

***Ordinance Requirements for the Keeping of Chicken Hens
as found in Section 11-3-3 - Permitted Uses in R1 Single Family Zones***

1. The keeping of chicken hens shall be limited solely to those residential properties zoned "R1". It is not permitted in any other residential zone.
2. No more than ten (10) chicken hens may be kept upon the property.
3. Roosters are prohibited.
4. Chicken hens are restricted to the rear yard of the property. They are not permitted within the front yard or the side yard adjacent to the home.
5. Chicken hens shall be kept as pets and for personal use only. No person shall sell eggs or meat or engage in breeding or fertilizer production for commercial or hobby purposes. Exception: Eggs may be sold on the premises if the property is located in the R1-20 or larger residential zones.
6. All coops, cages and enclosures shall be set back from the side and rear property lines by at least five feet (5').
7. Chicken hens shall be kept within the coop, cage or enclosure at all times.
8. This permit does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable city code pertaining to nuisances, such as noise, smell, rubbish, animal waste or offal.

Why is a permit required?

- * To ensure that the animals are kept in a humane facility
- * To ensure that the permit holder understands that the structures must be set back the proper distance from the property lines
- * To provide the applicant with the minimum standards for the keeping of chicken hens and the prohibition on the keeping of roosters
- * To provide the applicant with additional information regarding the prohibition of selling their animal products - whether it be the eggs produced or surplus animals