

Residential Accessory Use

Keeping of Chickens. Allows up to five (5) chickens (hens) to be kept on land with an existing single-family residence where the minimum following standards are met and in zoning districts where residential accessory uses are listed. (NOTE: Raising/keeping of farm animals defined separately and not included under this definition):

1. Hens only; no roosters
2. Does not apply to any other fowl, peafowl, guinea hens or peacocks
3. Chickens must be kept in an enclosure at all times, and the enclosure and fencing shall meet all road setback requirements for the zoning district in which it is located, and shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any side or rear lot line. Setback shall be measured from fencing and structure.
4. If over 100 square feet, the enclosure structure shall be required to obtain a Zoning and Land Use permit.
5. Maximum 200 square foot enclosure permitted
6. Enclosure includes fencing and covered structure. Covered structure is also required to be within the fenced enclosure.
7. No slaughtering permitted
8. The fenced enclosure and covered structure shall be maintained and kept in a sanitary condition, so as not to create a nuisance.

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