



CITY OF MAULDIN

GUIDE TO KEEPING CHICKENS

AM I ELIGIBLE TO HAVE CHICKENS ON MY PROPERTY?

Chickens are only allowed at your property if it has a regular (“detached”) single-family residence. Townhomes, duplexes, apartments, and mobile homes are not eligible. Additionally, check your restrictive covenants and HOA regulations. If you have restrictive covenants or HOA regulations that say you can’t have chickens on your property, those restrictions apply.

DO I NEED ANY TYPE OF PERMIT?

No, you do not need any type of permit to have chickens. However, you do need to make sure that you are familiar with and follow the City’s rules for keeping chickens.

Please note that if you are performing any electrical work as part of installing a chicken coop, you will need an electrical permit.

WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR KEEPING CHICKENS?

- Only hens (females chickens) are allowed
- You can have up to 5 hens at one time
- You must keep your hens in a fenced in area in your backyard
- You must keep your hens in a coop from sunset to sunrise each night (this helps protect them from predators and keep their noise down)
- Chicken feed must be stored in a leak-proof container with a tight-fitting cover so that it will not attract vermin and predators

WHAT CAN’T I DO?

- You cannot keep roosters
- You cannot slaughter or breed chickens
- You cannot allow your chickens to create a nuisance (see Code of Ord. Sec. 6-13)

WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR INSTALLING A CHICKEN COOP?

- The coop must be in your backyard
- The coop must be at least 18 inches tall
- The coop cannot exceed a total height of more than 6 feet above the ground
- The coop must have a floor area of at least 2 square feet per chicken
- The total area of the coop and any connected runs cannot exceed an area of 100 square feet
- The coop must be set back at least 10 feet from your property lines
- The coop must be set back at least 50 feet from your neighbors’ homes
- The coop must be screened from your neighbors’ properties by a fence, wall, or landscaping
- The coop must be entirely enclosed and constructed of sturdy materials that will keep predators out
- The coop must be cleaned regularly

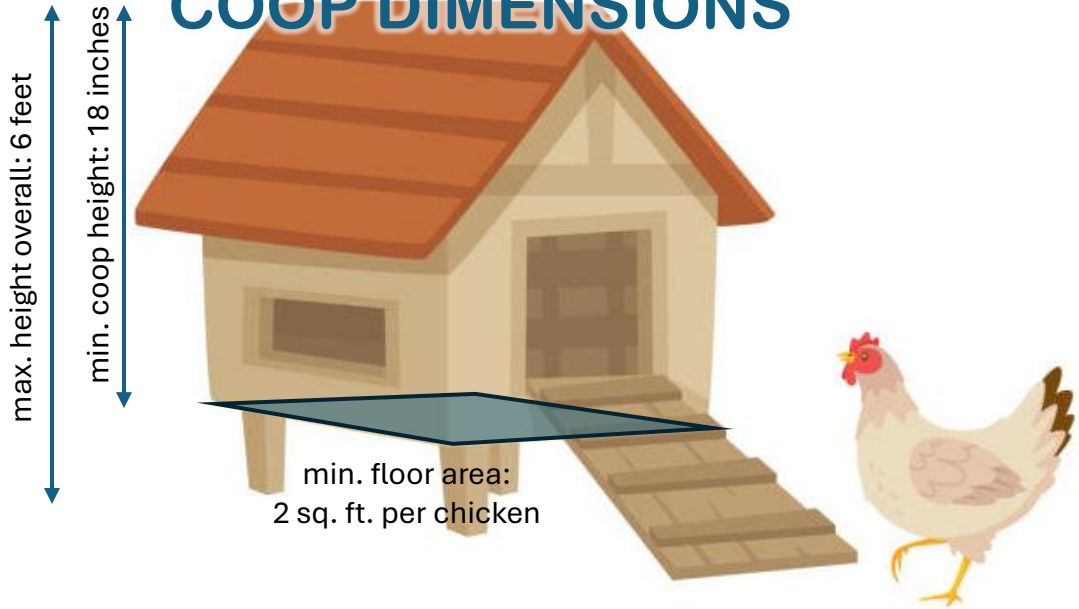
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COOP DIMENSIONS



COOP PLACEMENT

