



Kirkland Coalition For Backyard Agriculture

Summary of City of Kirkland Chicken Regulations:

(based on adopted Kirkland Zoning Code Section 115.20.5.b., effective August, 2012)

Permitted locations:

Low density zones (Single-Family)

Maximum number of chickens allowed per lot:

On lots with an area of less than 35,000 square feet:

- ✓ Three (3) fowl, regardless of lot size.
- ✓ One (1) additional chicken for each 1,000 square feet of lot area above 5,000 square feet, up to a maximum of 20 chickens.

On lots with an area of 35,000 square feet or more:

- ✓ 20, plus one additional for each 500 square feet of lot area above 35,000 square feet

Roosters are prohibited except for those in Finn Hill, North Juanita, and Kingsgate Single Family Residential Zones existing prior to August 15, 2012.

Minimum Setback for Chicken Coops (see See Zoning Code section 115.20.5.b. 5 for details):

Structures shall not be located in required yards (Setback Area) except that:

- ✓ Mobile structures (chicken tractors) may be anywhere within a fenced yard;
- ✓ Structures may be located within five (5) feet of any property line; provided, that the property adjacent to the proposed location of the structure is either occupied primarily by a nonresidential use such as a church, school or park;
- ✓ or a permanently dedicated easement or tract that is at least 10 feet in width;
- ✓ Structures larger than 100 square feet shall be at least 40 feet from each property line.

(Contact the Planning Department at 425-587-3235 for specifics for your lot.)

Additional Chicken Coop & Roaming Regulations:

- ✓ Must provide a suitable structure or pen to house the animals;
- ✓ Must maintain structures and pens in a clean condition;
- ✓ Chickens may forage or roam freely anywhere within a fenced yard, but adequate measures must be taken to provide safety for the chickens and prevent them from straying onto adjacent property.

For additional information go to:

http://kirklandcode.ecitygov.net/KirklandZC_html/kzc115.html#115.20