



Backyard Hens

Summary Guide

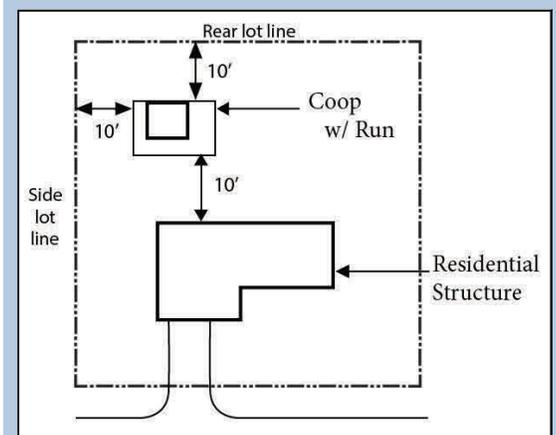
Do you live in a single family residential neighborhood on a lot smaller than 30,000 square feet?

If so, you may keep up to 6 female chickens (hens), as long as they are kept in accordance with the following provisions:

- Complete a permit application - prior to housing your future fowl, you will need to submit an application for a hen permit. The following information must be submitted:
 - Layout of the coop and run in accordance with the guidelines provided.



- Permits are issued for a 1 year period and may be renewed for an additional 2 years.
- Roosters are prohibited. 
- Hens must be kept in a covered coop or an enclosed run area at all times.
- Keep feed and other items associated with the keeping of hens clean and sanitary at all times to prevent the infestation of rats, mice and other rodents.
- Hens are not to be raised for the purpose of slaughtering.



Coop and run area guidelines:

- ψ Must be at least 30 feet from any residential structure not owned by the permittee and at least 10 feet from any property line.
- ψ Must be located in the rear yard and designed to minimize visual impact.
- ψ Coops must be covered with direct access to an enclosed run area.



Disclosures

- * Private restrictions by HOA's or similar organizations on the use of property shall remain enforceable and may prohibit the keeping of chickens.
- * If these requirements are not fully complied with, the city may revoke any permit granted under this section and/or initiate prosecution for civil infraction violation.