

Chapter 17: The Keeping of Animals, Poultry & Bees

Scope

The purpose of this chapter of the bylaw is to set out the requirements for the keeping of animals, poultry and bees in urban zoned areas.

These requirements do not apply other than in urban zoned areas excepting that any animals or poultry kept on any site throughout the district are expected to be contained within the property of the owner. In some instances distance and the area of the property involved will provide adequate containment.

These requirements are deemed necessary for the protection of the local amenities and for public health and safety.

1700. Interpretation

1700.1. This Chapter to be read in conjunction with Chapter 1 – Interpretation.

1701. Containment of animals and poultry

1701.1. Any animal and any poultry kept on any property within the district shall be effectively contained or restrained within the property of the owner by fence, tether, pen, run or cage so as to prevent such animal or poultry straying onto any neighbouring property or onto any road or public place.

1702. Pig keeping

1702.1. Except in accordance with the District Plan and / or a resource consent under the Resource Management Act 1991 no person shall keep or allow to be kept any pig in the Timaru District. A pig or pigs shall not be kept in any urban zoned area.

1703. Stock in urban areas

1703.1. Any person keeping stock in an urban area of Timaru district shall ensure that premises where stock are kept meet the provisions of the First Schedule of this chapter of the bylaw.

1704. Poultry keeping

1704.1. In urban zoned areas, no poultry caged or otherwise shall be kept except in a properly constructed poultry house. This shall be covered with a rainproof roof and provided with a floor of concrete or other approved material with a surrounding nib wall, to which may be attached a poultry run.

1704.2. Every poultry house shall be constructed in the manner required by this chapter of the bylaw and as required by the provisions of the Building Act 2004.

- 1704.3. No poultry house or poultry run shall be erected or maintained any part of which is within 10 metres from any dwelling, factory, or any other building, whether wholly or partially occupied, or within 5 metres of the boundary of adjoining premises, or such greater distance as may be required under the provisions of the District Plan.
- 1704.4. Every poultry run of whatever size shall be so enclosed as to confine the poultry within such poultry run, which may be mobile.
- 1704.5. No more than 12 head of poultry shall be kept on an urban zoned property and no roosters are to be kept on an urban zoned property.

1705. Noise or other nuisance from animal, bird, or poultry

- 1705.1. No person shall keep within any premises any noisy animal, bird, or poultry which shall be or cause a nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood:

Provided that no proceedings shall be taken against any person for an offence under this chapter of the bylaw until after the expiration of 14 days from the date of the service on such person of a notice alleging a noise nuisance given by Council after receipt by it of a complaint, signed by not less than three householders residing within hearing of the animal, bird or poultry causing the alleged nuisance.

- 1705.2. Animals, birds or poultry shall be kept only in conditions and such manner or numbers which do not cause or have the potential to cause nuisance.

Where Council considers the keeping of animals, birds or poultry is in such numbers or conditions to be a nuisance, or have the potential to cause nuisance, it may restrict the numbers or require complete removal of any animals, birds or poultry.

1706. Beekeeping

- 1706.1. In areas, other than those zoned rural, persons keeping bees must ensure no nuisance is caused to neighbours by those bees.
- 1706.2. Where Council considers bees to be dangerous, offensive or likely to be injurious to any person it may require the removal of the offending bees.
- 1706.3. Beekeepers shall have regard to associated Biosecurity legislation current at the time.

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FIRST SCHEDULE BYLAW POLICY

Conditions relating to animals kept on urban properties

Subject

Clause 1703.1 - Stock in urban areas

1. Fences must be adequate to prevent animals from wandering and all road gates to paddocks must be able to be securely fastened. In addition a restraining wire shall be placed 1 metre from any neighbouring residential property.
2. Animals shall not be kept in such number, manner, or of such size that would cause a nuisance.
3. Any electric fencing must be:
 - (a) At least 1 metre from any boundary line and 1 metre from any neighbouring residential property;
 - (b) Suitably labelled to indicate that the fence is electrified;
 - (c) Checked daily to ensure it is operating correctly.
4. An adequate water supply must be provided in an appropriate position on any area used to keep animals, poultry or bees.
5. Where natural feed on the section becomes insufficient, the stock (except horses) are to be removed. Feeding in for horses is permitted, provided no nuisance arises.
6. In the case of horses, manure is to be removed daily.
7. The minimum area for the keeping of horses shall be not less than 2023 square metres for each horse (1 / 2 acre).
8. The owner of any property, of area greater than 2000 square metres and which is rezoned residential, may seek exemption from the requirements of this schedule provided that non-compliance does not create a nuisance for any adjoining property owner.