

Oneida County

Chapter 9 Article 5 – Additional Types of Uses

9.56 DOMESTICATED CHICKENS/DUCKS (#1-2011,5-2014)

A. Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose of this ordinance to provide standards for the keeping of domesticated chickens/ducks. It is intended to enable residents to keep a small number of chickens/ducks on a non-commercial basis.

B. Definitions

1. Chicken – The common fowl (*Gallus gallus*) especially when young; also - its flesh used as food.
2. Pen – shall mean a wire enclosure connected to a coop for the purpose of allowing chickens/ducks to leave the coop while remaining in an enclosed, predator-safe environment.
3. Duck – Any of various swimming birds (family Anatidae, the duck family) in which the neck and legs are short, the feet typically webbed, the bill often broad and flat, and the sexes usually different from each other in plumage.
4. Coop – shall mean a structure for the sheltering of chickens/ducks. An existing shed or garage can be used for this purpose if it meets the standards contained in this ordinance including the required setbacks from property lines.

C. Number and Type of Chickens/Ducks Allowed

1. The maximum number of chickens and/or ducks allowed is eight (8) per Lot.
2. Only female chickens are allowed, no roosters. Male or female ducks are allowed. There is no restriction on chicken or duck species.

D. Coop and Pen Construction

The chickens/ducks shall be provided with a covered coop and attached pen. Chickens/ducks shall not be allowed out of the coop or pen.

E. Location

1. Chicken/duck coops and pens shall not be located closer than fifty (50) feet to any lot line.
2. Chicken/duck coops and pens shall not be located closer than seventyfive (75) feet from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of any lake, river or stream.
3. Chicken coops and pens, pursuant to this section are allowed in District

#2 - Single Family Residential, District #4 – Residential and Farming, District #10 – General Use, District #14 – Residential and Retail and District #15 – Rural Residential.

4. Minimum lot size is one acre.

F. Other Provisions

Poultry are still allowed in District #4 - Residential and Farming, District #10 - General Use, District #14 - Residential and Retail, and District #15 – Rural Residential pursuant to the requirements in those sections.