

DRAFT RESIDENTIAL KEEPING OF CHICKENS

Updating section 614. Prohibited Uses

1. The keeping or raising of livestock or poultry, whether for domestic or commercial purposes. The keeping of no more than five (5) rabbits, the keeping of no more than one (1) pure bred Vietnamese pot belly pig, or the keeping of no more than ten (10) chickens provided said animals are kept purely for domestic purposes to be used as pets shall not be prohibited by this Section provided that the animals are maintained in accordance with the following provisions:
 - a. The animals may not be raised for, or offered for, sale to the public.
 - b. The property on which the animal is being kept or raised must be located in an AF, RS-100, RS-150, RS-175, or RS-200 Zoning District, must be used for single-family residential purposes or agricultural purposes.
 - c. The pens, hutches or other facilities in which a rabbit or pure bred Vietnamese Pot belly pig are maintained must be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner in accordance with all health department regulations. All such facilities must be set back at least 30 feet from all property lines. Each rabbit must have separate quarters. All rabbit quarters or hutches shall have a minimum floor space of at least four (4) square feet and a maximum floor space of sixteen (16) square feet per rabbit. The floor surface shall consist of half solid wood and half rabbit wire.
 - d. Anyone raising or maintaining rabbits or pure-bred Vietnamese pot belly pigs must keep all such animals in the rear yard and the rear yard of the property on which said animals are maintained must be separated from adjacent properties by a six foot high solid wood or chain link fence. Offspring may be kept a maximum of six weeks.
 - e. Number of chickens per lot shall be as follows:
 - i. Lots 7,200 to 12,499 square feet: Maximum of 3 chickens.
 - ii. Lots 12,500 to 24,999 square feet: Maximum of 5 chickens.
 - iii. Lots 25,000 to 39,999 square feet: Maximum of 8 chickens.
 - iv. Lots 40,000 square feet or larger: Maximum of 10 chickens.
 - f. The keeping of roosters shall be prohibited.
 - g. The slaughter of chickens on the premises shall be prohibited. Chickens are only permitted as pets or for egg laying production.
 - h. Chicken coops shall be located in the rear yard. Coops must provide at least 4 square feet of floor space per chicken. Coops must be at least 20 feet from any property line and 50 feet from any residence on an adjoining parcel.

- i. Runs must provide at least 10 square feet per chicken. Runs must be enclosed with a fence or other barrier to prevent escape.
- j. Animals must not create a noise disturbance or nuisance to neighbors. Animals must be kept under sanitary conditions to prevent public health issues.
- k. Enforcement.
 - i. A permit shall be issued prior to the construction of animal habitats and the keeping of animals.
 - ii. The permit fee shall be \$100.
 - iii. Applicable building permits for accessory structures are separate from this ordinance.
 - iv. The city may conduct routine inspections to ensure compliance.
 - v. Failure to comply with the listed regulations may result in revocation of permits, removal of animals, and/or fines.
- l. Severability
 - i. If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, clauses, and provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
 - ii.

Residential Chicken Ordinance

Section 1: Purpose The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the keeping of chickens in residential areas to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Section 2: Definitions

- **Chicken:** A domesticated bird kept for eggs or as a pet.
- **Coop:** A structure for housing chickens.
- **Rooster:** A male chicken

- **Run:** An enclosed outdoor area where chickens can roam.

Section 3: General Provisions

1. **Permitted Zones:** Chickens may be kept in residential zones Rs-72, RS-100, RS-150, RS-175, RS-200, AND AF and any respective overlays.
2. **Number of Chickens:**
 - Lots 7,200 to 12,499 square feet: Maximum of 3 chickens.
 - Lots 12,500 to 24,999 square feet: Maximum of 5 chickens.
 - Lots 25,000 to 39,999 square feet: Maximum of 8 chickens.
 - Lots 40,000 square feet or larger: Maximum of 10 chickens.
3. **Roosters:** The keeping of roosters is prohibited.
4. **Coop Requirements:**
 - Coops must be located in the rear yard.
 - Coops must provide at least 4 square feet of floor space per chicken.
 - Coops must be at least 20 feet from any property line and 50 feet from any residence on an adjoining parcel.
5. **Run Requirements:**
 - Runs must provide at least 10 square feet per chicken.
 - Runs must be enclosed with a fence or other barrier to prevent escape.
6. **Sanitation:**
 - Chicken coops and runs must be kept clean and free from odors.
 - Waste must be properly disposed of to prevent attracting pests.
7. **Noise and Nuisance:**
 - Chickens must not create a noise disturbance or nuisance to neighbors.
 - Chickens must be kept under sanitary conditions to prevent public health issues.
8. **Use Restrictions:**
 - Chickens are permitted for personal use only (e.g., pets or egg production).

- Chickens cannot be kept for slaughter or commercial purposes.

Section 4: Permits and Inspections

1. **Permit Requirement:** A permit is required to keep chickens in residential areas.
2. **Application Process:**
 - Applicants must submit a scaled sketch of the property showing the location of the coop and run.
 - Applicants must pay a permit fee as determined by the city council.
3. **Inspections:**
 - The city may conduct inspections to ensure compliance with this ordinance.
 - Non-compliance may result in fines or revocation of the permit.

Section 5: Enforcement and Penalties

1. **Enforcement:** The city's code enforcement officers are responsible for enforcing this ordinance.
2. **Penalties:** Violations of this ordinance may result in fines, removal of chickens, or other penalties as determined by the city council.

Section 6: Severability If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, clauses, and provisions shall continue in full force and effect.