



Zoning Permit for Residential Chicken Keeping

Zoning Permit #:

Date:

Home Owners Association/Deed Restriction Notification

Please be advised that Roanoke County does not enforce Home Owners Association (HOA) regulations or deed restrictions as these are private matters. To ensure there are no conflicts with these documents, Roanoke County staff recommends that the applicant check the HOA regulations, if applicable, and deed restriction prohibiting the keeping of chickens on this property. The County's Ordinance does not supersede HOA regulations or deed restrictions. Thank you.

Tax Map #:

Magisterial District:

Applicant Name:

Property Owner Name (if Different):

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

Standards for Residential Chicken Keeping

Roanoke County Code Sec. 5-38.

The keeping of female chickens (hens) shall be permitted in non-agriculturally zoned areas of the county subject to the following standards:

- (1) The principal use of the property is a single-family dwelling.
- (2) The owner of the chickens must reside on the property on which the chickens are kept.
- (3) Chickens shall be kept within a predator-resistant coop or chicken enclosure at all times and shall not be permitted to run at large.
- (4) Coops and chicken enclosures shall be setback at least ten (10) feet from side and rear property lines and at least thirty-five (35) feet from any residential dwelling on an adjacent lot. Coops and chicken enclosures shall also be located behind the front building line of the principal structure.
- (5) Coops shall provide at least two (2) square feet of interior space per chicken and chicken enclosures shall provide at least ten (10) square feet of exterior space per chicken with a maximum total area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet for both the coop and chicken enclosure. Neither the coop nor chicken enclosure shall exceed ten (10) feet in height.
- (6) Coops and chicken enclosures shall be securely constructed, well-ventilated and kept in a clean, dry and sanitary condition at all times.
- (7) Provision shall be made for the storage and removal of chicken waste (manure). Such waste shall not create a nuisance or health hazard to adjoining property owners.
- (8) All chicken feed or other material intended for consumption by chickens shall be kept in containers impenetrable by rodents, insects or predators.
- (9) The keeping of roosters, capons, and crowing hens is prohibited.
- (10) The outdoor slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.
- (11) The maximum number of female chickens (hens) that may be kept shall be as follows:

Lot Size	Maximum Number of Female Chickens (Hens)
20,000 square feet or less	6
20,001 square feet to 1.0 acre	9
Greater than 1.0 acre	12

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the Residential Chicken Keeping Standards and will comply with all standards. Additionally, I consent to allow Roanoke County staff to enter the property listed above, if needed, to enforce these standards.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

TAX PARCEL #: _____

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

COMMENTS: _____