



Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

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Other Florida Regulations Comparison Standards for Chickens in Residential

Alachua County

Chapter 404 Use Regulations

Sec. 404.13. Poultry or livestock on parcels less than five (5) acres.

- (a) *Livestock on parcels less than five (5) acres.* The keeping of livestock on less than five acres is allowed as a limited use within the A, A-RB, RE, or RE-1 districts subject to the following standards.
 - (1) *Permitted activities.* Livestock permitted in this Section shall be for personal use only, except youth projects such as 4-H/FFA activities.
 - (2) *Prohibited activities.* The commercial raising of livestock shall be prohibited on parcels less than five (5) acres.
 - (3) *Setbacks.* Structures that are used to house livestock kept for personal use shall not be located closer than fifty (50) feet to the property line.
 - (4) *Nuisance prohibited.* The keeping of all livestock on parcels less than five (5) acres shall be done in such a manner as to control noxious odors and the breeding of rodents, flies or other insects, so as not to create a nuisance of any kind.
 - (5) *Livestock limitations.* The number of livestock permitted on parcels less than five (5) acres in size shall comply with Table 404.13.1 below.

Table 404.13.1 Livestock Limits

Type of Animal	Limit	Min Parcel Size
Horses and Other Equine Animals	1 per acre	1 acre
Cattle	1 cow/calf unit per 1.5 acres	1.5 acres
Goats and Sheep	10 per acre	1 acre
Hogs	1 per acre	1 acre

- (b) *Poultry on parcels less than five (5) acres.*
 - (1) *Permitted uses.*
 - a. The keeping of up to six (6) laying hens is allowed as accessory to any legal single-family residence for personal use, regardless of the zoning designation of the property.
 - b. The keeping of chickens and other poultry and fowl is allowed on parcels one (1) acre or greater in the A, A-RB, RE, and RE-1 districts at a density of forty (40) per

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- acre. Commercial raising of chickens and other poultry is only permitted in the A and A-RB districts.
 - c. The harvesting of poultry raised onsite may occur only in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.
- (2) *Prohibitions.*
- a. The raising of all chickens and other poultry shall be done in such a manner as to control noxious odors and the breeding of rodents, flies or other insects, so as not to create a nuisance of any kind, including keeping feed in enclosed containers and disposing of waste regularly.
 - b. Roosters are prohibited in residential zoning districts.
 - c. Poultry and poultry byproducts shall not be sold on the premises, except as an accessory to commercial raising in the A and A-RB districts in accordance with federal and state regulations.
- (3) *Enclosures and setbacks.*
- a. All chickens raised for personal use shall be housed within covered and fenced enclosures, either movable or stationary.
 - b. Chickens may be permitted to roam freely within fenced areas of lots during daylight hours.
 - c. Covered or fenced enclosures for housing the chickens shall be subject to the accessory setbacks established in Chapter 403 for the zoning district or in Article VII of Chapter 407 for a traditional neighborhood or TOD.
- (c) *Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs on parcels less than five (5) acres.* The keeping of Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs is allowed as a limited use in the A, A-RB, RE, and RE-1 districts, and in residential districts within rural clusters, subject to the following standards.
- (1) Minimum lot area shall be one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre.
 - (2) The number of Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs allowed on a parcel less than five (5) acres shall be one (1) pig per one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre.
 - (3) Commercial raising of pot-bellied pigs shall be prohibited.
 - (4) The keeping of pot-bellied pigs shall be done in such a manner as to control noxious odors and the breeding of rodents, flies or other insects, so as not to create a nuisance of any kind.
 - (5) Structures used to house the pig(s) shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to the property line.

Hillsborough County

Land Development Code

Sec. 6.11.129 Backyard Chickens

The keeping of chickens shall be allowed in certain residential zoning districts as provided by Section 2.02.02, Table of Allowable Uses in Zoning Districts, subject to the following requirements. Approval of a Conditional Use zoning permit shall not be required.

