



RESIDENTIAL CHICKENS

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD | DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | PLANNING SERVICES

This handout was developed to identify the basic requirements and assist you with your chicken coop project. The guidelines provided herein are by no means all-inclusive, but they do identify the most critical items that are involved in this type of project.

PERMITS REQUIRED? **YES**

REFERENCED CODES

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS: **FINAL**

- LOMBARD MUNICIPAL CODES, SECTION 155.227 and SECTION 155.212
- LOMBARD MUNICIPAL CODES, SECTION 90.04

To apply for a permit or schedule an inspection visit portal PERMITS@VILLAGEOFLOMBARD.ORG/ONLINEPERMITS

Chickens and chicken coops are allowed in the rear yards on single-family home properties (within the R0, R1, and R2, Zoning Districts). A permit shall be obtained before keeping chickens and a coop.

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST (review process cannot begin without complete document submittal, please see the list below)

☐ ONLINE PORTAL PERMIT APPLICATION (Select Z-chickens in sub-type drop-down menu)

☐ DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL (combine into a single PDF file):

BUILDING COMPLIANCE REVIEW

TO-SCALE AND DIMENSIONED DRAWINGS SHOWING:

☐ CHICKEN COOP PLAN

SIZE, MATERIAL AND REINFORCEMENT OF THE FOUNDATION SYSTEM (E.G. TRENCH, THICKENED EDGE, ETC.),

☐ ELECTRIC PLAN

CONSTRUCTION DRAWING WITH A CABLE ROUTING DIAGRAM, AN ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION WIRING DIAGRAM, AND A TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION.

ZONING AND DRAINAGE COMPLIANCE REVIEW

☐ PLAT OF SURVEY

UP-TO-DATE PLAT SHOWING TO-SCALE: 1) THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE, 2) DISTANCE TO THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER STRUCTURES, 3) SETBACKS FROM THE PROPERTY LINES, AND 4) APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE NEARBY UTILITY LINES.

PAPER-BASED SUBMITTAL: (1) COMPLETELY FILLED OUT PERMIT APPLICATION AND COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS AS LISTED ABOVE.

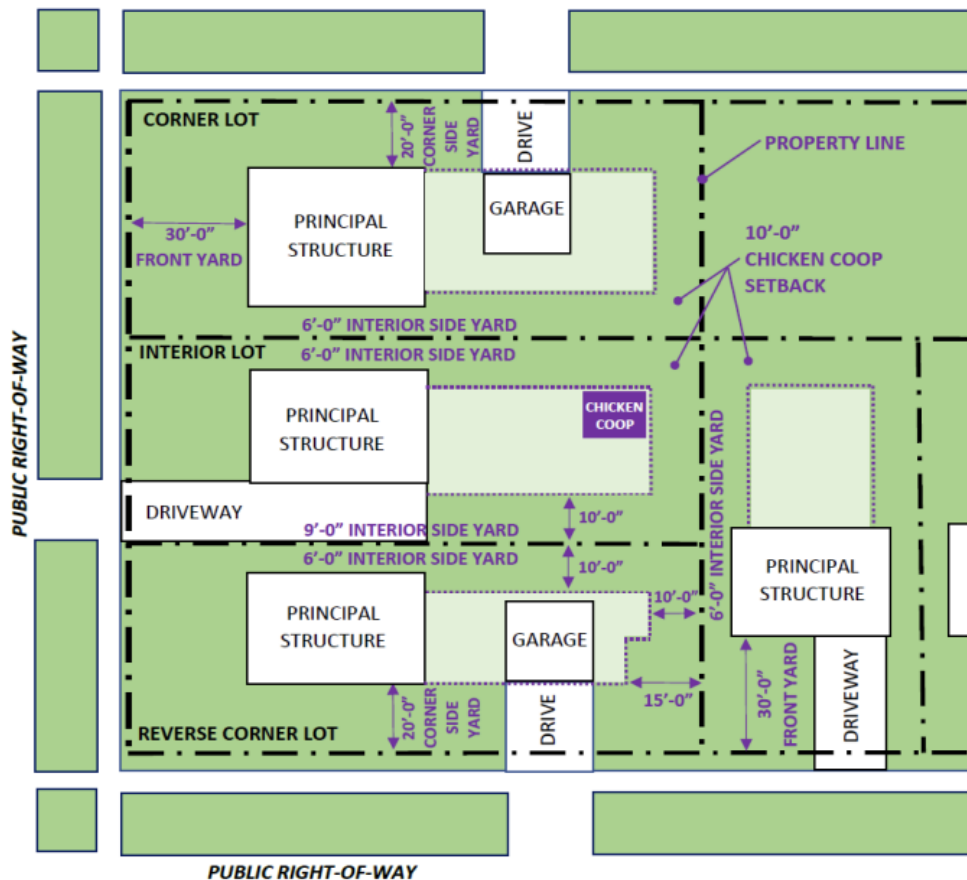
PAPER-BASED SUBMITTAL MAY TAKE LONGER.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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ZONING REQUIREMENTS

- A maximum of six (6) hens, and a minimum of two (2) hens, shall only be permitted on properties zoned R0, R1, or R2 Districts; and occupied for single-family residential use. Chicken coops are allowed as a type of accessory structure.
- All hens shall be kept within a covered enclosure/structure with an attached covered/enclosed outdoor area to prevent hens from encroaching onto neighboring properties. The covered/enclosed outdoor area shall be fenced.
- An outdoor area minimum of four (4) sq. ft. per hen will be required and a maximum of one hundred and fifty (150) sq. ft. will be permitted for both the covered enclosure/structure and outdoor area.
- The maximum height of a chicken coop shall be eight (8) ft.
- All hens and requisite fence enclosures/structures shall be kept/located in the rear yard or within the buildable area of the lot behind the rear exterior walls of the principal structure.
- All enclosures/ structures shall be located a minimum of ten (10) ft. from all lot lines.
- The structure shall contain insulated walls and/ or an insulated blanket that must cover the structure during the winter months.
- Roosters are prohibited.
- The sale of eggs is prohibited.
- Chicken coops shall not be allowed to be in any part of a home and/ or garage.



The light green area shows where a chicken coop could be placed on the example property.

FIGURE 1. ALLOWABLE CHICKEN COOP LOCATION WITHIN SETBACK LINES

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- All areas where hens are kept shall be clean and well maintained with little to no accumulation of waste. In addition, all areas where hens are kept shall not produce or cause odors that are detectable on adjacent properties.
- Chicken coops shall be maintained in a manner that provides adequate lighting and ventilation, and protects chickens from cold weather, precipitation, rodents, predators, and trespassers.
- All feed shall be kept in a sealed metal container.
- All electrical appurtenances shall be UL listed, clearly labeled, and plugged into a GFCI protected electric device.
- A hen permit issued under this article may be revoked upon the commission of three (3) violations within a period of twelve (12) months. If the permit is revoked, the property shall not be eligible for a permit for one year after revocation. Any enclosure/ structure shall be required to be removed within fifteen (15) days of revocation.
- No slaughtering.
- No other poultry, including but not limited to geese, ducks, and turkeys shall be kept on the property.
- A building permit shall be required for all permanent enclosures/ structures associated with the keeping of hens.
- A permit issued by the Village with a one-time fee, per Section 150.141, shall be required prior to purchasing the hens.

BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Chicken coop structures must be secured to the ground to withstand wind loads.
- Stick-built chicken coops shall be of approved wood of natural resistance to decay (redwood, western cedar, etc.) or treated lumber (painted or stained).
- Prefabricated chicken coops shall be installed per the manufacturer's published installation instructions.