

30-5-2.63. Poultry and bees (as accessory to single-family detached dwellings) (Subject to Chapter 5 of this Code).

(A) *Where Required:* RS-40, RS-30, RS-20, RS-15, RS-12, RS-9, RS-7, RM-5, RM-8, RM-12, and RM-18 Districts.

(B) *General:*

(1) No poultry shall be permitted to roam loose from a residential property addressed in this section. Some type of fenced area is required for all such animals.

(2) No poultry animals that make sounds clearly audible off-site are permitted.

(3) Lots less than seven thousand (7,000) square feet shall not be permitted to have poultry or bees.

(C) *Location Behind Principal Building:* Coops and shelters for poultry shall be located behind the rear wall of the principal building.

(D) *Setback and Density:* The location and number of animals/colonies located on the same lot as a single-family detached dwelling is dependent upon the size of the lot and is as follows:

(1) Lots which are greater than twelve thousand (12,000) square feet:

(a) *Poultry:*

(i) *Setback:* Coops and shelters for poultry shall be not less than fifty (50) feet from any property line.

(ii) *Maximum Density:* No more than one (1) animal over six (6) months of age shall be permitted for every two thousand (2,000) square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number exceed twenty (20) animals.

(iii) *Alternate Standard:*

(aa) *Setback:* In cases where, due to lot configuration, the width of the area remaining after compliance with the setback requirement listed in (i) above is less than ten (10) feet, the setback from each lot line may be reduced by the same amount to achieve a ten-foot wide area but in no case shall the setback be reduced below twenty-five (25) feet from any property line and fifty (50) feet from any dwelling unit located on an abutting lot.

(bb) *Maximum Density:* No more than one (1) animal over six (6) months of age shall be permitted for every three thousand (3,000) square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number exceed ten (10) animals.

(b) *Bees:*

(i) *Setback:* Colonies and shelters for bees shall be not less than fifty (50) feet from any property line.

(ii) *Maximum Density:* No more than one (1) colony shall be permitted for every one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number of colonies exceed twenty (20).

(iii) *Alternate Standard:*

(aa) *Setback:* Colonies and shelters for bees shall be not less than twenty-five (25) feet from any property line and fifty (50) feet from any dwelling unit located on an abutting lot.

(bb) *Maximum Density*: No more than one (1) colony shall be permitted for every two thousand (2,000) square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number of colonies exceed ten (10).

(2) Lots between seven thousand (7,000) square feet and twelve thousand (12,000) square feet:

(a) *Setback*: Coops, shelters and colonies for such animals shall be not less than twenty-five (25) feet from any property line and not less than fifty (50) feet from any principal building located on an abutting lot.

(b) *Maximum Density for Poultry*: No more than one (1) animal over six (6) months of age shall be permitted for every three thousand (3,000) square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number exceed four (4) animals.

(c) *Maximum Density for Bees*: No more than one (1) colony shall be permitted for every two thousand (2,000) square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number of colonies exceed six (6).

(Ord. No. 91-145, § 1, 11-27-91; Ord. No. 92-52, § 112, 4-20-92; Ord. No. 08-229, § 2, 8-19-08; Ord. No. 09-22, § 1, 2-3-09)