

Quick Reference to Saanich Hen and Poultry Regulations



DEFINITIONS *HEN* means a domesticated female chicken.

POULTRY means any bird normally raised for food or egg production, but does not include bantams and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes: chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, artificially reared grouse, partridge, quail, pheasant or ptarmigan.

Backyard hens are allowed on single-family residential parcels with an area:

Number of hens:

Requirements:



Greater than 557 m² (6,000 ft²)

Up to 5 hens

- ▶ The flock of hens must be registered with the municipality
- ▶ The owner of the hens must reside on the parcel where the hens are being kept
- ▶ No roosters are allowed
- ▶ Flock must be kept inside a coop, which:
 - Is located at least 3 m (9.8 ft) from the rear and side lot lines of the parcel
 - Is located at least 3 m (9.8 ft) from any door or window of a residential building
 - Is located in the rear yard of the parcel
 - Is not more than 2 m (6.6 ft) in height
 - Provides each hen with at least 0.37 m² (1.2 ft²) of coop floor area and at least 0.92 m² (3.0 ft²) of roofed outdoor enclosure area
 - Coop cannot exceed an area of land 9.2 m² (99 ft²)

Backyard poultry are allowed on single-family residential parcels with an area:

Number of poultry:

Setback requirement:

Greater than 1,114.8 m² (12,000 ft²)

Up to 10 poultry

7.6 m (25 ft) from road and 4.57 m (15 ft) from any other property line

Greater than 1,858 m² (20,000 ft²)

Up to 30 poultry

15.2 m (49 ft) from road and 7.6 m (25 ft) from any other property line

Greater than 4,000 m² (43,056 ft²)

No limit

42.6 m (140 ft) from road and 45.7 m (150 ft) from any other property line

OTHER REGULATIONS

Other housekeeping requirements and regulations are listed within the District of Saanich Animals Bylaw, 2004, No. 8556.

REGISTRATION

Register a flock of hens at Saanich.ca/BackyardChickens