

## **Supplementary Development Standards Section 12-55-240**

### **Section 12-55-240 Raising of Chickens and/or Rabbits**

The following criteria relates to the raising of chickens and/or rabbits for the purpose of animal and fowl for recreation and family food production within approved zones found in Chapter 12-36 of the Table of Uses Allowed.

(a) *Allowance.* The raising of rabbits and hen chickens (roosters prohibited), shall be allowed within the agricultural zones and Residential-Low (R-L) Zone for personal family food production *by permit only*.

(1) No more than six (6) hen chickens/rabbits or combination thereof shall be allowed on a single lot.

(A) *Permit Required.* A permit shall be obtained from the City as described in Section 12-21-090 of this Title. The application shall also include the following:

(i) The name, address and telephone number of applicant.

(ii) Total number of hen chickens/rabbits requested.

(iii) Site plan indicating the location and dimensions of coop/cage, property lines, fencing in relation of the keeping of chickens and/or rabbits.

(2) Any roosters hatched shall be properly removed from the property within five (5) months of age.

(3) The number of rabbits born that exceed the allowed number of six (6) shall be removed within five (5) months of age.

(b) *Containment.*

(1) All hen chickens/rabbits shall be contained within a completely fenced backyard of a residential dwelling for free-range and/or a proper coop/cage for their containment.

(A) Coops/cages shall be detached from the home and shall be at least six (6) feet from any other structure, at least eighteen (18) feet from an adjacent dwelling and three (3) feet from any rear or side property line.

(B) Coops/cages shall provide at least six square feet per chicken/rabbit.

(C) Coops/cages shall not be larger than 120 square feet, unless a building permit is issued for its construction.

(c) *Maintenance.*

(1) All feed shall be properly stored within a rodent proof container.

(2) Coops/Cages and other enclosures shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and shall be cleaned as necessary as to prevent any odor detectable at the property line of adjacent parcels.

(d) *Slaughtering.* The slaughtering of hen chickens/rabbits shall be permitted for personal food use with all discarded material being placed within a secured container and disposed of properly. Roosters, hen chickens (no longer producing) and rabbits, shall be properly slaughtered and disposed of or removed from the property. It shall be strictly prohibited for unwanted animals to be deposited and abandoned at an off premise location within the City or County.

(d) *Nuisance.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any chickens/rabbits in a manner contrary to the provisions of this section. Any such violation shall be subject to enforcement procedures found within Chapter 12-23 of this Title and/or be subject to the provisions of City/County Animal Control regulations.