

RESIDENTIAL – KEEPING OF CHICKENS

REFERENCED CODES- CHAPTER 91

- PEOTONE MUNICIPAL CODES, SECTION 91.09
- PEOTONE MUNICIPAL CODES, SECTION 91.14

A full list of the applicable codes can be viewed online at: <https://www.villageofpeotone.com>

Chicken(s) and chicken coops are allowed in the rear yards on single-family home properties (within the R-1, R-2, and R-3 Zoning Districts). A permit shall be obtained before keeping chickens and a coop.

What are the R-1, R-2, and R-3 Zoning Districts?

- These are single-family residential zoning districts within the Village of Peotone.
- Zoning Maps, and other helpful maps, can be found online at <https://villageofpeotone.com/planning/>
- If you are unsure of your property's zoning district, please call 708-607-0161, or review the Zoning Map online.

How do I apply for a permit?

- Apply online at <https://villageofpeotone.com/residents/document-center/>
- Select Building Permit and follow the instructions.
- MUST submit a Plat of Survey to show where on the property the coop is going to be located.
- Documents can be scanned and emailed to hwalters@villageofpeotone.com

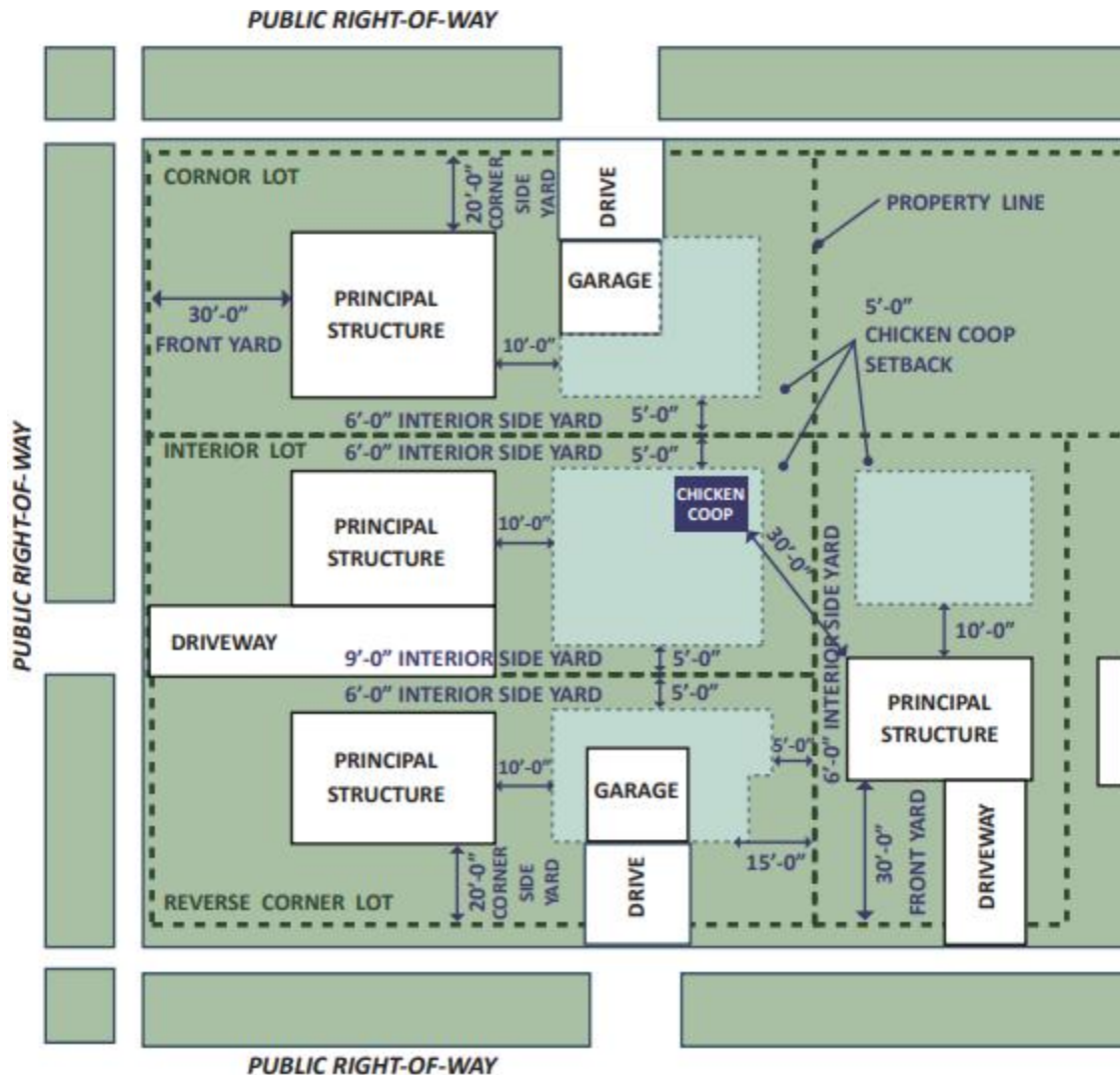
What do I need to apply for a permit?

