



Shire of Northam  
*Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle*

## KEEPING OF POULTRY AND PIGEONS IN THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

The Shire of Northam *Health Local Law 2008* requires a person keeping poultry to ensure that all poultry is kept in the following manner.

### **Definition**

In this Division, unless the context otherwise requires— “**poultry**” includes fowls, peafowls, turkeys, geese, ducks and other domestic fowls.

### **Limitation on Numbers of Poultry and Pigeons**

- An owner or occupier of premises shall not keep a combined total of more than 20 poultry and pigeons on any one lot of land.
- An owner or occupier of premises, who is an Affiliated Person, shall not keep a total of more than 150 pigeons and poultry, on any one lot of land.

*Note: an “**Affiliated Person**” means a person who is a member of pigeon club, caged bird club, poultry breeding club or poultry breeding society which is an incorporated body under the Associations Incorporation Act 1987.*

### **Conditions of Keeping Poultry and Pigeons**

*A person who keeps poultry or permits poultry to be kept shall ensure that:*

- No poultry or pigeons are able to approach within 15m of a dwelling house, (including your own), public building or premises where people are employed or where food is stored, prepared, manufactured or sold.
- All poultry or pigeons are to be kept in a properly constructed and securely fastened structure or enclosure;
- The structure or enclosure is in a yard having an otherwise unobstructed area of at least 30m<sup>2</sup>.
- No poultry or pigeons are to be able to approach within 18m of a street other than a right of way unless, in the case of land at the junction of two or more streets, local government has approved a lesser distance.

- No poultry or pigeons are to be able to approach within 1.2m of any side or rear boundary of the premises.

### **Nuisance**

An owner or occupier of premises in or on which poultry or pigeons are kept shall:

- Keep the premises free from excrement, filth, food waste and all other matter which is or is likely to become offensive or injurious to health or to attract rats or other vectors of disease.
- Keep the premises, so far as possible, free from flies or other vectors of disease, by spraying with a residual insecticide or other effective means.
- Ensure the keeping of the poultry or pigeons does not cause smell or noise nuisance or any other nuisance to other neighboring property occupants.

### **Removal of Non-Conforming Structure or Enclosure**

- If a structure or enclosure is used for the keeping of poultry or of pigeons or doves is contrary to the provisions of the Shire of Northam Health Local Laws 2008, an EHO may direct the owner or occupier to remove it.

### **Roosters**

- An owner or occupier of premises **shall not** keep or permit a rooster to be kept on the premises unless with the approval of the Shire.

### **Pigeons or Doves**

A person who keeps or permits to be kept, pigeons or doves shall ensure that:

- No pigeons or doves are able to approach within 15m of a dwelling, public building or premises where people are employed or where food is stored, prepared, manufactured or sold. This does not include registered homing pigeons that are freed for exercise which are kept in a properly constructed pigeon loft or dove cote that is in a yard, having an unobstructed area of at least 30m<sup>2</sup>.

### **Restrictions on Pigeon Nesting or Perching**

- The local government may order an owner or occupier of a house in or on which pigeons are, or are in the habit of, nesting or perching to take adequate steps to prevent them continuing to do so.

### **Restrictions on Feeding Wild Birds**

- A person shall not feed a pigeon, dove, seagull, ibis, raven or other wild bird, so as to cause a nuisance or be injurious or dangerous to health.