



Chicken Ordinance

within the City Limits



What to know

The following regulations will govern the keeping of chickens and are designed to prevent conditions that are unsanitary, unsafe or a nuisance. No person shall keep chickens unless the following regulations are followed:

- **Zoning:** Keeping of chickens is permissible as an accessory use on lots with an existing land use of single family residential, regardless of current zoning or future land use designation.
- **Number:** No more than six (6) chickens shall be allowed at each single-family dwelling.
- **Setbacks:**
 - * Coops or cages housing chickens shall be kept at least twenty-five (25) feet from the door or window of any dwelling or occupied structure other than the owner's dwelling.
 - * Coops shall be setback at least fifteen (15) feet from side-yard and rear-yard property lines.
 - * Coops shall be located behind the principle structure.
- **Sanitation:**
 - * The coop must be kept in a sanitary condition and free from offensive odors.
 - * The coop must be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent the accumulation of waste.
 - * Odors shall not be perceptible at the lot line.
- **Noise:**
 - * Noise shall not be perceptible at lot lines to the extent that it results in a public nuisance or is in violation of the municipal noise ordinance.
- **Other:**
 - * All items such as feed associated with keeping chickens that are likely to attract ro-dents or other pests shall be kept in a rodent/pest proof container.
 - * Roosters are not permitted within city limits.
 - * Residents must notify the City of their intent to keep chickens
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