



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: August 23, 2018
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Cam Forbes, By-law Enforcement Officer
SUBJECT: Exemption and Licensing of Backyard Hens

STRATEGIC PLAN:

10.12 Increase local food purchases, food sovereignty and empowerment by developing a series of skills training workshops, in partnership with businesses and local food advocates.

BACKGROUND:

In October of 2015 a policy was written to exempt three properties from By-law 02-80 to permit keeping of hens in a residentially zoned area and the requirements to obtain a license. For any new proposals an exemption is still required under the by-law. The Town policy requires no more than five hens, setbacks for the coop, proper maintenance, screening of equipment, safe disposal of refuse, proper care, and veterinarian oversight.

Licenses are issued for 12 months. Letters are sent to adjoining landowners giving notice that a license has been requested.

COMMENTS:

Carlos Pereira is looking to keep 5 hens in the back yard of 95 Regency Drive off County Road 2 near Drew. This coop will be on a large .62 acre lot and will meet all the requirements of this policy. Notice to neighbours was issued as required by policy. If approved this will mean four licensed chicken coops in Minto. Annual inspections have been occurring at the licensed locations since 2015 and there have been no issues found. We have received 3 letters from neighbouring properties with no major concerns.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The \$75.00 licensing fee will help to offset the cost of enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council of the Town of Minto receives the By-law Enforcement Officer's September 4, 2018 report regarding the exemption to By-law 02-80 for keeping backyard hens at 95 Regency Drive and approves the exemption.

Cam Forbes
By-law Enforcement Officer



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Name of Registered Owner: Carlos Ferreira

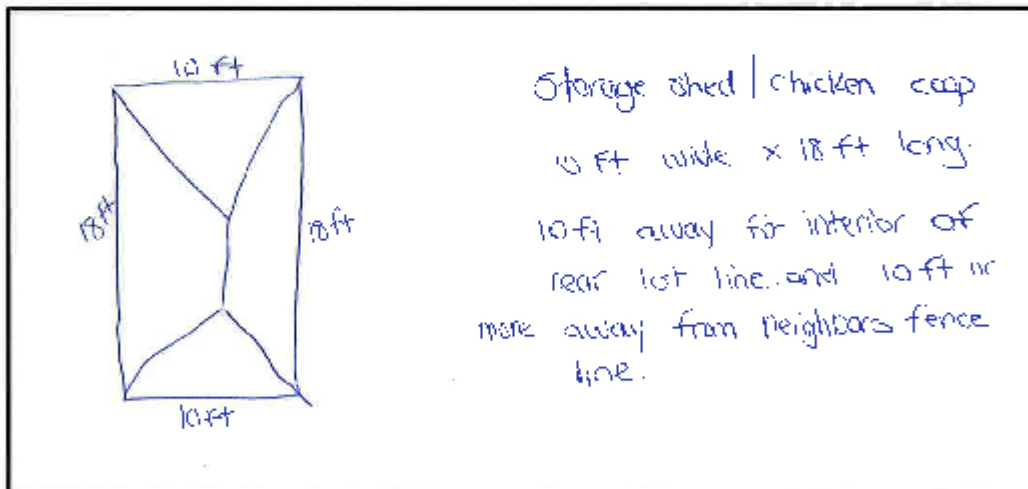
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Address: 95 Regency Drive
Mississauga, ON N0B 1M0Phone#: 519 - 338 - 5943Email (mandatory): carlos@active.landscaping.caNumber of laying hens (must be 5 or less): 5

Name of Veterinarian _____

Vet Contact Information _____

Please draw or attach a site plan or coop design/layout:



Additional Information:

_____Carlos Ferreira
Signature of Registered Owner