

CHAPTER 6.20

KEEPING OF FEMALE CHICKENS

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6.20.010 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall apply:

- (A) **"Chicken"** shall mean a female chicken.
- (B) **"Dwelling"** shall be as defined in Title 17 of this code.
- (C) **"Rooster"** shall mean a male chicken.

(Ord. 3162 § 1 (part), 2014.)

6.20.020 Keeping of chickens - Permitted in single-family residential zones.

The keeping of chickens over the age of six months shall be permitted in single-family residential zones subject to the criteria and standards set forth in this chapter. The keeping of chickens younger than six months of age is prohibited. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to affect the provisions of Chapter 17.06 of this code pertaining to the keeping of chickens and other fowl in agricultural zones.

(Ord. 3162 § 1 (part), 2014.)

6.20.030 License required.

No person shall keep chickens pursuant to this chapter without first obtaining a license from the Animal Control Bureau. The Animal Control Bureau shall issue a license for the keeping of chickens upon presentation of satisfactory evidence that the requirements of this chapter are satisfied. The fee for the license shall be in an amount set by resolution of the City Council.

(Ord. 3162 § 1 (part), 2014.)

6.20.040 Criteria and standards.

(A) **Minimum lot size.** The keeping of chickens shall be permitted only on lots within single-family residential zones that have a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet.

(B) **Maximum number.** The maximum number of chickens that may be kept on each lot shall be based on lot size as follows, up to a maximum of five chickens on each lot:

<i>Minimum Lot Size</i>	<i>Maximum Number of Chickens</i>
10,000 to 14,999 sq. ft.	2
15,000 to 19,999 sq. ft.	3
20,000 to 24,999 sq. ft.	4
25,000 sq. ft. or more	5

(C) **Contained area.** Chickens permitted to be kept pursuant to this chapter shall not be permitted to run at large on the lot but shall be at all times contained within a suitable house or coop with an enclosed runway and an area that provides protection from the weather. Chickens shall also not be permitted to run at large off of the lot, as provided in Chapter 6.08 of this code.

(D) **Maintenance.** The premises where the chickens are kept shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and free from offensive odors. The chickens shall not be subject to suffering, cruelty or abuse. Clean potable water and food receptacles shall be accessible to the chickens, unless restricted by a veterinarian, and shall be located so as to minimize contamination by excreta. The slaughtering of any animals is prohibited in single-family residential zones.

(E) **Distance requirement.** No person shall maintain any chicken house or coop within 50 feet of any dwelling, excluding the dwelling (as defined in Title 17 of this code) on the lot where the chickens are kept, or within 100 feet of any school,

hospital, hotel, day care facility (as defined in Title 17 of this code), health care facility (as described in Chapter 17.73 of this code), food establishment (as defined in Chapter 8.16), restaurant (as defined in Title 17 of this code) or similar institution.

(F) **Noncommercial use only.** The commercial keeping of chickens in single-family residential zones is prohibited. No person shall sell or otherwise trade, transfer or exchange for money or goods any eggs produced from chickens kept pursuant to this chapter.

(G) **Roosters prohibited.** No person shall keep or maintain any roosters within the city.

(Ord. 3162 § 1 (part), 2014.)