





Fairfax City Zoning Ordinance: Chickens

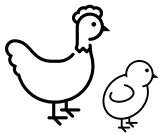


The keeping of chickens may be approved for three residential zoning districts: Residential High Density (RH), Residential Medium Density (RM), and Residential Low Density (RL). RH & RM districts with lots of less than 20,000 square feet (approx. .45 acres) would need approval through a special use review by the City Council. RH & RM zoned districts with lots of more than 20,000 square feet and all RL zoned districts only require a Zoning permit.

Keeping of Chickens (§110-3.5.5.D – 14)





- A) Applicability: In addition to Residential Low district lots, keeping of chickens shall be a permitted use on other single-family residential lots with a minimum of 20,000 square feet. The keeping of chickens on single-family residential lots with a minimum of 10,000 square feet in the RM and RH districts shall be subject to a special use review pursuant to §110-6.7.
- B) General Provisions: Keeping of up to four chickens on an occupied single-family residential lot shall be allowed, provided that:
 - 1. **No person shall keep any rooster.** 
 - 2. The chickens shall be used only for non-commercial household egg production. Selling eggs and slaughtering chickens shall be prohibited.
 - 3. The chickens shall be provided with a clean, covered, well-ventilated enclosure that is secure from predators. 
 - 4. The chickens must be kept in the covered enclosure or within a fenced or walled area at all times.
 - 5. No enclosure shall be located closer than 25 feet to an occupied, off-site residential dwelling

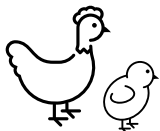


La crianza de gallinas puede ser aprobada para tres distritos de zonificación residencial: Residencial Alta Densidad (RH), Residencial Media Densidad (RM), y Residencial Baja Densidad (RL). RH y RM lotes con menos de 20,000 pies cuadrados (approx. .45 acres) necesitarían la aprobación a través de una revisión de uso especial por parte del Concejo Municipal. RH & RM lotes con mas de 20,000 pies cuadrados y todo RL distritos solo requieren un permiso de Zoning.

Crianza de Gallinas (§110-3.5.5.D – 14)



- A) Además de los lotes de distrito RL (Residencial Lote Baja Densidad), la tenencia de gallinas será un uso permitido en otros lotes residenciales unifamiliares con un mínimo de 20,000 pies cuadrados. Los mantenimiento de gallinas en lotes residenciales unifamiliares con un mínimo de 10,000 pies cuadrados en los distritos RM y RH estarán sujetos a una revisión de uso especial de conformidad con §110-6.7.
- B) Disposiciones generales: Se permitirá tener de hasta cuatro gallinas en un lote residencial unifamiliar ocupado, siempre que:
 - 1. **Nadie tendrá un gallo.** 
 - 2. Las gallinas se utilizarán únicamente para la producción doméstica de huevos sin fines comerciales. Queda prohibida la venta de huevos y el sacrificio de pollos 
 - 3. Las gallinas deberán contar con un recinto limpio, cubierto y bien ventilado que esté protegido de los depredadores
 - 4. Las gallinas deben mantenerse en el recinto cubierto o dentro de un área cercada o amurallada en todo momento
 - 5. Ningún recinto debe ubicarse a menos de 25 pies de una vivienda residencial ocupada fuera del sitio



Check your zoning and lot size/ Verifique su zonificación y tamaño de lote: <https://realestate.fairfaxva.gov/default.asp>



CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

ACCESSORY USE TABLE *(City Code §3.5.5.C.)*

USE TYPES/USE GROUPS	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS					
	R L	R M	R H	RT -6	R T	R MF
Keeping of chickens	P	S	S			

PERMITTED REQUIRED YARD ENCROACHMENTS

(City Code §1.5.12.E.)

1. Accessory structures and buildings up to 12 feet in height, provided such a structure or building shall be behind the front and side (street) building line and at least 5 feet from and side (interior) or rear lot line

KEEPING OF CHICKENS

(City Code §3.5.5.D.14.)

