

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Hens, not roosters, are allowed.
- A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 hens are allowed per coop.
- Coop licenses shall not be issued to applicants living in apartment or condominium buildings.
- Coop licenses shall not run with the land.
- Any person found to be in violation shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$750.00 for each offense. If an owner is adjudged to have three (3) violations of this Ordinance, the owner's coop license shall be revoked. Each day an owner is not compliant with this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

ABOUT THE CARE OF THE HENS

- Hens shall be kept in such a way as not to cause a nuisance as defined in Title 1 Chapter 3 Section 2 (included here) and Title 8 Chapter 4 Section 1.

NUISANCE: Anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City; or any act or thing repugnant to, or creating a hazard to, or having a detrimental effect on the property of another person or to the community.

- Hens shall be kept in an enclosure which shall be maintained in such a manner so as to protect the hens from predators and trespassers.
- Hen yards and coops shall be large enough to provide at least 4 feet per hen.
- Hen yards and coops shall be constructed and maintained to reasonably prevent the collection of standing water; and shall be cleaned of hen droppings, uneaten or discarded feed, feathers, and other waste with such frequency as is necessary to ensure the hen yard and coop do not become nuisances as defined in Title 8 Chapter 4 Section 1 and Title 5 Chapter 1.
- Hen coops shall be built and kept in such a manner so as to allow for easy ingress and egress for the hens and shall offer protection from weather elements including cold temperatures.

ABOUT THE COOP

- Coops are "accessory structures" as defined in Title 6 Chapter 18 Section 3. The definitions of "Structure" and "Accessory Structure or Use" are included here.

Structure: Anything erected, the use of which requires more or less permanent location on the ground or attachment to something having a permanent location on the ground.

Accessory Structure or Use: A structure or use that: a) is subordinate to and serves a principal building or a principal use, except for a drive-in facility; b) is subordinate in area, extent, and purpose to the principal structure or principal use served; c) contributes to the comfort, convenience, or necessity of the occupants, business, or industry of the principal structure or principal use served; and d) is located on the same lot as the principal structure or principal use

served, except as otherwise expressly authorized by the provisions of this Ordinance. Accessory parking facilities may be authorized to be located elsewhere. An accessory structure attached to a principal building in a substantial manner by a wall or roof shall be considered part of the principal building.

- Coops must abide by all the requirements of Title 6 Chapter 4 Section 6-2 General Provisions for Accessory uses and Structures. Relevant text included here:

(C) No accessory building shall be located within ten feet (10') of the nearest wall of the principal building.

(D) No accessory building shall be located within the required front or side yard abutting a street, nor between the front of the principal building and the front lot line.

(E) In residential districts, an accessory building located in a rear yard or interior side yard shall be at least three feet (3') from any property line. In any district other than a residential district, accessory buildings used for required off street parking purposes shall be located at least five feet (5') from the rear lot line abutting an alley.

(F) No accessory building located in the rear yard of a corner lot shall be nearer to a street lot line than the minimum width required for a side yard abutting a street in the district where the lot is located.

(G) No accessory building shall exceed fourteen and one-half feet (14 1/2') in height for a flat roof or mansard roof, or seventeen and one-half feet (17 1/2') for all other roofs, except as otherwise provided for garages in section 6-4-6-4 of this chapter.

- If the coop will include plumbing or electricity, a building permit and required fees are required. Contact Building Department, at 847.448.4311 with questions.