

# Quick Reference to Saanich Poultry Regulations



For full list of Regulations refer to Bylaw No. 8665 Regulations of Animals Bylaw at [www.saanich.ca/living/pdf/animals8556.pdf](http://www.saanich.ca/living/pdf/animals8556.pdf)

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

Greater than 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> (0.4 ha) or 43,056 ft<sup>2</sup> (1 acre) - No limit

- Setbacks - 42.6m (140ft) from a road & 45.7m (150ft) from property lines.

Greater than 1,858m<sup>2</sup> (0.18 ha) or 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.45 acre) – up to 30 chickens

- Setbacks - 15.2m (49ft) from a road & 7.6m (25ft) from any other property line;

Greater than 1,114.8m<sup>2</sup> (0.11 ha) or 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.27 acre)– up to 10 chickens

- Setbacks - 7.6m (25ft) from a road & 4.57m (15m) any other property line;

Greater than 557 m<sup>2</sup> (0.05ha) or 6,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.13acre) within a single family residential zone – up to 5 hens

- No roosters allowed
- Located in rear yard only
- Setbacks 3m (9ft 9in) from side & rear lot line
- Setback 3m (9ft 9in) from windows or doors
- 0.37 m<sup>2</sup> (4ft<sup>2</sup>) of indoor coop
- 0.92m<sup>2</sup> (10ft<sup>2</sup>) of roofed outdoor enclosure per hen
- Coop not to exceed 9.2m<sup>2</sup> (100ft<sup>2</sup>) area
- Max. 2m (6ft 6in) in height
- Registration required
- Owner of the hens needs to reside on the parcel where the hens are kept
- Other housekeeping requirements are listed within the Regulation of Animals Bylaw No. 8556 and provided at [www.chickens.saanich.ca](http://www.chickens.saanich.ca).

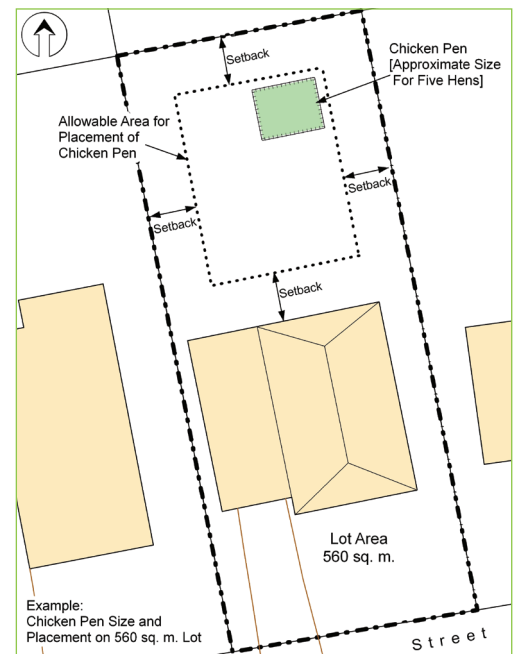


Figure 1: Typical residential lot 560 m<sup>2</sup>.

## Definitions include:

**Poultry** means any bird normally raised for food or egg production.

**Hen** means a domesticated female chicken.

To register a flock of hens visit [www.chickens.saanich.ca](http://www.chickens.saanich.ca)