

Sec. 130-541. Chicken Keeping

Chicken keeping includes accommodating and raising chickens, defined as a domestic fowl of the subspecies *Gallus gallus domesticus*, in covered enclosures (coops) and fenced enclosures (runs). Chicken keeping is considered an accessory use. The following regulations are applicable to this use:

- (1) Permitted by Right: Not Applicable
- (2) Special use regulations in Residential Districts, R-1:
 - a. No more than six (6) chickens (female only) on a lot containing a single-family dwelling only.
 - b. Not allowed on residential lots containing two (2) or more dwelling units.
 - c. Keeping of roosters is prohibited.
 - d. Slaughter of chickens is prohibited on site.
 - e. The chickens shall be provided with and kept in a structurally sound covered enclosure (coop) and an attached fence enclosure (run). The enclosures must be maintained in good repair and kept free from rodents and other vermin. The fence of the run shall be of sufficient opacity or webbing to contain a chicken.
 - f. The coop and run shall be located in a rear yard only and shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from any residential structure on any adjacent lot. The coop and run shall not be located in side, street side or front yards, or setback areas.
 - g. The total area of the coop and run shall not exceed one-hundred fifty (150) square feet in footprint area and ten (10) feet in height. The total area of the coop shall be a minimum of four (4) square feet per chicken. The total area of the run shall be a minimum of six (6) square feet per chicken. The coop and run are considered an accessory building as defined in Section 130-6.
 - h. Chickens shall not be allowed to be kept within a residential dwelling or garage.
 - i. Any electrical work on or in the coop and run requires an electrical permit from the building inspector.
 - j. Any chickens not contained within the coop or run shall be subject to the provisions of Sec. 14-3. Running at Large. The City reserves the right to apply other provisions in Section 14 as may be appropriate to regulate the keeping of chickens.
 - k. A Chicken Keeping Permit shall be approved and issued after:
- (3) An application for a permit to construct, erect, alter, remodel or add a coop or run is submitted in writing to the City Inspector for approval before any work begins.

- (4) No work or any part of the work shall be commenced until a written permit for such work is obtained.
- (5) Before coop and run can be occupied by chickens, the City Inspector shall do a final on-site inspection.
- (6) An application for a permit is renewed yearly.
- (7) Initial and renewal permits shall pay a fee as determined from time to time by Common Council, but not less than Twenty (20) Dollars.
- (8) Renewals of Chicken Keeping permits shall be denied if the applicant has been documented and notified of being in violation of Section 130-541 and/or Chapter 14 in the previous six (6) months.

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