



# CITY OF MERIDEN

## Development & Enforcement

### Frequently Asked Questions on Keeping Poultry

#### Note:

- Poultry is defined as domestic fowl, such as chickens, turkeys, and ducks, raised for meat, eggs, or show.
- A ZONING PERMIT must be obtained for approval of keeping poultry.
- A plot plan of your property showing the location and set-backs of the coop and run must be submitted with the Zoning Permit application.
- A photo of the proposed structure is helpful.

*The keeping of poultry shall be conducted in a manner consistent with and in compliance with the Health Code of the City of Meriden*

If you do not know where your property line is, you will have to hire a surveyor to locate your boundaries.

A list of surveyors is available in the Planning office.

For additional information, refer to the Code of the City of Meriden, Zoning Section 213



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## Rules & Recommendations:

The keeping of poultry is allowed as a noncommercial accessory use in the R-R, S-R, R-1, R-2 zones subject to a Zoning Permit.

The number of poultry allowed is restricted to six (6) hens.

Rooster (male chickens) and Toms (male turkeys) are prohibited.

The enclosure shall be located in the rear yard with set-backs of 25' from street, 15' from any house, and 5' from property line. It shall be no more than 200 SF with a minimum of 10 SF of ground per animal.

The coop shall be no closer than 10' from any property line with a minimum of 3 SF of area per animal. The coop shall be designed to be predator proof, thoroughly ventilated, watertight, and easily accessed and cleaned.

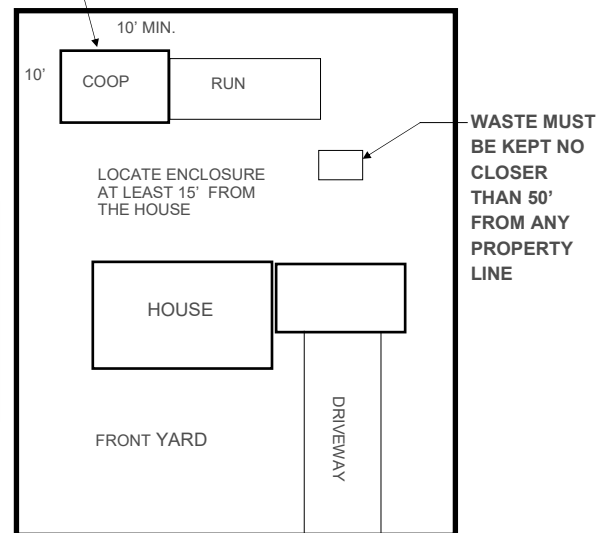
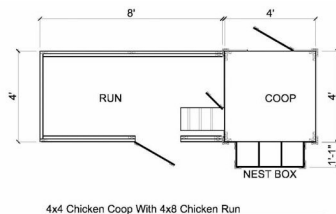
Food shall be stored in watertight rodent-proof containers.

Waste shall be disposed of offsite or composted no closer than 50' from any property line.

These rules shall not apply to the keeping of animals as part of an approved agricultural use or within a schoolhouse, museum, or zoo for the purpose of study or observation.

#### COOPS- SIDE & BACK YARD SET-BACKS ARE 10 FT

#### EXAMPLES OF A COOP AND RUN



EXAMPLE OF SITE PLAN FOR A CHICKEN COOP & RUN