



PTA 26-0001

Domestic Fowl Regulations

February 18, 2025 – Planning Commission

Agenda



- Project purpose
- Overview of code amendments
- Approval criteria
- Next steps
- Discussion and recommendation



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Project Purpose

Background

- November 12, 2013: Council approves PTA 13-02 to allow chicken keeping in the RL zone through adoption of Ordinance 1362-13. Ordinance does not include ducks or domestic fowl.
- June 2025: Code compliant regarding “strange animals” being kept in the RL zone. Officer met with the property owner, who explained that his family was keeping ducks.
- July 14, 2025: Property owner requests that Council review the matter and amend City law to allow for the keeping of ducks in RL zone.
- August 11, 2025: Council directs staff to amend chicken regulations to include “domestic fowl”.



Image: Lisa Steele

Project Purpose

Domestic Fowl Regulations

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards for keeping domestic fowl humanely in urban backyards while safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tualatin.

- Expands regulations for the keeping of backyard chickens to include domestic fowl
- Public engagement limited to legislative process requirements
- Limited scope:
 - Municipal Code 6-15
 - Development Code Chapters 39 and 40



Image: Field and Flock Lavender Farm

Overview

How is Domestic Fowl defined?

- Includes chickens, ducks, pheasants, pigeons, quail, partridges, doves, and similar birds for personal use
- Shared character traits include:
 - Sustainable source of eggs;
 - Natural pest control;
 - Minimal space needs; and
 - Able to adapt to human activity/ environments.



Overview



What fowl are prohibited?

- Roosters, geese, guinea fowl, peacocks, and turkeys
- Shared character traits include:
 - Loud;
 - Cause property damage; and
 - Are aggressive toward people and pets.



Overview

What do other cities permit?

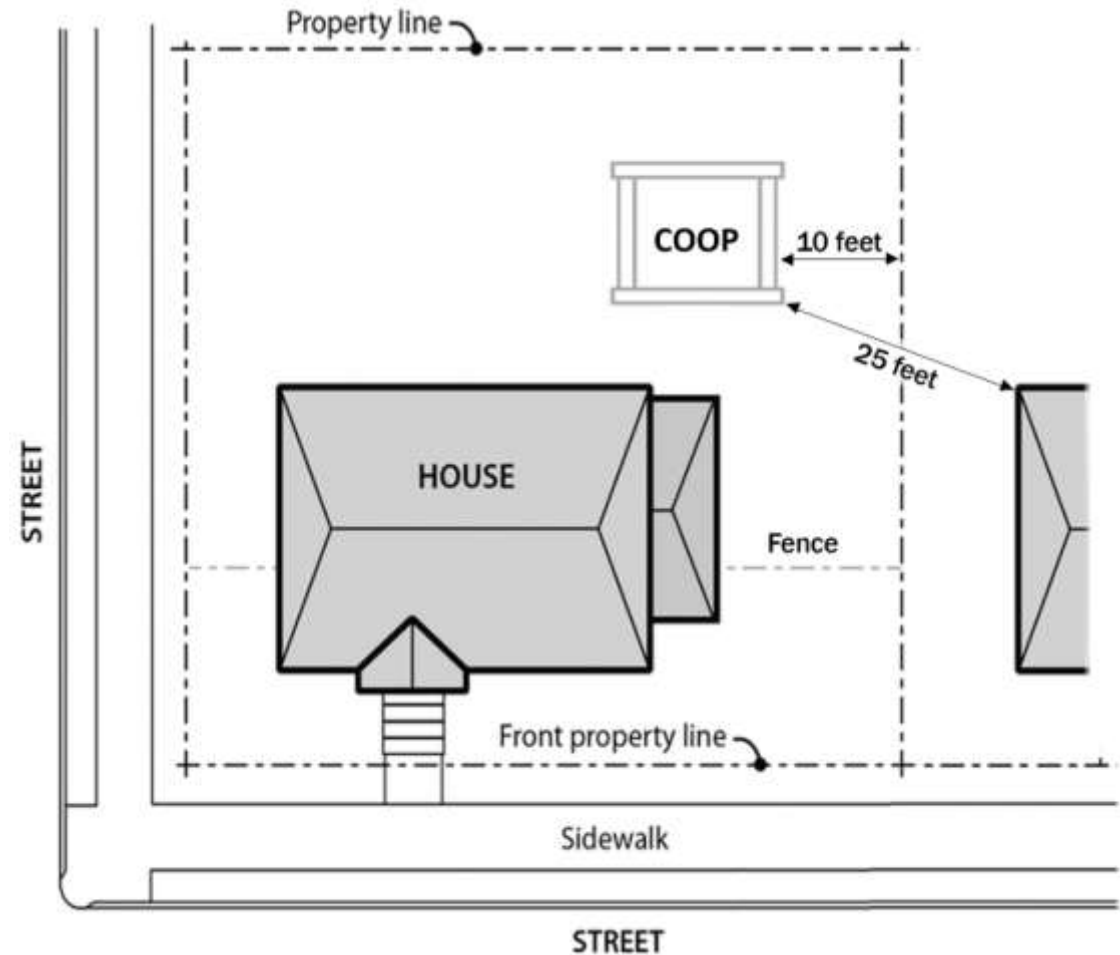
	Chickens	Ducks	Guinea Fowl	Pheasants	Pigeons	Quails	Partridges	Doves	Rooster	Geese	Peacocks	Turkeys	Emus/ Ostriches
Tualatin	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-
Newberg	●	●	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	●	◆	●	-
Forest Grove	●	●	-	●	-	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-
Portland	●	●	◆	◆	●	◆	◆	◆	●	●	●	●	●
Salem	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	●	●
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- Permitted
- ◆ Code silent on type, but could be considered “fowl raised for meat or eggs” or “similarly sized domestic fowl”
- Not listed in code
- Permitted on lots greater than 20,000 sf that allow agricultural uses
- Not permitted

