

COOP REGULATIONS (1104.06(G))

Definition:

Coop. An accessory structure used for the shelter of domesticated birds or small animals, such as chickens, ducks, quail, or rabbits.

1. Location and Size.

- a. Coops and runs shall comply with a minimum 25-foot setback from all property lines.
- b. The square footage of a run shall count toward the maximum allowable square footage of accessory buildings on the lot.
- c. Coops and runs shall be located to the rear or interior side of the principal building only.

2. Density.

- a. A minimum of four sq. ft. per animal shall be provided within the enclosed structure.
- b. A minimum of 10 sq. ft. per animal shall be provided within the run.
- c. The more restrictive standard shall apply.

3. Design and Construction.

- a. Coops shall be of uniform and sturdy design, constructed and maintained in good condition to ensure animal safety and neighborhood aesthetics.
- b. Enclosures shall provide adequate lighting and ventilation.
- c. Fencing of the runs shall be securely fastened to posts of reasonable strength firmly set into the ground. If chicken wire or woven wire is used, it shall be stretched tightly between support posts.
- d. On lots less than ½ acre, coops and runs shall be screened from all adjacent property.

4. Maintenance.

- a. Coops shall be kept in good repair, maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and free of vermin, obnoxious smells, and substances.
- b. Coops shall not create a nuisance or disturbance to neighboring properties due to noise, odor, damage, or threats to public health.
- c. Storage of manure is prohibited within 20 feet of any property line.

5. Operations.

- a. Animals shall be kept within the enclosed structure from dusk to dawn.
- b. Slaughtering on the property is prohibited.