

Keeping chickens & other farm animals in Juneau

In all cases check with Community Development

- About setbacks for chicken coops and stables.
- Whether building permits are needed for chicken coops and stables.
- To find out which zoning district your property is in.

In zoning districts: RR, D-1, D-3, D-5, D-10SF, D-10, LC, GC, WC, WI, and I

- Up to six hens (no roosters) may be kept with out any special permits (49.25.300 Use Category 14.253)

In zoning districts: D-15, D-18, MU, MU2

- Up to three chickens may be kept with out any special permits IF the chicken coop and yard are more than 100 feet from the nearest neighboring residence.
- When the coop & yard are closer than 100 feet from the nearest neighboring residence a conditional use permit is required. (49.25.300.230 and Note M)
- If more than three chickens are to be kept a conditional use permit is required.

For all other farm animals in the following zoning districts: RR, D-1 and D-3 (49.25.300 Use Category 14.230 and Note M)

- Up to three farm animals may be kept with out any special permits IF the stable and running area are more than 100 feet from the nearest neighboring residence.
- When the stable or running area is closer than 100 feet from the nearest neighboring residence a conditional use permit is required.
- If more than three farm animals are to be kept a conditional use permit is required.

Things to keep in mind:

- Store feed inside to avoid attracting bears.
- Store feed in rodent resistant containers and avoid spilling on to the ground.
- Compost manure and bedding in a closed container or concrete pad with a roof. This is to avoid leaching nitrates into the ground water and reduce odors.
- Consider electric fencing to discourage bears.
- Make sure any exterior lighting does not shine onto neighbor's property.