1. The activity shall be accessory to a detached single-family use or two-family attached (duplex) use of the parcel.

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2. No more than five hens and pullets in total shall be kept on the parcel at any time. The keeping of roosters, capons or cockerels shall be prohibited.
 3. The chickens shall be confined to a fully enclosed coop at all times. For purposes of this regulation, a coop shall be defined as a structure, enclosure or cage for housing the chickens.
 4. The coop shall be located in the functional rear yard of the lot. The coop shall have a maximum height of six feet and maximum ground coverage of 150 square feet.
 5. The coop shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from side and rear lot lines and shall comply with the required front yard setback of the property's zoning, except that on a through lot with a required front yard that functions as a rear yard, a minimum rear setback of 10 feet shall be permitted.
 6. No chickens shall be slaughtered on the parcel.
 7. The on-site sale of eggs shall be prohibited.
 8. These requirements shall not be waived or varied.
 9. These regulations do not affect deed restrictions or covenants concerning chickens.

Leon County

Chapter 10 Land Development Code

Sec. 10-6.816 Urban agriculture

(d) *Home gardens*. Home gardens are allowed by right as an accessory use to any lawfully established principal residential use. Accessory structures require permitting and are governed by [section 10-6.802](#).

(1) *Hens or ducks*. The keeping or raising of hens or ducks within home gardens is permitted, subject to the following standards:

- a. No more than ten hens or ducks may be permitted per single-family, two-family or multifamily residence;
- b. Hens and ducks shall be kept or raised for personal use only and byproducts (eggs) for personal consumption only; and
- c. Roosters are prohibited.

Marion County

Article 4 Zoning; Division 2 Zoning Classification

Sec. 4.2.4. Improved Agriculture (A-2) classification.

A. Intent of classification. The Improved Agriculture classification is intended to provide for general farming and animal husbandry with accessory uses, involving substantial improvement and development, and for which certain restrictive zoning is necessary to minimize conflicts and protect the character of the area.

B. Permitted Uses:

- Single-family dwellings
- Manufactured buildings (DCA approved residential units)
- Manufactured homes
- Commercial vehicles utilized for transporting agricultural products raised or produced on the A-2 property of the vehicle owner may be parked on the A-2 zoned property; otherwise see section 4.3.21.A. and B. for additional options on properties consisting of 5 acres or greater
- Dude ranch, riding academy
- General farming and agricultural crop production, agricultural production of livestock including horses and cattle or the keeping and raising of ratites such as ostriches and emus. This section excludes aquaculture and limits the number of poultry to 25.
- Greenhouse or plant nursery retail and wholesale, provided products sold are raised on premises
- Hay sales, refer to Sec. 4.2.2.C (4)
- Single family, guest cottage, apartment. Refer to Sec. 4.3.18
- Ornamental horticulture, floriculture, and nursery products, retail, wholesale
- Poultry, for personal use, not more than 25 birds.
- Racetrack, non-motorized, non-commercial for training only
- Silviculture
- Veterinary office, clinic, or hospital, no outside kennels permitted

H. Accessory Building Housing for Poultry:

Front Setback: 100 feet

Side Setback: 25 feet

Rear Setback: 25 feet

Sec. 4.2.5. Residential Agricultural Estate (A-3) classification.

A. Intent of classification. The Residential Agricultural Estate Classification is intended to provide for areas whose present or prospective use is animal husbandry with attendant agricultural and accessory uses; providing a rural or farm atmosphere in which single family home ownership may be combined with small parcel development and where the growing of supplemental food supplies for families will be encouraged. It is also intended to permit a reasonable use of the property while protecting prime agricultural or natural area from urban encroachment and preventing rapid expansion of demands on public facilities such as school, roads, and water and sewer lines.

B. Permitted Uses:

- Single-family dwelling
- Manufactured buildings (DCA approved residential units)
- Manufactured homes
- Commercial vehicles utilized for transporting agricultural products raised or produced on the A-3 property of the vehicle owner may be parked on the A-3 zoned property; otherwise see Sec. 4.3.21.A. and B. for additional options on properties consisting of 5 acres or greater.

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- General farming, agricultural crop production, agricultural production of livestock including horses, cattle or the keeping and raising of ratites such as ostriches and emus. This section excludes aquaculture, limits the number of poultry to 12.
 - Greenhouse and plant nursery including retail and wholesale, provided products sold are raised on premises
 - Hay sales, refer to Sec. 4.2.2.C(4)
 - Single family, guest cottage, apartment. Refer to Sec. 4.3.18
 - Ornamental horticulture, floriculture, and nursery products, retail, wholesale
 - Poultry for personal use, limited to 12 birds.
 - Public park, or other public recreational use or building
 - Racetrack, non-motorized, non-commercial for training only
 - Silviculture
 - Veterinary office, clinic, or hospital, no outside kennels permitted

H. Accessory Building Housing for Poultry:

Front Setback: 50 feet

Side Setback: 25 feet

Rear Setback: 25 feet

Sec. 4.2.6. Requirements for all residential classifications.

