

## 📖 § 150.153 PETS.

(A) In all residential zoning districts, dog houses, pens, kennels, and runways shall be placed not less than 5 feet from any rear or side lot line.

(B) (1) The keeping of wild or undomesticated animals is prohibited in all residential zoning districts, the animals to include but not to be limited to: opossum, raccoon, bears, deer, moose, elk, snakes, wild cats such as mountain lions, tigers, leopards, panthers, ocelots, wolves, elephants, and other such wild game.

(2) The keeping of farm animals is also prohibited in all residential districts, except that horses may be kept in rural non-farm residential districts on parcels of 10 or more acres.

(3) Refer to [Chapter 92](#) for additional restrictions.

### (C) *Chickens.*

(1) Chickens may be kept on a lot or premises zoned residential and greater than 1 acre in size except where prohibited by private restrictions on the use of the property. Private restrictions shall remain enforceable and take precedence. Private restrictions include, but are not limited to deed restrictions, neighborhood associations by-laws, master deed, and covenant deeds.

(2) Any person keeping chickens shall be required to file a Zoning and Building Application and be subject to any applicable fees.

(3) A person who keeps or houses chickens on his or her property shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) Keep no more than 6 chickens.

(b) The principal use of the person's property is for a single-family dwelling.

(c) No person shall keep any roosters.

(d) The chickens shall be provided a covered enclosure at all times. Fenced enclosures are subject to all provisions of § [150.172](#) of this chapter and shall require a permit.

(e) A person shall not keep chickens in any location on property other than the backyard and subject to the setback provisions of § [150.146](#). For purposes of this section, "backyard" means that portion of a lot enclosed by the property's rear lot line and side lot lines to the points where the side lot lines intersect with an imaginary line established by the rear of the single-family structure and extending to the side lot line.

(f) No covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall be located closer than 100 feet to any residential structure on an adjacent property.

(g) The covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall be kept in good repair.

(h) All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens that are likely to attract rats, mice, or other rodents shall be protected so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from gaining access.

(i) The keeping of chickens shall not cause a hazard or nuisance to neighboring properties.