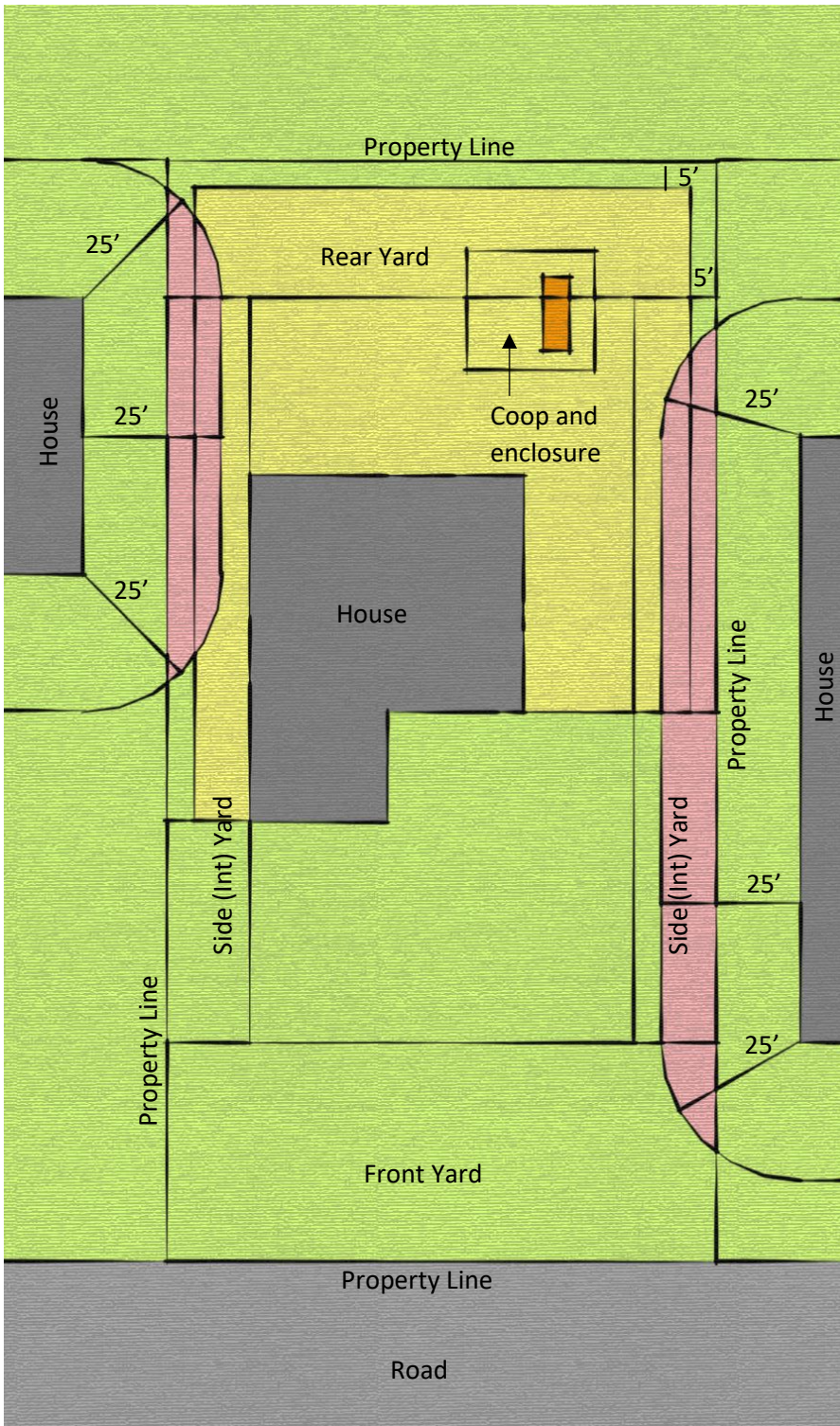
(a) Applicability

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(b) General provisions

Keeping of up to four chickens on an occupied single-family residential lot shall be allowed, provided that:

- (1) No person shall keep any rooster.
- (2) The chickens shall be used only for non-commercial household egg production. Selling eggs and slaughtering chickens shall be prohibited.
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Chicken coops not allowed per **§3.5.5.D.14.(5)** above

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