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Chicken Rules and Regulations

The following regulations shall apply to the keeping of chickens in the R-1 through R-5 Single-Family Residential Districts. The keeping of all farm animals is not permitted in the R-6 Attached Single-Family and R-6A Multi-Family Residential Districts.

- Chickens shall be permitted in E-1, E-2, R-1 and R-2 Districts.
- Number permitted: No more than four (4) poultry shall be permitted per individual lot of record. Roosters shall not be permitted.
- Enclosures: All poultry shall be enclosed within a coop or coop-like structure. If such structure is greater than fifty (50) square feet in area, the structure shall require an accessory structure permit.
- Setback requirements: All coops or enclosures, regardless of size, shall comply with the applicable setback requirements for accessory structures within their zoning district. In addition, all coops or enclosures are required to maintain a setback of at least fifty (50) feet from all property lines.
- Confinement to the property: In the event that poultry are allowed outside of the enclosure, all poultry shall be confined to their designated lot of record. Refuse must be kept in closed watertight containers to prevent access and food to rodents or other pests.
- Slaughter of chickens: The outdoor slaughter of poultry shall not be permitted.
- Sale of eggs: The sale of eggs and chicken byproducts shall not be permitted.
- Nuisances prohibited: Per §69-13 (Nuisances prohibited) of Chapter 69 (Animals) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen, it is unlawful for owners to allow their poultry to become public nuisances at any time during the day or night, including excessive noise or odor, issues concerning public health, the attraction of flies or rodents, general cleanliness and the veterinary care of ill birds.
- Penalty: Any person found liable for violating any of the above provisions shall be subject to fines in accordance with §69-14 (Penalty) of Chapter 69 (Animals) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen.
- Permits. Except as otherwise described above, no permit shall be required for the keeping of poultry in the R-1 and R-2 Single-Family Residential Districts.
- Compliance of legal nonconformities: Upon the adoption of these regulations, any existing legal nonconforming structures or practices pertaining to the keeping of poultry within the R-1 through R-5 Single-Family Residential Districts shall have six (6) months to comply with the above regulations.

Amendments to Section §220-839 of the Code - "Exhibit A"

NOTE: The proposed text amendments are highlighted in yellow.

§220-839 Keeping of farm animals.

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Except as otherwise provided in these regulations or as may be otherwise regulated pursuant to the terms and conditions of a special use permit, the following regulations shall apply to the keeping of farm animals for personal use only and enjoyment.

A. Agricultural Districts.

(1) Number permitted.

(a) The combined total number of mature animals per acre shall be limited in accordance with the following table:

Animal	Number of Animals per Acre
Mule	1 = 1 unit
Cow	1 = 1 unit
Pig	1 = 1 unit
Sheep	2 = 1 unit
Goat	2 = 1 unit
Fowl, poultry	20 = 1 unit
Fur-bearing animals (except dogs and cats)	20 = 1 unit

(b) The Zoning Officer shall be empowered to determine the value in animal units for mature animals not listed above.

(2) Setback requirements. All structures for the keeping of farm animals are required to maintain a setback of at least fifty (50) feet from all property lines. In addition, all such structures shall also maintain the rear yard setback requirement for primary structures in their applicable Agricultural district.

B. Residential Districts. The following regulations shall apply to the keeping of chicken and bees in the R-1 through R-5 Single-Family Residential Districts. The keeping of all farm animals is not permitted in the R-6 Attached Single-Family and R-6A Multi-Family Residential Districts.

(1) Chicken

(a) Chickens shall be permitted in E-1, E-2, R-1 and R-2 Districts.

(b) Number permitted. No more than four (4) poultry shall be permitted per individual lot of record. Roosters shall not be permitted.

(c) Enclosures. All poultry shall be enclosed within a coop or coop-like structure. If such structure is greater than fifty (50) square feet in area, the structure shall require an accessory structure permit.

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- (d) Setback requirements. All coops or enclosures, regardless of size, shall comply with the applicable setback requirements for accessory structures within their zoning district. In addition, all coops or enclosures are required to maintain a setback of at least fifty (50) feet from all property lines.
- (e) Confinement to the property. In the event that poultry are allowed outside of the enclosure, all poultry shall be confined to their designated lot of record. Refuse must be kept in closed watertight containers to prevent access and food to rodents or other pests.
- (f) Slaughter of chickens. The outdoor slaughter of poultry shall not be permitted.
- (g) Sale of eggs. The sale of eggs and chicken byproducts shall not be permitted.
- (h) Nuisances prohibited. Per §69-13 (Nuisances prohibited) of Chapter 69 (Animals) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen, it is unlawful for owners to allow their poultry to become public nuisances at any time during the day or night, including excessive noise or odor, issues concerning public health, the attraction of flies or rodents, general cleanliness and the veterinary care of ill birds.
 - (i) Penalty. Any person found liable for violating any of the above provisions shall be subject to fines in accordance with §69-14 (Penalty) of Chapter 69 (Animals) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen.
- (i) Permits. Except as otherwise described above, no permit shall be required for the keeping of poultry in the R-1 and R-2 Single-Family Residential Districts.
- (j) Compliance of legal nonconformities. Upon the adoption of these regulations, any existing legal nonconforming structures or practices pertaining to the keeping of poultry within the R-1 through R-5 Single-Family Residential Districts shall have six (6) months to comply with the above regulations.

(2) Bees.

- (a) Bees shall be permitted in E-1, E-2, R-1 and R-2 Districts.
- (b) Number permitted. No more than two (2) hives or colonies shall be permitted per individual lot of record.
- (c) Setback requirements. All beehives shall maintain a setback of at least fifty (50) feet from all property lines. Beehives shall not be permitted within the front yard of any individual lot of record.
- (d) Notification of neighbors. All beekeepers shall notify all immediately adjacent property owners of any beehives located on the lot of record.