



Planning and Development Department

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Permitted zoning districts

- The keeping of fowl (chickens) shall be allowed as accessory to any single family residence for personal use in the following zoning districts: RSF-1, 3.5 units/acre single-family residential district; RSF-2, 4.6 units/acre single-family residential district; RSF-2, 5.8 units/acre single-family residential district; RSF-4, 8 units/acre single-family residential district; and RC, 12 units/acre residential conservation district as a use by right in-accordance with subsection (b) below.

Permitting requirements

1. No more than 10 chickens shall be allowed; ~~four (4)~~ hens shall be allowed on lots 10,000 square feet or less and up to 6 hens on lots greater than 10,000 square feet.
2. Roosters are prohibited;
3. All fowl must be kept in an enclosed area, if a coop is used the location must meet the setbacks for a principal structure in the zoning districts and must be placed in a rear yard. Coops whether mobile or stationary, shall be designed to ~~must be mobile to~~ protect turf and prevent the build-up of pathogens and waste;

Permitting requirements

4. Off –premise free range fowl is prohibited;
5. All properties must be kept in a sanitary condition at all times in such a manner to control noxious odors, and the breeding of rodents, flies and other insects, so as not to create a nuisance of any kind, including keeping feed in enclosed containers and disposing of waste regularly . Odors must not be detectable at the property lines ;

Permitting requirements

6. All properties must comply with city codes regarding noise and nuisances; and
 7. Poultry and poultry by products shall not be sold on the premises.
- ~~No fee permit~~

Number of Chickens

- **What is the appropriate number of chickens to allow in Single-Family Neighborhoods for personal use?**
- **Alachua County allows 6 Chickens**
- **Urban Chicken Keeper 6 Chickens**
- **Plan Board 10 Chickens**
- **Alternative 6 /10**

Issues

- **What are the nuisance issues?**
- **Noise – Roosters prohibited, chickens do make noise when they lay eggs**
- **Odor – Six, 4lb chickens will produce 6 to 21 oz of manure per day, 137 – 480 lbs of manure per year. (Does not include the weight or volume of the bedding materials)**
- **Public Health – Attracting flies and rodents, Diseases, and cleanliness**

- **Approve the petition**