



# **Bylaw #7640**

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## **Office Consolidation**

### **THE DOMESTIC PIGEON CONTROL BYLAW**

No. 7640

Including Amendments to September 20, 2023

**This Bylaw has been consolidated under the authority of the City Clerk. It represents proof, in absence of evidence to the contrary of:**

- a) the original bylaw and of all bylaws amending it; and**
- b) the fact of passage of the original and all amending bylaws.**

AMENDMENTS

Bylaw No. 9974

Bylaw No. 2003-7

Bylaw No. 2009-71

Bylaw No. 2016-48

Bylaw No. 2023-59

DATE PASSED

March 23, 1998

January 27, 2003

November 23, 2009

June 27, 2016

September 20, 2023

BYLAW NO. 7640

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF REGINA  
TO CONTROL DOMESTIC PIGEONS

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The Council of the City of Regina enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be referred to as "The Domestic Pigeon Control Bylaw".

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
  - (a) "aviary" shall mean any pen or run enclosed by wire immediately adjacent to the loft, into which pigeons can only enter directly from the loft;
  - (a.1) "Bylaw Enforcement Officer" means any person employed by the City of Regina in one of the following positions:
    - (i) Manager of Bylaw Enforcement;
    - (ii) Bylaw Standards Officer;
    - (iii) Senior Bylaw Enforcement Officer; and
    - (iv) Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
  - (b) "loft" shall mean any building, structure or coop in which pigeons are housed or kept;
  - (c) Repealed. (#2009-71, s. 11, 2009)
  - (d) "pigeon" shall refer to birds of this species other than racing pigeons or show pigeons;
  - (e) "racing pigeon" shall mean a pigeon banded with a seamless, numbered leg band, issued by an active racing club or association, and raised for the purpose of racing;
  - (f) "show pigeon" shall mean a pigeon banded with a seamless, numbered leg band, issued by an active show club or association, and raised for the purpose of show or competition;
  - (g) "supervised exercise" means that while the racing and/or show pigeons are outside of the loft, the owner must be present on his property where the loft is situated ensuring that his racing and/or show pigeons do not roost or linger on a neighbour's property nor interfere with a neighbour's enjoyment of his homestead.

- (h) "owner" shall mean any person owning, possessing or harbouring pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons.  
(#9974, s. 2, 1998; #2009-71, s. 11, 2009, #2016-48, s. 4(2), 2016)
3. No person may keep pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons, within the boundaries of the City of Regina unless he complies with the provisions of this Bylaw and the loft and aviary are constructed in accordance with the City of Regina Building Bylaw No. 2023-59 and Bylaw No. 9250.  
(#9974, s. 3, 1998; 2003-7, s. 6, 2003, #2023-59, s.49, 2023)

Permit:

4. No person shall keep pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons within the City of Regina without holding a valid permit as hereinafter referred to.
5. Everyone who keeps or intends to keep pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons within the boundaries of the City of Regina shall apply yearly to the Manager of Bylaw Enforcement for a permit permitting the keeping of said pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons.  
(#9974, s. 4, 1998)
6. Any permit issued by the Manager of Bylaw Enforcement may be suspended or cancelled by him if the provisions of this Bylaw are not being observed by the permit holder.  
(#9974, s. 4, 1998)
7. Everyone who keeps pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons shall at any time permit a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to enter the loft for inspection.  
(#9974, s. 4, 1998; #2009-71, s. 11, 2009)
8. No person shall keep more than a total of ninety (90) pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons and of that number no more than fifty (50) of such pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons shall be over the age of one (1) month.

Loft:

9. Every loft:
- (1) shall provide at least two square feet of floor space for each pigeon, racing pigeon or show pigeon over the age of one month;
  - (2) shall be constructed so as to be dry, airy and bright inside and have adequate ventilation, having regard to the number of pigeons, racing pigeons or show pigeons kept therein;

- (3) shall be maintained on the outside equally as well as other buildings on the same lot and the inside shall be limewashed, painted or disinfected at least twice each year and at such other times as may be directed by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer;
- (4) shall be kept at all times in a sanitary condition, and the removal and disposition of all refuse shall be done in a regular and sanitary manner;
- (5) or any part thereof, including an aviary, shall not be built closer than thirty (30) feet from any school, church, dwelling or other premises used for human habitation or occupancy, other than the premises occupied by the keeper of such building or structures, or members of his immediate family, in which case the loft, or any part thereof, including an aviary, shall not be constructed closer than twenty (20) feet from the premises of the keeper or members of his immediate family.

(#9974, s. 4, 1998; #2009-71, s. 11, 2009)

Pigeon Control:

10. No person shall permit his pigeons, or pigeons under his control to be outside the loft or aviary.
11. (1) No person shall permit racing pigeons or show pigeons to be outside the loft or aviary except as follows:
  - (a) for the purpose of supervised exercise each day to achieve and maintain muscular condition which is necessary for races and shows they participate in, providing that no more than one half (1/2) of the owner's racing or show pigeons are released at any one time; or
  - (b) when the racing pigeons are returning to the loft from a supervised race or training flight.
- (2) No person shall permit his racing or show pigeons out of the loft for the purpose of supervised exercise on any Saturday or Sunday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on any Monday which is a civic holiday, nor between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on any other day of the week during the months of May, June, July, August and September.
- (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), a person may allow his racing or show pigeons out of the loft for the purpose of supervised exercise on any Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for one hour.

Offenses and Penalties:

12. Any person who contravenes or disobeys, or refuses or neglects to obey any provision of this bylaw, or order of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars and not more than five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars or, in default of payment of the fine, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days.  
(#9974, s. 4, 1998)

READ A FIRST TIME THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 1983;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 1983;

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 1983.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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