



## Legislation Text

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### **TEXT CHANGE - REGULATING CHICKEN-KEEPING AS AN ALLOWABLE ACCESSORY USE BY RIGHT IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND RC DISTRICT (B)**

Ordinance 130180; Petition No. PB-13-64 TCH

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to chicken-keeping in residential zoning districts; amending the Code of Ordinances by amending the definition of Fowl in Section 5-1. Definitions; amending the Land Development Code by creating Section 30-124. Chicken-keeping to allow by right and provide applicable regulations regarding the keeping of chickens as an accessory use to any single-family dwelling in the residential zoning districts of RSF-1, RSF-2, RSF-3, RSF-4, and RC; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

#### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT**

This ordinance will allow up to 10 chickens as an accessory use to a single-family dwelling in the residential zoning districts of RSF-1, RSF-2, RSF-3, RSF-4, and RC. This ordinance seeks to control nuisance issues and public health concerns with applicable conditions. This issue is currently regulated through Chapter 5, Animal Control and not the Land Development Code. The current regulations allow up to two chickens (hens) and no roosters.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on July 9, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on July 25, 2013 and recommended approval of the petition with amendments by a vote of 5-1. On September 5, 2013, the City Commission approved the petition as amended by staff by a vote of 5-2.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM**

This ordinance requires two hearings and shall become effective immediately upon final adoption.