Overview

Maintains existing licensing requirements

- Valid for five years
- Limited to four domestic fowl for any lot
- Fowl must be confined to a coop in a fenced backyard or run
- Coop must be:
 - Less than 200 sq ft and 8 ft in height
 - Enclosed on at least three sides
 - Located at least 10 ft from property lines
 - and 25 ft from residences
 - Maintained in good repair and sanitary condition



Supporting Amendments



CHAPTER	TITLE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TMC 6-15	Keeping of Domestic Fowl	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expands regulations for the keeping of backyard chickens to include domestic fowl
TDC 39.300	Agriculture Use Category	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates agricultural uses characteristics to include domestic fowl
TDC 40	Low Density Residential (RL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates permitted uses to include domestic fowl

Engagement Summary

Public engagement activities will keep our community informed. Notice will be provided as follows:

- DLCD;
- Government agencies partners;
- CIOs;
- Newspaper; and
- City website.

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Project ID: PTA 25-0002

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Project Type:
Land Use
Plan Text Amendment (PTA)
Planning

Project Status: Under Review

Hearing Date:
Monday, March 9, 2026

Reviewing Body:
City Council

Location:
10699 SW Herman Road
Tualatin, OR 97062
See map: [Google Maps](#)

The City of Tualatin is proposing a Plan Text Amendment that would amend the Tualatin Municipal Code (TMC) and Tualatin Development Code (TDC) to expand "backyard chicken" regulations to include "domestic fowl".

Files:

- [Exhibit 1 - PTA 26-0001 Findings and Analysis \(290 KB\)](#)
- [Exhibit 2 - PTA 26-0001 Text Amendment \(Clean\) \(140 KB\)](#)
- [Exhibit 3 - PTA 26-0001 Text Amendment \(Formatted\) \(179 KB\)](#)



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Approval Criteria



- Tualatin Development Code:
 - Chapter 33.250 Type IV-B
 - Chapter 33.070 Plan Amendments

Next Steps

- March 9: City Council Hearing
Consideration of Domestic Fowl
Ordinance



Recommendation

The Planning Commission is being asked to forward a recommendation to City Council for the amendments proposed under PTA 26-0001:

Proposed Motion:

Motion to recommend that City Council adopt PTA 26-0001: to amend the Tualatin Municipal Code and Development Code to expand “backyard chicken” regulations to include “domestic fowl”.



Image: Marilyn Barbone

Conclusion

Any other questions or discussion?





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