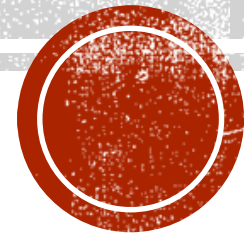


BACKYARD CHICKEN ORDINANCE

Board of Supervisors

June 9, 2020



BACKGROUND

- Board of Supervisors Workshop January 2020
 - Direction to amend ordinance to allow limited keeping of chickens in R1 zoned property and RA zoned parcels of less than 0.5 acre
 - Effort began in 2014 but was put on hold
 - Board directed a streamlined process to address backyard chickens



CURRENT COUNTY CODE

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE SEC. 3.4 ANIMAL KEEPING AND RAISING

Animal Type	AG, AE, FR, REC, IDR, PD, TPZ, P & OS	RA	R1, R2, R3	Commercial & Industrial District
Game Fowl, Poultry, and Rabbits	No Limit	*	Not allowed	

* The keeping of game fowl, poultry and rabbits is not allowed on parcels of less than 0.5 acres in size. These animals shall be limited to 50 mature animals (over the age of 6 months) per 0.5 acre, except that 1,500 square feet per mature animal (over the age of 12 months) is required for emus, ostriches, peacocks, or other large fowl.



PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AMEND SECTION 3.4 & ADD 3.4.1

Base Zoning District	Minimum Lot Size	Maximum Number of Chickens
RA & R1 <u>Only</u>	6,000 sq. ft	4
	10,000 sq. ft	8
	20,000 sq. ft	14



PROPOSED ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

- No Roosters / Guinea Hens / Other exotic varieties that are noisy
- Egg Production only
- Domestic use only, Commercial sales not allowed
- Single family dwelling with a fenced rear yard
- Shelter requirements- Must be kept in secured coop or pen to protect from predators
- Setbacks of 10 feet to Property Line and 30 feet from adjacent residence
- Feed Storage- Stored within enclosed container to prevent the attraction of vermin
- Manure Management- Manure produced from chickens managed in a manner that prevents odors, flies, and pests.



CURRENT CITY CODES

	Grass Valley	Nevada City	Truckee
Type	Hens	Hens	Not Specified
Min. Parcel Size (Sq. Ft)	5,000	2,500 / 5,000 / 10,000	2,500 / 5,000 / 10,000 / 0.5 acres
Number	4	2 , 4 , 6	2 , 4 , 6
Coop Setback from Neighboring Residence	30'	20'	20'
Coop Setback from any Property Line	10'	5'	5'
Permit Required	No	Yes	>6 minor use permit



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Circulated for 30 days between March 1st and March 31st 2020
 - No comments received
- Project determined to be Exempt from CEQA due to the built in standards and limited nature of impacts



PLANNING COMMISSION & AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

- **Planning Commission April 23, 2020**
 - Modified the Ordinance to increase the number of Chickens to:
 - 8 instead of 6 Chickens for Parcels between 6,000 and 10,000 square feet
 - 14 instead of 12 Chickens for parcels between 10,000 and 20,000 square feet
- **Agricultural Advisory Commission on May 20, 2020**
 - Recommended approval of Ordinance as modified by Planning Commission
 - Memo to Board including minutes of AAC meeting



RECOMMENDATION

- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors find the project Categorically Exempt pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15061(b)(3), 15308 and 15321
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt Ordinance (ORD20-1) amending Chapter II of the Nevada County Land Use and Development Code Sections L-II 3.4 and adding Section L-II 3.4.1.



WHY CHICKENS?



Manure



EGGS!!!

Bugs



It's
Easy



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Family

