

MODEL BY-LAW

BY-LAW NO. _____

**THE CITY OF _____, AUTHORIZING
THE KEEPING OF PIGEONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS.**

WHEREAS it is the purpose and intent of this by-law to permit the keeping, maintenance and flying of certain registered pigeons as a recreational sport and hobby, subject to regulations hereinafter set forth, and

WHEREAS the keeping, breeding, maintenance and flying of fancy, racing and sporting breeds of pigeons, as defined herein, is determined not to be a nuisance and is a wholesome activity, not detrimental to public welfare, if regulated as hereafter set forth, and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the keeping, breeding, maintenance and flying of such pigeons is now mainly engaged in by members of local, district and national organizations, and such persons keep their pigeons in suitable permanent structures in a clean and sanitary manner, and do not permit their pigeons to remain at large in the community in such a manner as to disturb their neighbours or to prevent the full enjoyment of property rights by their neighbours.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF

_____ AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Pigeon" means a member of the family Columbidea, and shall include "Racing Pigeons", "Fancy Pigeons" and "Sporting Pigeons" as defined in this by-law.
- B. "Racing Pigeon" means a pigeon which, through selective past breeding has developed the distinctive physical and mental characteristics as to enable it to return to it's home after having been released a considerable distance therefrom, and which is accepted as such by the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union. Also, commonly known as the Racing Homer, Homing Pigeon, or Carrier Pigeon.
- C. "Fancy Pigeon" means a pigeon which, through past breeding, has developed certain distinctive physical and performing characteristics as to be clearly identified and accepted as such by the Canadian Pigeon Fanciers Association. Examples: Fantails, Pouters, Trumpeters.
- D. "Sporting Pigeon" means a pigeon which, through selective past breeding, has developed the ability to fly in a distinctive manner, such as aerial acrobatics or endurance flying. Examples: Rollers, Tipplers.
- E. "Loft" means the structure(s) for the keeping or housing of pigeons permitted by this by-law.
- F. "Mature Pigeon" means a pigeon aged six months or older.
- G. "Owner" means the owner of Pigeons subject to this by-law.

SECTION 2 CONDITIONS

The keeping, breeding, maintenance and flying of pigeons shall be permitted on the following conditions.

- A. The loft shall be of such sufficient size and design, and constructed of such material that it can be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- B. There shall be a least two square foot of floor space in any loft for each mature pigeon kept therein.
- C. The construction and location of the loft shall not conflict with the requirements of any Building Code or Zoning Code of the city.
- D. All feed for said pigeons shall be stored in such containers as to protect against intrusion by rodents and other vermin.
- E. The loft shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and in compliance with all applicable health regulations of the city.
- F. All pigeons shall be confined to the loft, except for limited periods necessary for exercise, training and competition: and at no time shall pigeons be allowed to perch or linger on the buildings or property of others.
- G. All pigeons shall be fed within the confines of the loft.
- H. No one shall release pigeons to fly for exercise, training or competition except in compliance with the following rules:
 - (1) The owner of the pigeons must be a member in good standing or an organized pigeons club, such as the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc., Canadian Pigeon Fanciers Association, American Racing Pigeon Union, Inc., the International Federation of Racing Pigeon Fanciers, the National Pigeon Association, the American Tippler Society, the International Roller Association, the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club, or a local club which has rules that will help preserve the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood.
- I. Pigeons shall be banded and registered with one of the national pigeon associations/registries.

SECTION 3. RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR INSPECTION:

The Animal Control Officer may enter and inspect any property of loft at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigation either an actual or suspected violation or to ascertain compliance or noncompliance with this by-law.

SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTIES:

When the Animal Control Officer finds a violation to have occurred, the officer shall give written Notice thereof to the owner. If said violation is not remedied within (1) days, the Animal Control Officer may issue a citation to appear in municipal court to answer the charges stated thereon. Any owner found violation any of the provisions of the by-law shall upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed the sum of \$100.00. Three convictions within eighteen (18) months shall result in the revocations of the permit.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This by-law shall take effect (month, day, year). PASSED by the

(City Council, Town Council, City Commission, as appropriate) this

_____ day of _____, 20_____.