 0.24 hectare or greater, the keeping of animals is restricted to pets and household animals;
- 3) on lots with a lot area of 1.0 hectare or greater, the keeping of pets, household animals and livestock is permitted;
- 4) on lots in Rural and Resource zones with a lot area of at least 2.0 hectares, any number of livestock may be kept for commercial or domestic purposes, including pets, household animals, and kennels, provided that provisions are made to reduce excessive noise.

3.17.2 An area of at least 0.2 hectare shall be maintained for the use of each household animal or livestock.

## Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen is also working on a range of zoning bylaw amendments that include revised provisions for the “Keeping of Livestock” and parcel coverage on agricultural parcels. The proposed amendments include the following:

### Current Zoning Bylaw Regulations

1. On any parcel 2.0 ha or less in area, the total number of livestock, shall not exceed one (1) animal for each 0.4 ha of parcel area;
2. Despite Section 7.21.1, on any parcel 0.4 ha or less in area, up to twenty-five (25) poultry and/or fur bearing animals is permitted.

### Proposed Zoning Bylaw Regulations

1. On parcels less than 500 m<sup>2</sup> in area, keeping of livestock, small livestock or farmed fur bearing animals shall not be permitted.
2. On parcels greater than 500 m<sup>2</sup> and less than 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> in area, keeping of animals shall be limited to 5 small livestock.
3. On parcels greater than 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> and less than 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> in area, keeping of animals shall be limited to 25 small livestock.
4. On parcels greater than 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> and less than 1.0 hectare in area, keeping of animals shall be limited to 1 livestock and 25 small livestock.
5. On parcels 1.0 ha or greater and less than 2.0 hectare in area, keeping of animals shall be limited to 3 livestock and 100 small livestock.
6. On parcels 2.0 ha or greater in area, keeping of livestock and small livestock shall be unlimited.

### DEFINITIONS:

“livestock” includes cattle, horse, mule, ass, sheep, goat, swine, musk, ox, llama, alpaca, farmed game and ratites.

“small livestock” means poultry, rabbit or other small animals similar in size and weight but does not include farmed fur bearing animals.

### Existing Lot Coverage Regulations

Maximum parcel Coverage (AG1 Zone)

- a) 15% for parcels 2020 m<sup>2</sup> or greater in area
- b) 35% for parcels less than 2020 m<sup>2</sup> in area

Maximum Parcel Coverage (AG3 Zone):

- a) 10% for parcels 4040 m<sup>2</sup> or greater in area
- b) 35% for parcels less than 4040 m<sup>2</sup> in area

### Proposed Lot Coverage Regulations – Agriculture Zones

Maximum Parcel Coverage:

- a) 25% for parcels less than 2500 m<sup>2</sup> in area;
- b) 20% for parcels greater than 2500 m<sup>2</sup> and less than 2.0 ha in area;
- c) for parcels greater than 2.0 ha in area:
  - i) 5%; and
  - ii) 70% for greenhouse uses.