D. Requirements for keeping chickens in residential zoning classifications:

(1) Chicken shall mean a female of *Gallus domesticus* or a hen. Chicken shall not include the following:

(a) Any male chicken or rooster.

(b) Any duck, goose, turkey, peafowl, guinea fowl or other poultry or fowl.

(2) Number of chickens may not exceed six.

(3) Roosters are prohibited.

(4) Duplex, townhome, multi-family and similar units are prohibited from keeping chickens.

(5) Hens must be contained within a covered and fully enclosed chicken coop from dusk to dawn and inside a coop and/or a fenced pen area the remainder of the time. The coop and fenced pen area must be located in the side or rear lot behind the principal structure.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow hens to run at large upon the streets, alleys, public or private rights-of-way or other public places, or upon the property of any other person.

(7) The coop and fenced pen area shall be setback 20 feet, based on the closest portion of the coop or fenced pen area, from any adjacent residential principal structure or accessory that contains a residential unit.

(8) The coop and fenced pen area shall comply with all other zoning classification setback requirements.

(9) The coop and pen area must be kept in a clean sanitary manner, free of insects and rodents, offensive odors, excessive noise, or any other condition, which could potentially cause a nuisance (i.e. the coop should be cleaned frequently).

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- (10) Stored feed must be secured in metal containers to prevent mice and other pests.
 - (11) No routine slaughtering of the hens is allowed on the subject site.
 - (12) Hens are to be kept for personal use of the residents of the site and no on-site retail sale of eggs, manure or hens shall occur.

Orange County

Chapter 38 Zoning

Sec. 38-79 Conditions for permitted uses, special exceptions.

(37) Subject to the following standards and conditions, chickens shall be permitted to be raised or kept only on a lot or parcel with an owner-occupied single-family detached residence or owner-occupied mobile home, upon the issuance of a single permit per parcel by the Zoning Division and payment of an administrative fee as established by the Board of County Commissioners.

a. *Definitions.* For purposes of this subsection (37), the following terms and words have the following definitions:

Chicken means the female of a type of domesticated fowl of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus*.

Chicken coop means a covered enclosure designed for roosting of chickens that provides ventilation and protection from drafts, sunlight, the effects of weather, and predators.

Pen area means an area around the chicken coop used by chickens for exercising and foraging.

b. *Application requirements.* An applicant shall comply with the following requirements:

1. *Training class and application.* An applicant shall attend and successfully complete the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Extension Orange County Backyard Chicken Training Class and present a signed certificate of completion of that class to the Zoning Division, along with the applicant's completed application and any other information required by the Zoning Division as part of the process for application for a permit.

2. *Site plan.* An applicant shall submit a site plan to the Zoning Division for the chicken coop and pen area. The chicken coop and pen area shall meet the following requirements:

i. The chicken coop and pen area shall be designed and constructed to protect the chickens from natural predators and domestic pets by being fully enclosed with welded wire mesh, hardware cloth, or other material of similar strength. Chicken wire fencing shall not be used. Additionally, the enclosure material shall be buried at least twelve (12) inches to obstruct or deter digging predators.

ii. The chicken coop and pen area shall be tied down to the ground for wind resistance.

iii. The maximum size of the chicken coop and pen area together shall be one hundred (100) square feet. The minimum size of the chicken coop shall be four (4) square feet per chicken. The minimum size of the pen area shall be ten (10) square feet per chicken.

iv. The maximum height of the chicken coop and pen area shall be six (6) feet, as measured from the existing grade to the highest part of the chicken coop or pen area.

v. The chicken coop and pen area shall be located only in the rear yard (not in a side yard, side street yard, or the front yard) and be set back a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any side or

side street property boundary; a minimum of ten (10) feet from the rear property boundary, any wetlands, upland buffers, berms, swales, conservation areas, and platted development right tracts; and fifty (50) feet from any normal high-water elevation.

vi. The chicken coop and pen area shall be cleaned regularly to foster healthy chickens; to prevent attracting insects and other vermin; to avoid objectionable odors detectable beyond the property line; and to comply with the requirements in [Section 5-42](#) of the Orange County Code, entitled *Nuisance Animals*, which prohibits owners or keepers of domestic animals from permitting or allowing animals to engage in certain prohibited behaviors. Repairs to the pen area and chicken coop shall be made as necessary to ensure safety for chickens and caretakers.

vii. Opaque fencing or vegetation shall exist or be installed to match the height of the chicken coop or pen area, whichever height is greater, to serve as a visual barrier for neighboring properties. The maximum height of the fencing or vegetation shall be six (6) feet.

