

Grey District Council Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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1. FOREWORD

This Bylaw is based on the NZS 9201 Standards series which are model bylaws covering various matters under local authority jurisdiction. Local authorities are empowered under the Local Government Act 2002 to make bylaws.

The Standard superseded NZS 9201:Chapter 13:1972 *The keeping of animals, poultry and bees*. The revision simplifies the previous standard by deleting all the requirements related to pigsties and pigswill as pig keeping is not generally allowed in areas which have a predominantly urban character under the District Plan.

Reference should be made to the Grey District Council Introductory Bylaw for any other definitions not included in this Part.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1 The purpose of this Part of the bylaw is to outline requirements for the keeping of animals, poultry and bees. The requirements are deemed necessary for the protection of neighbours and property owners.

This bylaw is made pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 and section 64 of the Health Act 1956.

3. PIG KEEPING

- 3.1 No pigs shall be kept in any area which has a predominantly urban character under the District Plan prepared by the Council.

4. STOCK IN URBAN AREAS

- 4.1 Any person keeping stock in an urban area shall ensure that premises where stock are kept meet such conditions as may be prescribed by an authorised officer.

5. POULTRY KEEPING

- 5.1 No poultry caged or otherwise (which shall include geese, ducks, pigeons, turkeys, and domestic fowls of all descriptions) shall be kept in a predominantly urban area except in a properly constructed poultry house covered in with a rainproof roof and provided with a floor of concrete or other approved material with a surrounding nibwall, to which a poultry run may be attached.
- 5.2 No poultry house or poultry run shall be erected or maintained, so that any part of it is within 10 m from any dwelling, factory, or any other building, whether wholly or partially occupied, or within 2 m of the boundary of adjoining premises.
- 5.3 Every poultry run shall be enclosed to confine the poultry.
- 5.4 Every poultry house and poultry run shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean condition free from any offensive smell or overflow and free from vermin.

6. NOISE FROM ANIMAL, BIRD, OR FOWL

6.1 No person shall keep on any premises any noisy animal, bird, or poultry which causes a nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood.

7. BEE KEEPING

7.1 No person shall keep bees if in the opinion of an authorised officer the keeping of bees is or is likely to become a nuisance or annoyance to any person or potentially dangerous or injurious to health.

7.2 An authorised officer may prescribe conditions relating to the location and number of hives able to be kept on any premises or place within an urban area of the District.

8. RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Health Act 1956
- Local Government Act 1974
- Local Government Act 2002
- The Grey District Council Introductory Bylaw