



CHICKEN ORDINANCE HISTORY



BACKGROUND

- RA-1-20000 Zone allowed animal units since at least 1979
- Declined to pass ordinance in 2010, 2011 and 2013
- Passed an ordinance in 2014
- Immediately revised the ordinance to remove a permit requirement
- No changes since then



REQUIREMENTS

- Six hen chickens
- No roosters
- Single Family areas only (single family, twin home, duplex)
- Family consumption of eggs only - no sales
- Enclosures required
- Nominal location requirements



LANGUAGE AT ISSUE

3-7-801 Hen Chickens for Egg Production Allowed.

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ANIMAL KEEPING

Animal Keeping - The raising, care, and keeping of animals and fowl, specifically in the **A-1 and R1-15** Zones under the following conditions:

- (1) In the R1-15 Zone, no animals may be kept on any lot smaller in size than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet.
- (2) The number of animals kept on any lot or parcel shall not exceed one (1) animal unit, as defined below, for each ten thousand (10,000) square feet of area of the lot which is used as livestock management area.
- (3) No animals shall be kept on any lot or parcel where less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of the lot is used as livestock management area nor shall fractional animal units be permitted.



ANIMAL KEEPING CONT.

(4) For purposes of this Title, livestock management area shall include all portions of the lot or parcel used as sheds, barns, coops, corrals, pastures, stables, gardens or cultivated grounds where animal waste can be spread, but shall not include the area of lot or parcel devoted to dwellings, sidewalks, driveways, and lawn.

(5) “Animal keeping” does not include keeping hen **chickens** for egg production. Keeping hens for egg production in accordance with Title [3](#), Chapter 7 does not count for utilization of an animal unit unless more fowl are kept than permitted therein.



LAND USE MATRIX

- Animal Keeping Allowed only in A-1, A-S and R1-15.
- Chickens for Egg Production Allowed in all residential zones



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LEGISLATIVE DECISION

- Questions?