

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM  
By-LAW NUMBER 1360-2002**

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE USE OF LANDS, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

The Corporation of the  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim  
ENACTS as follows:

SECTION 1.0

APPLICATION, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

1.1 APPLICATION

1.1.1 The provisions of this By-Law shall apply to all lands within the limits of the *Corporation* of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

1.1.2 No *person* shall use any land, or *erect, alter* or use any *building, structure* or part thereof within the limits of the *Corporation* except in conformity with the provisions of this By-Law.

1.1.3 No *person* shall use any *building, structure* or part thereof, *erected, or altered* in contravention of this By-Law so long as such *building, structure* or part thereof, continues to contravene the provisions of this By-Law.

1.1.4 No *person* shall change the purpose of which any *lot, building or structure* is used or *erect, alter* or use any *building or structure* or sever any lands from any *existing lot* if the effect of such action is to cause the original, adjoining, remaining or new *building, structure* or *lot* to be in contravention of this By-Law.

1.2 ADMINISTRATION

This By-Law shall be administered and enforced by such *person* or *persons* as shall be appointed from time to time by by-law of the *Corporation* as the "*By-Law Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer or Chief Building Official*".

(Amended by By-Law 2267-2021)

1.3 INSPECTION

The *By-Law Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer or Chief Building Official*, or an officer or employee of the *Corporation* acting under the direction of *Council* may enter upon any property or premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of administering or enforcing this By-Law.

(Amended by By-Law 2267-2021)

1.4 APPLICATION FOR PERMITS

1.4.1 In addition to all the requirements of the *Corporation's* Building By-Law, or any other by-law of the *Corporation*, every application for a building permit shall be accompanied by a plan in duplicate, (a copy of which shall be retained by the *Corporation*), drawn to scale and showing the following:

1.4.1.1 The true dimensions of the *lot* to be built upon or otherwise used.

1.4.1.2 The proposed location, *height* and dimensions of any *building, structure* or *use* proposed for such *lot*.

1.4.1.3 The proposed location and dimensions of any *yards, setback, landscaped open space, off-street parking spaces* or off-street loading facilities required by this By-Law.

1.4.1.4 The location of all *existing buildings* or *buildings* on the *lot* shown on the plan.

1.4.1.5 A statement signed by the owner, indicating the exact use proposed for each aforesaid *building, structure*, or use, and giving all information necessary to determine if such proposed or *existing building, structure* or *use* conforms with the requirements of this By-Law.

1.4.2 In addition to the requirements of Subsection 1.4.1, information for the application of the *Minimum Distance Separation Formula I (MDS I)* shall be required in accordance with the provisions of those zones set out in this By-law, unless specifically exempted. All applications for minor variances to MDS I shall require surveyed distances by an Ontario Land Surveyor, where required by the *Chief Building Official*.

(Amended by By-Law 1563-2008)

(Amended by By-Law 1576-2009)

- 1.4.3 In addition to the requirements of Subsection 1.4.1, an application for a building permit for a *building* to house livestock and poultry and/or for a manure storage facility, shall include information required for the application of the *Minimum Distance Separation Formula II (MDS II)*. All applications for minor variances to MDS II shall require surveyed distances by an Ontario Land Surveyor, where required by the *Chief Building Official*.

(Amended by By-Law 1563-2008)

(Amended by By-Law 1576-2009)

1.5 **VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

Every *person* who uses any *lot*, or *erects*, *alters* or uses any *building or structure* or any part of any *lot, building or structure* in a manner contrary to any requirements of this By-Law or who causes or permits such *use, erection, or alteration* or who violates any provision of this By-Law or causes or permits a violation, shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction therefore shall forfeit and pay a penalty in accordance with the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, and every such penalty shall be recoverable under The Municipal Act, 2001 and/or The Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990.

(Amended by By-Law 1576-2009)

1.6 **VALIDITY**

If any section, clause or provision of this By-Law, including anything contained in Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto, is for any reason declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the By-Law as a whole or any part thereof other than the section, clause or provision so declared to be invalid and it is hereby declared to be the intention that all the remaining sections, clauses or provisions of this By-Law shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, notwithstanding that one or more provisions thereof shall have been declared to be invalid.

(Amended by By-Law 2267-2021)

1.7 REMEDIES

In case any *building or structure* is to be *erected, altered*, reconstructed, extended or part thereof is to be used, or any *lot* is to be used, in contravention of any requirement of this By-Law, such contravention may be restrained by action at the direction of the *Corporation* and such contravention may be remedied at the expense of the *person* in default with the *Corporation* recovering the expenses pursuant to the provisions of The Municipal Act in that behalf.

1.8 REPEAL OF EXISTING BY-LAWS

By-Law 466-82 of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and all subsequent amendments are hereby repealed.

1.9 MINOR VARIANCES TO THE ZONING BY-LAW

Notwithstanding subsection 1.8, all minor variances granted for relief from the provisions of By-law 466-82 of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and to any amendments thereto by the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, the *County* of Oxford or the Ontario Land Tribunal shall remain in full force and effect and shall be considered minor variances to this By-law and a building permit may be issued by the *Chief Building Official* provided that the terms and conditions of any decision of the Committee of Adjustment, the *County* or the Ontario Land Tribunal have been complied with.

(Amended by By-Law 2267-2021)