

CHICKENS IN AMMON

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- 1 The keeping of domestic hens is hereby permitted within the following residential zones within the City subject to the provisions of this section: R1, R1A, RP, RPA, R2 (the R2 zone is limited to those properties developed as townhomes and shall not pertain to properties built and/or developed as apartments as defined in Title 10, Chapter 2 (10-2-1) of the City Code. The keeping of such hens is allowed only when the primary use is for the production of eggs.
- 2 Domestic hens shall be allowed on any single family residentially zoned lot, meeting the terms of this chapter and with the following restrictions:
 - (A) On any lot with a detached home a maximum of six (6) domestic hens shall be allowed.
 - (B) On any lot with an attached home a maximum of three (3) domestic hens shall be allowed.
- 3 All buildings, shelters or enclosures used for the purpose of housing or sheltering domestic hens shall be located no less than twenty feet (20') from the primary residence located upon the lot or parcel for such uses and no less than twenty feet (20') from any primary residence located upon an adjacent lot to the parcel for such uses.
- 4 The side yard requirements of any building, shelter or enclosure used for domestic hens shall meet the minimum side yard requirement

of the zone and/or lot in which the structure or fence is located. The side yard requirement shall be as defined in Title 10, Chapter 2 (10-2-1) of the City Code. For lots containing townhomes with zero lot line division, the side yard required shall be the minimum distance allowed for the side yard not considered to be a zero lot line. The setback distance between the side property line and the structure or fence is: R1 = 8 feet, R1A = 8 feet, RP = 20 feet, RPA = 10 feet, and R2 = 8 feet.

- 5 All buildings, shelters or enclosures used for the purpose of housing or sheltering domestic hens shall be located in the rear yard of the property as defined in Title 10, Chapter 2 (10-2-1) of the City Code.
- 6 Domestic hens shall at all times be kept within a secure enclosure having a total area of not less than six (6) square feet per domestic hen. Domestic hens shall not be kept within any building or structure designed for human occupancy.
 - (A) In addition to the above requirement, there shall also be a coop provided for nesting. This area shall be a minimum of two (2) square feet per domestic hen. The coop area may be elevated within the required enclosure area or included as an attachment to the enclosure. If elevated there must be a minimum of eighteen (18) inches between the bottom of the nesting area and the ground within the enclosure.
- 7 The area, within which domestic hens are kept, shall be cleaned and maintained in a manner that does not unreasonably attract flies, emit foul or objectionable odors or create a public health hazard nor shall the keeping of domestic

hens disturb the peace of the adjoining properties or otherwise constitute a nuisance. Any building, structure or coop used for housing domestic hens shall provide adequate ventilation to prevent excessive odors or create a public health hazard.

- 8 Hens shall have access to feed and unfrozen water at all times.
- 9 All domestic hens found running at large are declared to be a nuisance, and it shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to confiscate the same. Domestic hens picked up by the Animal Control Officer shall be confined at the animal control shelter for twenty-four (24) hours; after such time the Animal Control Officer may release said hen(s) to any person(s) who can show the ability to provide the immediate care and shelter required for said hen(s) or at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer dispose of said hen(s).
- 10 Nothing in section 5-3-8 (E) shall disallow any animal overlay or zoning that may allow for additional domestic hens as provided in another portion of section (5-3-8).
- 11 Under no circumstances shall the allowances within this chapter be perceived to allow any rooster within the City.
- 12 An animal control officer shall be authorized to inspect any property where hens are kept upon receipt of any complaint or observation that the requirements of this section have not been met.

