Sec. 5-91. - Number and type of chickens allowed.

(a) The maximum number of chickens allowed is six (6) per tract of land regardless of how many dwelling units are on the tract.

(b) Only female chickens are allowed. There is no restriction on chicken species.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-92. - Noncommercial use only.

It shall be unlawful to engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-93. - Enclosures.

(a) Chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times. Chickens shall be secured within a henhouse or chicken tractor during non-daylight hours.

(b) Enclosures must be kept in a clean, dry, odor-free, neat and sanitary condition at all times.

(c) Henhouses, chicken tractors and chicken pens must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including dogs and cats.

(d) Henhouses and chicken tractors.

(1) Henhouses and chicken tractors shall be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for the chickens while minimizing adverse impacts to other residents in the neighborhood.

   a. A henhouse or chicken tractor shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and doors. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator and bird proof wire of less than one-inch openings.

   b. The materials used in making a henhouse or chicken tractor shall be uniform for each element of the structure such that the walls are made of the same material, the roof has the same shingles or other covering, and any windows or openings are constructed using the same materials. The use of scrap, waste board, sheet metal, or similar materials is prohibited. Henhouses and chicken tractors shall be well maintained.

(2) Henhouses, chicken tractors and chicken pens shall only be located to the rear of the dwelling or other main structure and may be located in the rear yard required by chapter 29.
(3) Henhouses, chicken tractors and chicken pens must be located at least ten (10) feet from the property line and at least twenty-five (25) feet from any adjacent residential dwelling, church, school or place of business.

(e) Any enclosed chicken pen shall consist of sturdy wire or wooden fencing. The pen must be covered with wire, aviary netting, or solid roofing.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-94. - Odor and noise impacts.

(a) Odors from chickens, chicken manure or other chicken related substances shall not be perceptible at the property boundaries.

(b) Perceptible noise from chickens shall not be loud enough at the property boundaries to disturb persons of reasonable sensitivity.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-95. - Predators, rodents, insects and parasites.

The chicken owner shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation of insects and parasites. Chickens found to be infested with insects and parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation may be removed by an animal control officer.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-96. - Feed and water.

Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times. The feed and water shall be unavailable to rodents, wild birds and predators.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-97. - Waste storage and removal.

The chicken owner must provide for the storage and removal of chicken manure. All stored manure shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid over the entire structure. No more than three (3) cubic feet of manure shall be stored. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed. The henhouse, chicken tractor, chicken pen and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings. Uneaten feed shall be removed in a timely manner.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-98. - Chickens at large.

No dog or cat which kills a chicken will, for that reason alone, be considered a dangerous or aggressive animal.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)
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Sec. 5-99. - Unlawful acts.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep chickens in violation of any provision of this article.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any owner, renter or leaseholder of property to allow chickens to be kept on the property in violation of the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-100. - Nuisances.

Any violation of this article that constitutes a health hazard or that interferes with the use or enjoyment of neighboring property is a nuisance and may be abated under the general nuisance abatement provisions of chapter 11.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Sec. 5-101. - Continuing violations.

Each day that a violation of this article continues is a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 20549, § 1, 2-1-10)

Secs. 5-102—5-110. - Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. - FERAL CATS

Sec. 5-111. - Feeding a feral cat colony without a permit.

No person shall provide food, water or other forms of sustenance to a feral cat colony without a feral cat colony caretaker permit.

(Ord. No. 21015, § 1, 7-5-11)

Sec. 5-112. - Feral cat colony caretaker permit.

(a) Any organization or individual over the age of eighteen (18) may submit an application to the department for a feral cat colony caretaker permit. The application shall be on a form provided by the department and shall provide the following information:

(1) A detailed description of the cats in the colony;

(2) Proof that the feral cats in the colony have been ear tipped and microchipped, neutered or