

# Keeping of Poultry

The definition of Poultry means and includes geese, ducks, pigeons, turkeys, peacocks and domestic fowls of all descriptions, age and gender.

Please also refer to the [Keeping of Animals, Bees and Poultry Bylaw 2005](#) available from Council.

Poultry may be kept in a Gisborne Residential Zone (mainly Gisborne City) without permission, but in accordance with the conditions below, if:

- The poultry is always kept in a properly constructed and maintained fowl house and/or a properly enclosed poultry run.
- There are no more than 12 head of poultry.
- There are no roosters, geese, peacocks or peahens.

Poultry may be kept in other residential zones (mainly rural townships) without permission, but in accordance with the conditions below, if:

- The property and adjoining properties are of rural character (with regard to the activities carried out and the area of the property).

## **THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST BE COMPLIED WITH:**

### **Poultry in all Residential Zones**

- The poultry house or poultry run cannot be any closer than 10 metres from any house or other sensitive use or be any closer than two metres from any boundary.

### **In all Zones**

- The poultry house and run must be constructed and maintained so as to ensure that no nuisance occurs from its existence or use.
- Parasites, flies and other pests must not reach levels that may create a nuisance to neighbours or a health risk to humans or animals.
- Any discharge of objectionable or offensive odour must not be of an extent that it causes an adverse effect beyond the boundary of the property.
- Effective fencing or other containment measures must be provided to confine poultry within the site and to prevent them from gaining access to neighbouring properties.
- Poultry must be kept in such a manner that no other nuisance occurs.
- No nuisance shall be caused by any activity associated with the keeping of poultry including storage of food and waste.

**Note:** Written Council approval is required to keep poultry outside of the above conditions. If approval is required please complete and return the application form on reverse side.

**Intensive Farming** requires consent under the Resource Management Act (activity is defined as Discretionary under the District Plan). The Resource Consent process for Intensive Farming may prescribe more conditions than those in the Council Bylaws.



**APPLICANT DETAILS:**

Name: .....

Property Address: .....

Phone number: .....(day) (night).....

Number head of poultry: .....

**Please attach a plan of the site with the location of activity marked, including any other information that maybe required for the assessment of this application.**

Signed: .....Date: .....

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For Office Use Only:

Date Received: .....Fee payable Y / N : .....

Application Number: .....Authorising Officer: .....

Decision: .....

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