

Backyard Hen Enclosure Checklist:

The following checklist was created to provide prospective hen keepers with an easy to navigate checklist of requirements that they will be required to fulfill. For additional information, please contact Animal Control by phone at 250-997-3882 and press 0 or by email at animalcontrol@district.mackenzie.bc.ca.

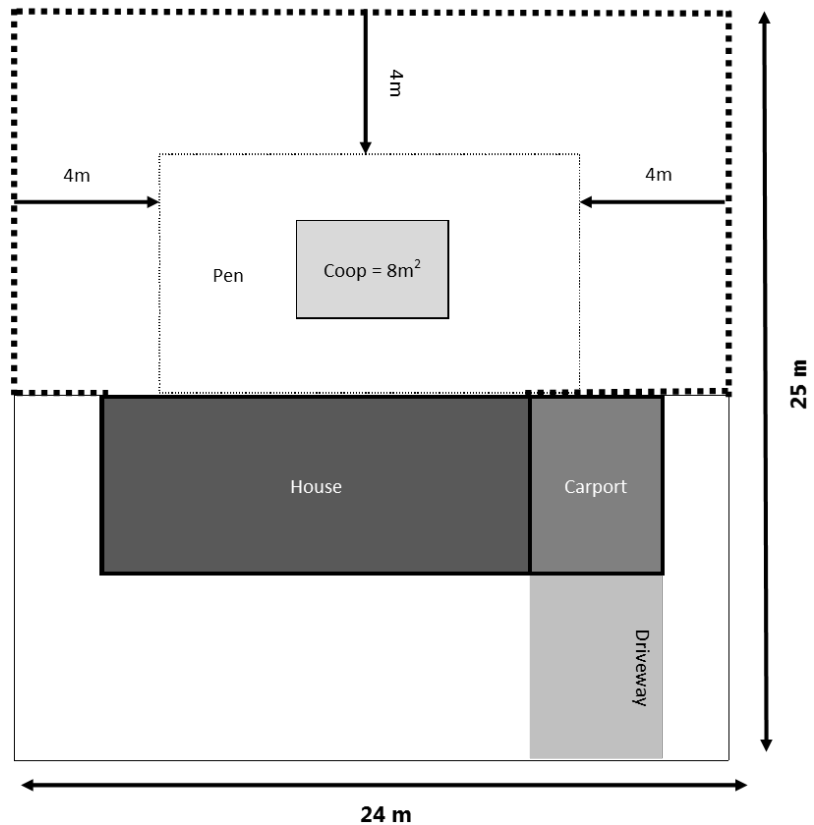
- I will secure a Backyard Hen Permit from the District **prior** to having backyard hens
- The property is zoned as R1 (Residential 1), R2 (Residential 2) or R3 (Residential 3)
- The home on the property is a single-detached dwelling
- A resident of the property will be caring for the hens
- I have the property owner's written consent (required if applicant is not the property owner)
- I will not have any roosters (roosters are prohibited)
- I will keep 4 or less hens
- My hen coop and run will be located in the backyard of my property
- My backyard is fully fenced with no gaps, holes or missing fence boards
- My hen coop is no bigger than 8.0m² and no taller than 2.0m
- No part of my hen coop and pen are closer than 4.0m from any of my property lines
- No hens will be able to leave the premises of the coop and pen
- All of my hens will receive sufficient food, water, shelter, light, ventilation and veterinary care to ensure they maintain good health
- My hen coop and pen will receive regular attention to maintain a clean hen habitat and to minimize odor
- All food will be stored in a secure manner that will not attract bears, vermin and other wildlife

If you contravene any of the District's requirements after securing your Backyard Hen Permit, you may be liable to have your permit revoked.

Regulations from Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017
Section 4.24 Backyard Hen Enclosures

1. Where permitted within a zone, a backyard hen enclosure must, unless otherwise indicated in a zone, comply with the following regulations:
 - i. Backyard hen enclosures must be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes, and must be conducted by a resident of the parcel
 - ii. A maximum of four (4) hens may be kept.
 - iii. Backyard hen enclosures must be located in a fenced backyard and the dwelling unit must be between the backyard hen enclosure and the front parcel line
 - iv. A backyard hen enclosure must only use a pen and a coop as defined by this bylaw
 - v. The maximum size of a coop is 8.0 metres² in floor area and 4.0 metres in height
 - vi. The coop and the pen must be placed at least 4 metres from the exterior side parcel line, the interior side parcel line and the rear parcel line
2. A valid permit must be obtained through the District of Mackenzie in order to maintain a backyard hen enclosure

Example of a residential lot with a backyard hen enclosure:



Lot Size = 600m²

Backyard must be fully fenced.