

HOMER GLEN BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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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.

- 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 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.