- Building Permit application (online or at the Village Hall).
- Plat of Survey showing the chicken coop location and setbacks from the property lines.
- Chicken coop plans.
- Electric plans.
- Indication if property is rented or owned.
- Hens Licensing Application.

Can I apply for a permit in person at Village Hall?

- Yes, the same documents are required.
- Associated fees can be paid in person or online.

The light green area shows where a chicken coop could be placed on the example property.



Zoning Requirements

1. A maximum of six (6) hens, and a minimum of two (2) hens, shall only be permitted on properties zoned R-1, R-2, or R-3 Districts; and occupied for single-family residential uses. Chicken coops are allowed as a type of accessory structure.
2. All hens shall be kept within a covered enclosure/structure with an attached covered/enclosed outdoor area to prevent hens from encroaching onto neighboring properties. The rear yard housing runs, coops and other enclosures used for housing chickens shall be surrounded by a six (6) foot privacy fence.
3. A coop or other covered inside enclosure shall be provided for housing chickens and shall be provided a minimum of two (2) square feet per chicken. Runs shall provide not less than eight (8) square feet per chicken.
4. Maximum roof height for runs, coops, and other enclosures shall not exceed eight (8) feet.



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5. Underground electricity shall be installed in the coop and an electrical (building) permit is required.
6. Roosters are prohibited.
7. The sale of eggs is prohibited.
8. Chicken coops shall not be allowed to be in any part of a home and/or garage.

Other Requirements

1. Conditions of the runs, coops, and other enclosures shall be kept clean, sanitary, and reasonably free from all refuse and waste. All refuse and chicken waste shall be disposed of in a clean and sanitary fashion.
2. Runs, coops, and other enclosures used for housing chickens shall be designed and constructed with adequate ventilation and in a manner that allows them to be easily cleaned.
3. Runs, coops, and other enclosures used for housing chickens shall be constructed of quality, durable building materials. Outdoor shelters shall be constructed and maintained to be weatherproof to withstand inclement and extreme weather as well as to be secure from predators.
4. All feed shall be kept in a sealed metal container.
5. All electrical appurtenances shall be UL listed, clearly labeled, and plugged into a GFCI protected electric device.
6. If a license for the keeping of chickens is revoked for any cause, no license shall be granted to the same licensee for keeping chickens for a period of one (1) year from the date of revocation.
7. No slaughtering.
8. No other poultry, including but not limited to geese, ducks and turkeys shall be kept on the property.
9. A permit issued by the Village with a one-time fee, per Section 91.14, as well as the Hens License application and initial fee of \$250.00 shall be required prior to purchasing the hens. (Yearly renewals are \$25.00).

Building Code Requirements

1. Chicken coop structures must be secured to the ground to withstand wind loads.
2. Stick-built chicken coops shall be of approved wood of natural resistance to decay (redwood, western cedar, etc.) or treated lumber (painted or stained).
3. Prefabricated chicken coops shall be installed per the manufacturer's published installation instructions.