



**MASTERTON  
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**PART EIGHT  
THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS,  
POULTRY AND BEES**

The Consolidated Bylaw 2008  
comprising parts one to eleven  
and thirteen to sixteen  
were adopted at the Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

The Consolidated Bylaw 2008 came into force  
throughout the district on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008

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## Part 8 – THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS, POULTRY AND BEES

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**New Zealand Legislation**  
Health Act 1956  
Local Government Act 1974

### FOREWORD

This Bylaw draws from the New Zealand Standard model Bylaw Poultry and Bee Keeping from the NZS 9201 series. The NZS 9201 series are model Bylaws covering various matters under local authority jurisdiction. Local authorities are empowered under the Local Government Act 2002 to make Bylaws.

Reference should be made to Masterton District Council Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Part 1 *Introductory* for any other definitions not included in this Part.

## **1 SCOPE**

The purpose of this Part of the Bylaw is to outline requirements for the keeping of animals, poultry and bees. The requirements are deemed necessary for the protection of neighbours and property owners.

This Bylaw is made pursuant to section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002, and section 64 of the Health Act 1956.

## **2 PIG KEEPING**

No pigs shall be kept in any area which is zoned urban under the District Plan prepared by the Council.

## **3 STOCK IN URBAN AREAS**

Any person keeping stock in an urban area shall ensure that premises where stock are kept meet such conditions as may be prescribed by an authorised officer.

## **4 POULTRY KEEPING**

### **4.1**

No poultry, caged or otherwise (which shall include geese, ducks, pigeons, turkeys, and domestic fowls of all descriptions), shall be kept in an area zoned urban in the District Plan 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 a poultry run may be attached.

### **4.2**

No poultry house or poultry run shall be erected or maintained, so that any part of it is within 10m from any dwelling, factory, or any other building, whether wholly or partially occupied, or within 2m of the boundary of adjoining premises.

### **4.3**

Every poultry run shall be enclosed to confine the poultry in an urban area only.

### **4.4**

Every poultry house and poultry run shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean condition free from any offensive smell or overflow and free from vermin.

## **5 NOISE FROM ANIMAL, BIRD, OR FOWL**

No person shall keep on any premises any noisy animal, bird, or poultry which causes a nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood in an urban area only.

## **6 BEE KEEPING**

### **6.1**

No person shall keep bees if in the opinion of an authorised officer the keeping of bees is, or is likely to become a nuisance or annoyance to any person or potentially dangerous or injurious to health.

### **6.2**

An authorised officer may prescribe conditions relating to the location and number of hives able to be kept on any premises or place within an urban area of the district.

## **7 DEAD ANIMALS**

### **7.1**

No person shall permit or allow to remain any dead animal or vermin on any private property, land, premises or public place.

### **7.2**

When buried in the ground, every part of the animal is to be at least 0.5m below the existing ground level and covered with not less than 0.5m of compacted fill material.

