

TITLE 5

CHAPTER 3

CHICKEN KEEPING

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5-3-1: CHICKEN ALLOWANCE

Subject to the requirements of this section and any other applicable provision of this code, including the nuisance ordinance, hen chickens (no roosters) regardless of age, in the amount set forth below, may be kept on a lot or parcel of land in a residential zone for the purpose of producing eggs and or companionship.

- A. Over 1/3 acre lot: 12 chickens.
- B. Less than 1/3 acre lot: 6 chickens.

5-3-2: CHICKEN COOP SPECIFICATIONS

Chickens shall be confined within the owner's property boundary at all times.

- A. A secure, covered, ventilated, predator-resistant outdoor chicken coop or enclosed area shall be required.
 - 1. All chickens shall be in a contained coop or enclosed area from dusk to dawn.
 - 2. The coop shall have a minimum floor area of at least two (2) square feet per chicken.
 - 3. If chickens are not allowed to roam outside the coop, the coop shall have a minimum floor area of six (6) square feet per chicken.
- B. The coop shall be located in a rear or side yard at least fifteen (15) feet from the owner's dwelling and twenty five (25) feet from any other dwelling.
 - 1. The coop and enclosed area shall be maintained in a neat and sanitary condition and shall be cleaned weekly or more as necessary to prevent any odor detectable at any property line.

2. Chicken feed shall be stored and dispensed in rodent-and predator-proof containers.

5-3-3: NOT PETS

Chickens kept as provided in this section shall not be deemed to be household pets as defined in Section 10-2-1 of this code.

5-3-4: SLAUGHTERING

Slaughtering of chickens is prohibited within city boundaries.

5-3-5: VIOLATIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any chicken in manner contrary to the provisions of this section. Any such violation shall be a Class C Misdemeanor. (2-2011, 9-13-11)