



MEMORANDUM

Date: 9-26-2019
 To: Claire Jubb, AICP, Community Development Director
 From: Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official 
 Subject: Chickens in Residential Zoning Districts, Neighboring Jurisdictions

This is intended to summarize how our neighboring jurisdictions to the north and south address the issue of “Urban Chicken Keeping.” As the jurisdictions to the east are more agricultural in nature, I did not research them. The table below lays out those jurisdictions’ regulations. For this, the following assumptions were made and are constant amongst those jurisdictions which allow this accessory use.

- Must have a primary structure/use
- Residential Single-Family zoning
- Sentinel chickens have a statutory exemption for mosquito control purposes
- All jurisdictions which allow them require coops which must be kept clean and sanitary
- No roosters, hens only

In general, the standards were very closely mirrored between the jurisdictions, though some required specific sizes of coops per bird i.e. four sq. ft. per bird, as well as some offering no repercussions to domesticated or wild animals which may get in and kill the birds.

Jurisdiction	Allowed	Number allowed	Setbacks	Allowed as	Other
City of North Port	Yes	Four on quarter acre lot, six on two lots or more	Not in front yard, 10 ft. from all other property lines	By-right	No repercussions for other animals that may kill the chickens. https://library.municode.com/fl/north_port/codes/unified_land_development_code?nodeId=CH53ZORE_ARTIXRS_RESIMIDI_S53-121PEPRUSST



City of Fort Myers	Yes	One per 800 sq. ft lot size, max four	Not in front yard, 20 ft. from any dwelling, all other setbacks must be met	Permit	https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_myers/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=SPAADCO_CH54NU_ARTIINGE_S54-5KECEANFOALREDI
Sarasota County	yes	Four	Not in front or side yard, 10 ft. from any property line, 25 ft from any dwelling	By-right	https://library.municode.com/fl/sarasota_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=APXAZORE_ART5USRE_5.3LISPEXUSST
City of Sarasota	Yes	Four	Not in front yard, 10 ft. from any property line, 25 ft from any dwelling	By-right	No repercussions for other animals that may kill the chickens. https://library.municode.com/fl/sarasota/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIITHCO_CH8AN_ARTIINGE_S8-2KELICEANPR
Manatee County	Yes	Four	Not in front yard, 10 ft. from any property line, 25 ft from any dwelling	By-right	Protections for other animals that may kill the chickens. https://library.municode.com/fl/manatee_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIIMACOCOOR_CH2-4AN_ARTIANOR_S2-4-28CHREPR



Bradenton	No				
City of Venice	No				
City of Longboat Key	No				
Lee County	No				
City of Punta Gorda	No				
City of Cape Coral	No				
Collier County	No				
Naples	No				