3. *Posting of notice.* Upon issuance of a permit, the permittee shall post a sign provided by the Zoning Division on his or her property for a period of at least seven (7) days informing neighboring property owners of the permit.

c. *Number of chickens.* A maximum number of four (4) chickens is permitted.

d. *Care, maintenance, and disposal of chickens.*

1. *Food and water.* Chickens shall have access to food and water at all times. Feed shall be distributed in a rodent-proof feeder. Feed shall be stored in a covered metal or plastic rodent and wildlife-proof container.

2. *Housing and custody.* Chickens shall be housed at all times within the chicken coop or pen area, except they may be removed from the chicken coop or pen area by a resident of the single-family residence or mobile home, provided the resident keeps them under his or her continuous custody and control on the property while they are outside the chicken coop or pen area.

3. *Waste materials.* Composting of manure produced by chickens, including soiled bedding materials, is allowed in an enclosed bin. Composting of chicken manure or soiled bedding materials is subject to the requirements of [section 28-35](#) of the Orange County Code, except that any compost bin that contains chicken manure or soiled bedding materials shall be kept a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the property's boundary. Waste materials (feed, manure and litter) that are not composted shall be discarded in a sealed bag and placed in a residential garbage container for pick-up by waste collection services.

4. *Purpose of keeping chickens.* Chickens shall be kept for the purpose of producing eggs for consumption on the property only. Chickens, their eggs, feathers and manure shall not be sold. In addition, chickens shall not be bred; slaughtered, except as provided in Section 828.05, Florida Statutes, and any other applicable laws for the humane and proficient destruction of injured or diseased animals; or consumed.

5. *Transfer of chickens.* Any owner who decides to cease keeping any chicken shall relocate that chicken to a farm or agribusiness that is licensed or otherwise permitted to accept chickens, or to another Orange County resident who has a valid permit in good standing and whose property is in compliance with the requirements of this subsection (37). Chickens shall not be taken to the Orange County Animal Services Division or released into the wild.

6. *Disposal of deceased chickens.* Owners shall dispose of deceased chickens in compliance with the requirements of Section 823.041, Florida Statutes, and Section 62-701.520(5)(a) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, as either or both may be applicable.

e. *Additional terms and conditions for permits.*

1. *Maximum number of permits.* A certain maximum number of permits, as established or revised by the Board of County Commissioners, may be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, pursuant to this subsection (37).

2. *Non-transferable nature of permits.* Permits are personal to a permittee as the owner of the subject property and are not transferable.

3. *Property covenants and restrictions.* Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted to mean that the chickens are permitted where private covenants or restrictions prohibit such use, or where rules promulgated under such covenants and restrictions prohibit such use.

4. *Noncompliance.* The failure to comply with any of the standards and conditions set forth above may result in the revocation of a permit, and may be enforced by issuance of a notice of violation or civil citation. In the event that a permit is revoked, the owner shall relocate the chickens, within fifteen (15) days, to a farm or agribusiness that is licensed or otherwise permitted to accept chickens, or to another Orange County resident who has a valid permit in good standing and whose property is in compliance with the requirements of this subsection (37). Chickens shall not be taken to the Orange County Animal Services Division or released into the wild. Upon revocation of a permit, the permittee shall not be eligible to apply for another permit for a period of two (2) years.

5. *Right of entry onto private property; revocation of permit.* By applying for a permit under this subsection (37), the applicant grants (a) authorized County employees and agents, upon reasonable notice, a right of entry upon the exterior of the property to determine whether the standards and conditions of this section are being satisfied; and (b) the County the right to revoke a permit upon a determination of noncompliance with this subsection (37). To that end, any code enforcement officer shall be immune from prosecution, civil or criminal, for reasonable, good-faith trespass upon private property while in the discharge of responsibilities under this section.

f. *Prohibited poultry and fowl.* Roosters and other poultry or fowl, including turkeys, ducks, geese, pigeons, quail, and peafowl, shall be prohibited.

g. *Effective period.* This subsection (37) allowing chickens on a lot or parcel is a permitted program and shall remain in effect unless repealed. If this subsection (37) is repealed, the chickens, along with the chicken coop and pen area shall be removed from the lot or parcel within ten (10) years after the date of such repeal.

City of Deltona

Chapter 14 Animals

Sec. 14-281 Chicken Permit

A chicken permit shall be required for chickens to be kept, harbored, raised, or maintained in chicken coops as laying hens for eggs as accessory to a residential single-family structure, ("residence"), but only subject to the following:

- (1) No more than ten chickens may be kept on a parcel that is a half-acre or greater. No more than five chickens may be kept on a parcel that is less than a half-acre. Roosters shall be prohibited.
- (2) The residence shall be owner-occupied.

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- (3) The chicken permit applicant must sign a statement acknowledging that the chicken permit may be revoked for any violation of this article, as may be amended from time to time. The city will not be held responsible or liable for any losses to the applicant if such chicken permit is revoked.
 - (4) Ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, or any other poultry or fowl are not allowed under the provisions of this section of the code.
 - (5) Chickens and associated activities shall be kept for personal use only. Selling chickens, eggs, or chicken manure, or the breeding of chickens is prohibited.
 - (6) The coop and enclosure must be located in the rear yard, as defined by the City's Code of Ordinances. No coop or enclosure shall be allowed in any front yard.
 - (7) The coop or enclosure must comply with standard accessory structure setbacks and requirements per the zoning district in which the property is located.
 - (8) The coop must be easily accessible for cleaning and maintenance. A building permit is required for a chicken coop that exceeds 100 square feet. The coop shall not exceed a maximum of 200 square feet.
 - (9) The coop shall be covered and ventilated, and a fence enclosure/run is required. The coop must be completely secured from predators, including all openings, ventilation holes, doors, and gates.
 - (10) All stored feed must be kept in a rodent- and predator-proof container.
 - (11) Chickens shall be kept within a coop and enclosure from dusk until dawn. No person shall release or set any chicken free from such coop and enclosure unless under the supervision of a person, and no person shall slaughter a chicken.
 - (12) Chicken coops and enclosures shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Chickens shall not be permitted to create a nuisance consisting of odor, noise, or pests, or contribute to any other nuisance condition.

Sec. 14-282. Procedures for the granting of chicken permits.

The code compliance manager or designee, under the direction of the city manager, is authorized and directed to administer the chicken permit process as follows:

- (1) A chicken permit will be issued once an applicant has completed an application, met all requirements of Section 14-281 as amended from time to time, and staff concurs with the issuance of a chicken permit.
 - (2) There will be a \$25.00 fee for the chicken permit and initial inspection.
 - (3) Once a chicken permit has been issued for a chicken that is maintained under this section, the location may be subject to an annual inspection to ensure that the area is being maintained in a manner that is safe and sanitary for the animal and does not burden the neighbors of the residence.
 - (4) If any condition of the chicken permit has been violated, and not corrected within 15 days, or if a condition of the permit has been violated more than three times in a 12-month period, the city may revoke the chicken permit. The city is responsible for the determination of compliance with the requirements of this article. In matters of interpretation, the Code Compliance Manager or designee has the authority to determine compliance with the Code of Ordinances.
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- (5) A person aggrieved by a decision of the code compliance manager or designee in the issuance, denial or revocation of a chicken permit may appeal to the city manager. A person aggrieved by a decision of the city manager may appeal to the city commission.
- (6) Persons granted a chicken permit are encouraged to attend an appropriate training session made available by the University of Florida (UF) Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) to learn safe chicken and egg practices.

City of Gainesville

Chapter 30 Land Development Code

Sec. 30-5.39

The keeping or raising of fowl or livestock is allowed within the SF, RC, U1, and U2 districts as an accessory use, subject to the following standards:

A. *Permitted activities.* The maximum allowed number of fowl or livestock is as follows:

Type of fowl or livestock	Max Allowed
Fowl	10 Gallus Domesticus hens per single family residence. No other types of fowl are allowed.
Horses and other equine animals	Prohibited
Cattle	Prohibited
Goats and Sheep	Prohibited
Pigs	Prohibited
Rabbits	Prohibited

B. *Limitations.* Fowl or livestock permitted in this section shall be kept or raised for personal use only, except youth projects such as 4-H or FFA activities.

C. *Prohibited activities.*

1. On-premise sales of fowl or livestock or fowl or livestock byproducts (e.g. eggs, milk).
2. Commercial raising or keeping of fowl or livestock.
3. The keeping of roosters (defined as a male chicken of any age and generally characterized by an ability to crow) and any other crowing chickens are prohibited, as well as the slaughtering of hens in the SF, RC, U1, and U2 districts.

D. *Nuisance prohibited.* The raising and keeping of all fowl or livestock shall be done in such a manner so as not to create a public nuisance as set forth in chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances.

E. *Chicken coops within the SF, RC, U1, and U2 districts.*

1. Hens shall be contained within a covered chicken coop or fenced pen area. The coop and fenced pen area shall be located in the rear half of the residential lot behind the principal structure. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow hens to run at large

upon the streets, alleys or other public places of the city, or upon the property of any other person.

2. The coop and fenced pen area shall meet the setback requirements for an accessory structure in the applicable zoning district.
3. The coop and pen area shall be kept in a clean sanitary manner, free of insects and rodents, offensive odors (which shall not be detectable at property boundaries), excessive noise, or any other condition that could potentially cause a nuisance. Stored feed shall be secured in rodentproof and raccoon-proof enclosed containers.
4. A building permit is not required for the coop if it is movable or prefabricated, and 12 square feet or less in size.

City of Jacksonville

Chapter 656 Zoning Code

Sec. 656.422 Chickens allowed by permit in certain zoning districts

- (a) For the purpose of this Section, a chicken (*Gallus domesticus*) refers only to a female chicken. Chickens, also referred to herein as "Backyard hens," are allowed in conjunction with a single family dwelling as defined in Part 16 of the Zoning Code, by permit and subject to the performance standards and development criteria set forth herein.
- (b) A permit is required to ensure compliance with performance standards and development criteria. The application for permit must be submitted to the Planning and Development Department prior to placement of any chickens on the property. A one-time non-refundable permit fee as found in www.coj.net/fees, shall be required at the time of application. Prior to permit application, all residents wishing to have backyard hens must evidence the completion of a chicken keeping seminar from the Duval County Agricultural Extension Office. Upon submission of a completed application as determined by the Planning and Development Department, completion of the seminar, and payment of the permit fee as found in www.coj.net/fees, the Planning and Development Department shall issue the permit. If applicant has prior attended the chicken keeping seminar, applicant shall submit the permit application with fee, along with proof that applicant has completed the chicken keeping seminar at the Duval County Agricultural Extension Office.
- (c) Up to five chickens may be permitted on each residential lot. If the lot is larger than one acre, five additional chickens may be permitted per each additional 21,780 square feet over one acre. The aforementioned land requirements are the gross area of the premises harboring such chickens and include areas used by the resident for residential or other purposes, in addition to the keeping of the chickens, subject to the following performance standards and development criteria:
 - (1) Chickens shall be kept within a coop or enclosure (a fenced or wired in area, or pen, required in conjunction with a coop to provide an outside exercise area for chickens free from predators and of a size that allows access to a foraging area, sunlight, etc.) at all times. A coop is herein defined as a covered house, structure or room that will provide chickens with shelter from weather and with a roosting area protected from predators.

