BACKYARD CHICKENS

2020 Board of Supervisors Workshop



WHY CHICKENS?



Manure



EGGS!!!



Entertainment





Bugs



It's Easy





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.



CURRENT CITY CODES

	Grass Valley	Nevada City	Truckee
Туре	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



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Base Zoning District	Minimum Lot Size	Maximum Number of Chickens
	6,000 sq. ft	4
RA & R1 Only	10,000 sq. ft	6
<u>Oilly</u>	20,000 sq. ft	12



OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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
- *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.



NEXT STEPS

- *Agriculture and Planning Dept. draft ordinance from information gathered today
- Present to Planning Commission for recommendation
- Present to Board of Supervisors for approval (summer 2020)

