

## NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH/ERAMOSA

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa passed Bylaw No. 05/2025, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. Chapter P. 13, as amended, affecting all Township lands related to Zoning By-law 40/2016.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), in respect to all or part of this Zoning By-law Amendment, may be made by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025. The Notice of Appeal, setting out the reasons for the appeal, and accompanied by the corresponding appeal fee, may be filed with the Township Clerk either electronically via the OLT e-file service (first-time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <a href="https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service">https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service</a> or by mail using the contact information provided below.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the OLT. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT** of By-law No. 05/2025 is to amend Zoning By-law 40/2016, being the by-law controlling land use development within the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, to permit the keeping of "domestic poultry," which includes female chickens, female ducks, geese and turkey, by updating the Zoning By-law to include: (1) a definition of a "domestic poultry coop", clarifying that a "domestic poultry coop" is not a livestock facility; and (2) establishing a new general provision – Section 4.33 Domestic Poultry Regulations – to permit a "domestic poultry coop" on properties of 1 acre or more in size and located in the Agricultural (A) and Rural Residential (RR) Zones, subject to the additional criteria outlined in 4.33.

A supporting Municipal By-law No. 04/2025 was simultaneously approved to further regulate the keeping of domestic poultry, applying specific limits on the number and type of domestic poultry that may be kept, requirements for enclosures and shelter structures to ensure humane and safe living conditions, and provisions to mitigate potential noise, odor, and waste management concerns, etc. Municipal By-law No. 04/2025 is to come into force and effect following the expiration of the appeal period for the Zoning By-law Amendment, provided there are no outstanding appeals or further amendments required.

Public consultation of the proposal for a Zoning By-law Amendment was provided through a notice published in the Wellington Advertiser on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and a Public Meeting held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All comments received were considered as part of the decision-making process as discussed in Planning Report 25-01.

The complete by-law passed as No. 05/2025 and the supporting municipal by-law passed as No.04/2025, are available for inspection on the Township's Current Planning Applications webpage: <a href="https://www.get.on.ca/current-planning-applications">https://www.get.on.ca/current-planning-applications</a> or by contacting <a href="clerks@get.on.ca">clerks@get.on.ca</a> during regular business hours (between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. with exception of office closures) at the Township of Guelph/Eramosa Municipal Office as of the date of this notice.

**Dated** at the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2025.

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