

Proposed Land Development Code locations: Table of Contents; Chapter 5: R-E – Use Table; Chapter 6: Residential Zone Districts – Accessory Uses; Chapter 12: table of contents and sections 12-2600 and 12-2700 (new sections to be added); Definitions

Note: Chicken-keeping regulations and bee-keeping regulations are separate amendments to the code.

SECTION 12-2600 CHICKEN-KEEPING REGULATIONS

12-2601 INTENT

To allow for the keeping of chickens on residential, single family detached properties not zoned A-E, A-1, A-2, and R-A. Backyard chickens and appurtenant structures are not considered agricultural for purposes of agricultural affidavits. HOA covenants and guidelines may supersede these regulations.

12-2602 REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

In order to be compliant with the County’s code, the following criteria must be met:

- A. Up to four (4) chicken hens are allowed.
- B. Chickens must be kept in a coop overnight – between dusk and dawn.
- C. Chickens must be contained to owner’s property at all times, behind the front building line.
- D. Odor, noise, dust, waste, and drainage must be controlled so as not to constitute a nuisance, safety hazard, or health problem to adjoining properties or uses.
- E. Slaughtering on residential property is prohibited.
- F. The commercial sale of eggs on the property is prohibited.
- G. Roosters are not permitted. No other fowl or poultry, including but not limited to ducks or turkeys, are permitted.

12-2603 COOP REQUIREMENTS

- A. Coops must meet all applicable Building Code requirements. A building permit may be required for coops larger than 120 square feet in area.
- B. Maximum coop height: six (6) feet from ground level.

- C. Recommended indoor coop floor space is 3 square feet per bird.
- D. Coops 120 square feet or less in area: coop shall be located behind front building line of principal structure and no less than ten (10) feet from the side and rear property lines (chicken run enclosures must also be at least 10 feet from the property lines; chicken run enclosure areas are not counted towards the 120 square foot limit).
- E. Coops larger than 120 square feet in area: the coop and chicken run enclosure shall be a minimum of 10 feet from side and rear property lines or meet the setbacks for primary structures, whichever distance is greater.