

Chapter 205. Animals and Fowl

Article I. In General

Section 205.065. Harboring and Raising of Chickens.

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- A. Chickens may be harbored and raised as pets in the City on a lot only within single-family residential zoning districts subject to the following restrictions upon issuance of the required permit:
1. Such activity may only be conducted on property that is not contiguous with commercially zoned property; however, such activity is allowed on property which is a minimum of three (3) acres in size irrespective of the zoning of contiguous property.
 2. Only chicken hens may be kept. Roosters are prohibited.
 3. The minimum lot area on which such activity may take place is seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet, except as approved by the Board of Aldermen.
 4. Chicken hens must be kept in a fenced enclosure ("coop") which must remain in a clean, dry and odor-free condition at all times; however, they need not be kept in a fenced enclosure when under the direct supervision of the owner on the owner's property. Coops must be located in the rear yard of the property. Coops must be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any dwelling unit, with the exception of that of the owner. The flooring may consist of a non-porous floor of vinyl, concrete, dirt or wood shavings. Hens shall be in a run enclosure by a fence meeting the following specifications: wire mesh, wire grid or chicken wire.
 5. No more than six (6) chicken hens may be kept on a single lot.
 6. All chicken hens and eggs raised by an individual on the lot may only be used for personal enjoyment and consumption.
 7. Food for hens shall be stored in a sanitary, leak-proof container that cannot be contaminated by rodents or insects.
- B. To receive consideration for the harboring and raising of chickens one must submit the required permit application accompanied by a permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If the applicant is not the owner of the property on which such activity is proposed, written consent from the owner must be provided. The permit application must be accompanied by a scaled plan of the subject property depicting lot dimensions, the proposed coops location and the proximity of said coops to adjacent dwelling units on surrounding parcels. A City of Pacific Building Inspector will inspect the subject property to ensure initial compliance.