

Chapter 6 – Animal Control

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6.08 – Backyard Chickens

6.08.010 - Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish regulations for the keeping of chickens on residentially zoned properties of City of Boardman. This chapter establishes standards and enforcement authority.

6.08.020 - Definitions.

“Chicken” means the common domestic fowl or its young.

“Chicken run” means an outdoor enclosed or fenced area where chickens feed or exercise.

“Coop” means a cage or roofed enclosure in which chickens are kept.

“Hen” means a female adult chicken.

“Rooster” means a male adult chicken.

6.08.030 - Standards for single-family residential and urban development zones.

The keeping and raising of chickens shall be allowed on properties zoned single-family residential or urban development in City of Boardman subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- A. A permit shall be obtained from the City prior to the keeping of chickens. Property renters must obtain written approval from the property owner to apply for a permit.
- B. A resident of a single-family dwelling or duplex in the single-family residential development zone may keep hens on the lot on which the resident resides.
- C. The maximum number of hens allowed shall be three.
- D. Hens are allowed only in a fully fenced rear yard.

- 22 E. Hens shall be confined at all times within a coop, pen or chicken run, except when under the
23 personal supervision of an owner or custodian.
- 24 F. A coop shall not exceed 80 square feet in area or 6 feet in height.
- 25 G. There shall be a minimum six square feet of run space per hen.
- 26 H. A chicken coop shall be set back at least three feet from any building on the subject property and
27 10 feet from all neighboring property lines.
- 28 I. Chicken feed must be kept secure from pests in rodent proof containers.
- 29 J. Poultry coops shall be kept clean, dry, free of vermin, noticeable odors, and in good repair.
- 30 K. Waste must be collected and removed from the subject property on a regular basis.
- 31 L. Roosters are prohibited.
- 32 M. No person shall sell eggs or engage in poultry breeding or fertilizer production.
- 33 N. Poultry may not be slaughtered or killed except pursuant to the lawful order of state or county
34 health officials, or for the purpose of euthanasia.

35 6.08.040 – Penalties

36 Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is liable for revocation of the permit and a
37 citation for a Class B Violation consistent with Boardman Municipal Code Chapter 1.16