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- (2) The coop shall be screened from the neighbors' view, using an opaque fence and/or landscape screen.
 - (3) Any chicken coop and fenced enclosure shall be located in the rear yard of the property, unless the property is deemed to have double frontage on a navigable waterway. No coop, enclosure or chickens shall be allowed in any front or side yard (corner lots and through lots shall be excluded from side setback restriction) unless as otherwise described above.
 - (4) If the coop exceeds 100 square feet in size (10 foot by 10 foot), a building permit must be obtained from the City's Planning and Development Department.
 - (5) The coop shall be covered and ventilated, and a fenced enclosure/run is required that is well drained so that there is no accumulation of moisture. The coop and enclosure shall be completely secured from predators, including openings, ventilation holes, doors and gates (fencing or roofing is required over the enclosure in addition to the coop).
 - (6) The coop shall provide a minimum of three square feet per chicken and be of sufficient size to afford free movement of the chickens. The coop may not be taller than six feet measured from the natural grade, and must be easily accessible for cleaning and maintenance.
 - (7) All stored feed shall be kept in a rodent and predator proof container.
 - (8) Chickens may not be kept on duplex, triplex or in multifamily properties. Chickens are allowed in manufactured home subdivisions but are not allowed within mobile home/manufactured home or recreational vehicle home parks or rental communities.
 - (9) No male chickens/roosters, ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, pheasants, quail or any other poultry or fowl may be kept under this program.
 - (10) The slaughtering of chickens on the premises is strictly prohibited and therefore not allowed.
 - (11) Chickens shall be kept for personal use only. The selling of chickens, eggs or chicken manure, or the breeding of chickens for commercial purposes is prohibited.
 - (12) Chickens shall not be permitted to trespass on neighboring properties, be released or set free and shall be kept within a coop and enclosure at all times.
 - (13) Chicken coops and enclosures shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Chickens shall not be permitted to create a nuisance consisting of odor, noise or pests, or contribute to any other nuisance condition.
 - (14) All chicken coops or enclosures shall meet the setbacks for accessory structures pursuant to Section 656.403 of the Zoning Code.
- (d) No dog or cat that kills a chicken shall, for that reason alone, be considered a dangerous and/or aggressive animal.
 - (e) Chickens that are no longer wanted by their owners shall not be taken to Animal Care and Protective Services, nor shall they be released. Said chickens shall be taken to certain pre-identified locations, such as Standard Feed that will accept and place any and all unwanted chickens. Animal Care and Protective Services shall maintain a list of approved locations for the owner surrender of chickens.
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- (f) As a condition of the issuance of a permit, a permit holder consents to inspection of his or her property upon complaint to the City as related to backyard hens. Following a complaint as to a particular property and upon notice to the permit holder, the permit holder shall allow the Municipal Code Compliance Division to enter onto his or her property during a scheduled visit to ensure compliance with the regulations, performance standards and development criteria herein.
 - (g) This Section shall not change the rights granted to properties located in the Agriculture and Rural Residential-Acre zoning districts pursuant to Section 656.401(A)(3), Ordinance Code.
 - (h) This Section does not supersede any legally adopted, recorded restriction within any platted neighborhood. Moreover, this Section does not authorize persons to violate applicable restrictive covenants and homeowners' association rules and regulations. Therefore, persons applying for and receiving permits under this Section are required to certify whether their property is part of a deed restricted community or subject to a homeowners, neighborhood or master association, and if they answer in the affirmative, must provide a separate consent form (which is part of the application) signed by an officer of such entity that confirms that chickens are permitted by the entity on the subject property. The City does not police or enforce private restrictive covenants and homeowners', neighborhood and master association bylaws, rules and regulations. Persons applying for and receiving permits under this Section are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable restrictive covenants and homeowners', neighborhood or master association bylaws, rules and regulations.

City of Orlando

Chapter 58 Zoning Districts and Uses

Sec. 58.901 Accessory Structure Location and Zoning Standards

(i) Backyard Chicken Coop Accessory Structures.

1. Chicken coops must be located in the rear yard (behind the home). No coop will be allowed in any front or side yard.
2. The coop, pen, or chicken tractor must be a minimum of 20 feet from any neighboring residential homes, at least 5 feet from the principal structure on the subject property, and at least 5 feet from any property line. The coop, pen, or chicken tractor may be placed 0 feet from the property line if placed adjacent to a masonry wall on property in a non-residential zoning district. A 0 foot setback is allowed between a coop and another accessory structure on the subject property.
3. Chicken coops must be less than 50 square feet and may have an attached run. The coop must also be tied down for wind resistance.
4. An applicant for a permit must demonstrate compliance with the criteria in the Code in order to obtain a permit. The application for a permit must be submitted to the planning official. Applicants must submit photos of the proposed site of the coop/run areas, a survey/site plan of the subject property showing the location, and proof of successful completion of a University of Florida Agricultural Extension Service class or an equivalent class approved by the planning official.

5. A planning official determination is required for a permit. The planning official is authorized to implement reasonable rules and regulations regarding backyard chickens. The planning official must not approve locations with outstanding code violations.

6. No more than 100 permits will be issued citywide. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. If a participant chooses to leave the program, he/she must provide notice to the City. The City is then authorized to re-issue the permit to another qualified applicant. If a participant is removed from the program due to violations of the terms of this ordinance, his/her permit may also be re-issued to another qualified applicant.