



ACCESSORY USE: LAYING HENS APPLICATION PACKET

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General Information

The intent of regulations governing Laying Hens in Holly Springs is to allow for up to three (3) female chickens (hens) in any residential or agricultural zoning district for a lot that is a minimum of 10,000 square feet.

Violation of Town Code of Ordinances Section 12-80:

Violation of this section by harboring domestic fowl without a permit, or violating any of the following provisions, shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor or shall subject the landowner to a civil penalty of \$50 per day, each day of noncompliance, at the discretion of the citing officer.

Provisions:

- One coop and one pen per residential lot shall be required to house chickens on a lot. No more than one coop and one pen shall be allowed on any lot.
- The coop and pen shall be located so that it is entirely behind the rear line of the primary structure (ie, house) on the property, and is a minimum of twelve (12) feet from the side and rear property line.
- Hens may be kept only for non-commercial purposes. Eggs, chickens, or any byproduct thereof shall not be sold.
- Hens shall at all times be enclosed within a pen to prevent their elopement and to prevent rodents or predators from coming into contact with the hens. Hens shall be enclosed in a coop during non-daylight hours. No free-ranging permitted. Pens, coops, and any other structure shall be approved by the Department of Planning & Zoning pursuant to the Unified Development Ordinance.
- The landowner is solely responsible to ensure that standing water, liquid, or feces does not accumulate in the area of the pen and that no drainage or run-off meets any property line, stream, drainage area, easement, pipe, swell, dissipater, or any stormwater or wastewater control mechanism.
- Refuse from the hens shall be removed daily or more often if required by placing waste into plastic bags and thrown into the trash in order to prevent run off or offensive odors.

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- Hens kept for fighting purposes are illegal and the owner will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- Nothing herein shall preclude a landowner for being cited by the police department or animal control officer for maintaining a nuisance if there are either pervasive and offensive smells or the noise from the chickens can be measured at more than 50 decibels at the property line for more than five (5) consecutive minutes. Appeals from decision of the Department Planning & Zoning or Animal Control Officer shall be made by written request within 30 days to the Department Planning & Zoning. The Department Planning & Zoning shall calendar an appeal before the Board of Adjustment, which shall hear the matter in a quasi-judicial setting as other matters appealing a zoning decision.

Submittal Requirements

All items listed are required for a complete submittal. Incomplete submittals will be rejected and delay the process.

Submit the following items via the [CityView Portal](#). You will be required to have a registered account. All applications submitted by 4:30 PM on Friday will be routed the following week for review:

- Complete Application
- Statement of approval from homeowner's association (HOA), if any, or a statement by the owner that the property is not subject to restrictive covenants. Absence of an HOA does not mean that your property is not subject to restrictive covenants.

Once your submittal is deemed complete and accepted, staff will send you a confirmation and advise that submittal fees (if applicable) are available for payment in the [CityView Portal](#).

Visit www.hollyspringsnc.us/2170/Development-Services

for a current fee schedule and review calendars.

For questions about your submittal, please reach out to dsintake@hollyspringsnc.gov



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PETITION CONTACT INFORMATION *(Attach additional sheets if needed)*

Applicant and Financially Responsible Party will need to register for an account on the [CityView Portal](#).

Project Applicant Check One: ☐ Owner ☐ Other:

Name: Company:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone: E-Mail:

REQUIRED: Property Owner(s) if different from Applicant/Contact *(Attach additional sheets if needed)*

Name: Company:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone: E-Mail:

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address

Subdivision

Homeowner's Association ☐ Yes ☐ No

PIN(s)

Real Estate ID

Current Zoning

Log Size (SF)

COOP & PEN INFORMATION

COOP PEN

Length

Width

Height

Square Footage

OWNER AUTHORIZATION

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that I am aware of the requirements governing Laying Hens as stated in the Town of Holly Springs Town Code of Ordinances and that I will comply to all applicable regulations. Failure to do so will subject me to violation of the Town Ordinance and possible fines.

Violations of this section by harboring domestic fowl without a permit, or violating any of the provisions, shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor or shall subject the landowner to a civil penalty of \$50 per day, each day of noncompliance, at the discretion of the citing officer.

Signature of Applicant: Date: