



Residential

Regulations Pertaining to the Keeping of Chickens

Keeping of Chickens

- 1) Chickens may be kept on properties outside the Agricultural zoning district as summarized below.
- 2) Allowable as a permitted use pursuant to City code section [91.02 Keeping Of Animals](#) in typical residential zoning districts: R-1, R1-L, R-2, R-3, R-4, and in PI
- 3) Chickens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*) does not include, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, pheasants, turkey, or similar.

License

- 1) [License required](#) (do not make any improvements prior to submitting the license application for review)
- 2) A \$75.00 license lasts for five years.
- 3) Violations of applicable regulations including unresolved issues of noise, odor, or filth may lead to license revocation and or misdemeanor citation or civil or administrative penalties, as authorized by law.

Required Standards

- 1) Up to four total hen chickens may be kept on property of any size. Four additional for every one acre.
- 2) No person shall keep roosters on the property.
- 3) The slaughter of chickens within the city is prohibited.
- 4) The owner of the chickens shall live in the residential dwelling on the property.
- 5) Chickens more than four months old shall not be kept inside the residential dwelling.

Required Shelter

- 1) A secure well-ventilated roofed structure with a solid floor providing at least four square feet per chicken is required.
- 2) Only one building to house the chickens is allowed per lot and must comply with accessory building standards in 155.05(D)
- 3) Any device used for heating (i.e. heat lamp & heated water) within the building to house the chickens must be properly rated for that use and secured so as not to cause a fire hazard.
- 4) Shelter must be set back at least five feet from all property lines and not be located in the front or side yards.

Required Outdoor Area

- 1) An enclosed outdoor area is required to provide a minimum of eight square feet per chicken.
- 2) Enclosed outdoor runs shall be set back at least five feet from all property lines and not be located in the front or side yards.
- 3) outdoor runs may utilize poultry netting fence and may be galvanized or earth tone, but not brightly colored or electrified. Fencing for the enclosed outdoor area should be six feet high or capped for predator protection.