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Guidelines for Building and Maintaining Poultry and Pigeon Enclosures

If maintained correctly, poultry and pigeon enclosures can provide enjoyment for the caretaker without impacting negatively on neighbours. To ensure that the keeping of poultry and pigeons is not creating a nuisance and compliance with Council's By-law is achieved; poultry and pigeon keepers are obliged to implement best practices when designing and maintaining enclosures.

Keeping Poultry

- The limit on the number of poultry kept:
  - on a small premises* is five birds;
  - on premises other than a small premises is 10 birds.
- A person must not, without Council permission, keep a rooster on residential premises.
- The owner of poultry kept on residential premises must ensure that all poultry faeces, feathers, refuse and dropped or scattered feed on the premises are removed and disposed of at least twice each week.

Keeping Pigeons

- The limit on the number of pigeons kept:
  - on a small premises* is 15;
  - on premises other than a small premises is 30.
- The owner of a pigeon kept on residential premises must not feed or permit a person to feed the pigeon unless it is inside its enclosure.
- The owner of a pigeon kept on residential premises must ensure that all pigeon faeces, feathers, refuse and dropped or scattered feed on the premises are removed and disposed of at least twice each week.

* Please note a small premises is defined as a property with less than 100 m^2 open space.

Feed Storage

- All feed must be stored in an air-tight, rodent proof container when not in use.

Requirements for the Construction of Poultry and Pigeon Enclosures

Poultry and pigeon structure must comply with the following requirements;

- Maintained in a clean and sanitary condition;
- located not less than 1 metre from the boundary line between the owner's premises and any abutting premises;
- located in the rear yard of the premises;
- soundly constructed of durable materials;
- impervious to water;
- constructed of materials that may be readily sanitised;
- maintained in a good state of repair free from cracks, holes, rust and other damage;

- kept in a way that minimises the transfer of pathogenic agents;
- adequately ventilated for the health and comfort of the animal(s);
- adequate for the size of the animal(s).

Development Requirements

Poultry sheds must be properly constructed of materials which are not unsightly and should not be visible from a public road or reserve. They should not be located forward of any dwelling to the primary street frontage, within 900mm of a secondary street boundary or within 6m of any intersection of a corner site.

Any structure larger than 15m^2 in a Residential Zone or 10m^2 in a Residential Character Zone requires Council Development Approval. Structures less than 10m^2 in a Residential Character Zone or 15m^2 in a Residential Zone do not require development approval unless they are within the West Lakes Policy Areas 18 & 19 or on a Local Heritage property, in which case they do.

Litter Management

An important aspect of reducing odours associated with the poultry enclosure is to care for the poultry litter. Offensive odours can often result from excessive litter which is not regularly disposed of, wet litter, an accumulation of manure or when kitchen scraps are thrown out on top of the litter. Unclean litter and enclosures can also attract vermin activity.

Fly and Vermin Control

The placing of fly baits and fly paper inside the shelter, but away from the reach of poultry, is encouraged. Fly baits and papers are available from hardware stores. It is important that these baits are regularly checked and replaced. The use of rat bait surrounding the poultry enclosure is also encouraged to detract vermin. To prevent the attraction of vermin, it is essential that all feed is stored in sealed air tight containers and enclosures are maintained in a clean condition.

Granting of Permits

The Council can grant permits for excess numbers of pigeons or poultry outside of these requirements pending a permit lodgement and a subsequent investigation. Please contact the Council for further information on 8408 1111.

Further Information

Further information, including a full copy of Council's By-law No. 6 'Domestic Livestock Management By-law 2021', is available on the City of Charles Sturt website at By-Laws-2021-Register-PDF-Version.PDF