

CHAPTER 11

THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND POULTRY

1101 PIG KEEPING

1101.1 No person shall keep or allow to be kept any pigs in areas other than those zoned Rural and in accordance with the provisions of the operative Stratford District Plan under the Resource Management Act 1991.

1101.2 No person shall keep any pigs so as to be or be likely to become or create a nuisance or any conditions injurious to health, or offensive or in such a manner as to pollute or be likely to pollute any water as defined in the Resource Management Act 1991.

1101.3 No person shall allow any pigs to be at large or to range at a less distance than 50m from any dwelling, dairy, or any wholly or partly occupied building, or any place used for the preparation, storage, or sale of food for human consumption or, except with the permission of the Council, such distance as may be prescribed in the Operative Stratford District Plan under the Resource Management Act 1991

1101.4 Notwithstanding anything herein before contained, no person shall keep any pigs on any holding so as to cause or be likely to cause a nuisance or any condition injurious to health, or offensive, by reason of the overcrowding of the premises with such pigs.

1102 PIGSTIES

1102.1 No person shall erect or provide or cause to be erected or provided any pigsty unless the same is in compliance with the following requirements:

- (a) The roof of the sleeping-pen shall be watertight.
- (b) The walls of the sleeping-pen shall be so constructed as to prevent the accumulation of filth thereon and to afford a surface easily cleaned, and shall for 0.6m from the floor be constructed of concrete or other approved impervious material finished to a smooth even surface with all internal angles rounded.
- (c) The floor of the sleeping-pen shall be of concrete or other approved impervious material finished to a smooth even surface, and shall be graded to a fall of 1 in 25 to an approved outfall.
- (d) The floor of the feeding-pen shall be constructed of concrete graded to fall 1 in 25 to a channel drain.
- (e) The effluent from such channel drain shall be discharged into an approved catchpit or settling tank and shall be disposed of by some approved means in such a manner as to cause no nuisance.

1103 CLEANLINESS OF PIGSTIES

1103.1 The occupier of any premises whereon a pigsty is situated shall keep the same, and all runs, drains, and catchpits or settling tanks used in connection therewith in a state of cleanliness, and shall remove or cause to be removed and disposed of all accumulated manure and offensive matter therefrom in an approved manner.

1103.2 All troughs from which pigs are fed shall be properly constructed of concrete, sheet iron, hardwood, or other approved material so as to be watertight. All troughs, of whatever material constructed, shall be kept thoroughly cleaned.

1103.3 All troughs if not fixed or permanent shall be placed on proper feeding places constructed as a smooth concrete slab with a raised nibwall all round, and of sufficient size to prevent pollution of the ground surrounding.

1104 **STORAGE OF MANURE AND PIGSWILL**

1104.1 No person shall stack or cause or suffer and manure or offensive matter from pigsties, or any swill or feed to be stacked, accumulated or stored in any place within 50m from any dwelling or dairy, or wholly or partly occupied building, or street or public place, or the boundary of any occupied adjoining property or in such a way whatsoever as to give rise or be likely to give rise to a nuisance, or be likely to be dangerous to health, or offensive.

1105 **CONVEYANCE AND STORAGE OF PIGSWILL**

1105.1 No person shall convey pigswill, or any food intended for pigs and emitting an offensive smell, along any street or public place, or store pigswill or food intended for pigs on any premises or land unless in either case the same is contained in impervious receptacles provided with approved close-fitting covers sufficient to prevent the escape of effluvia therefrom or of access of flies thereto.

1106 **CLEANING OF PIGSWILL CONTAINERS**

1106.1 Every person engaged in the conveyance and use of pigswill or pigfeed of a perishable nature shall thoroughly cleanse every day every vehicle, receptacle, cover, or utensil used in the collection, conveyance, or use of such pigswill and pigfeed.

1107 **HOSPITALS ETC. FOR DOGS AND CATS TO BE ON APPROVED SITE**

1107.1 No person shall establish or maintain any veterinary clinic, hospital, boarding, or breeding kennel for dogs or cats, except on a site approved by the Council by resolution in that behalf and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed in the Operative Stratford District Plan under the Resource Management Act 1991.

1108 **ANIMALS KEPT IN STABLES**

1108.1 No stock shall be kept or permitted to remain on any premises except in accordance with the Operative Stratford District Plan under the Resource Management Act 1991 without the prior consent of the Council and subject to such conditions as the Council may impose.

1108.2 Where any such stock are kept in a stable, the stable shall be constructed or made to comply with all relevant provisions of the bylaws of the Council.

1109 **NO HABITATION IN STABLE OR SHED**

1109.1 No person shall occupy or suffer to be used for human habitation any portion of any building which is also used as a stable or stock shed.

1110 **POULTRY KEEPING**

1110.1 In areas other than those zoned rural, no poultry caged or otherwise (which shall include geese, ducks, pigeons, turkeys, and domestic fowls of all descriptions) shall be kept in any part of the Council district 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 may be attached a poultry run.

- 1110.2 Every poultry house shall be constructed in the manner required by this Part of this bylaw and as required by the provisions of the Building Act 2004.
- 1110.3 No poultry house or poultry run shall be erected or maintained any part of which is within the following distances from any house, factory or other building whether wholly or partially occupied, designated as such in 1110.4 of this bylaw.
- 1110.4 No person shall construct or maintain any poultry house, poultry run, aviary or pigeon coop within two metres of any adjoining property boundary or within 10m of any dwelling on any adjoining property.
- 1110.5 Except with the written consent of the Council not more than 12 head of poultry shall hereafter be kept in any poultry house or poultry run on any holding in areas other than those zoned rural. The Council may refuse such consent or revoke and cancel any consent if it should decide that the poultry house or poultry run in question is likely to be offensive or dangerous to health.
- 1110.6 Every poultry run of whatever size shall be so enclosed as to confine the poultry within such poultry run.
- 1110.6.1 Should any poultry house or poultry run be in such a state as to cause a nuisance, the authorised officer shall serve a notice on the owner of the poultry house or poultry run to undertake such work within a stated period of time as is required to abate the nuisance.
- Any failure to comply with such a notice shall be an offence against this part of the bylaw.

1111 **NOISE FROM ANIMAL, BIRD, OR FOWL**

- 1111.1 No person shall keep within any premises any noisy animal, bird or poultry which shall be or cause a nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood:

Provided that no proceedings shall be taken against any person for an offence under this clause of this Part of this bylaw until after the expiration of 14 days from the date of the service on such person of a notice alleging a nuisance given by the Council after receipt by it of a complaint, signed by not less than three householders residing within hearing of the animal, bird or poultry causing the alleged nuisance.