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## Hens get free range

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The egg has hatched.

Esquimalt single family residential properties can now keep up to four hens. Since April municipal staff have been pecking over the topic of urban chickens. After visiting several owners of the birds, Esquimalt's director of development services Barbara Snyder said if kept correctly she had no concern about noise or smell.


Four hens could produce enough eggs for a family.

But many of the chicken owners Snyder met considers the birds as pets rather than a source of food.

Mayor Chris Clement supported the bylaw, adding the municipality should examine more ways residence can produce their own food.

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