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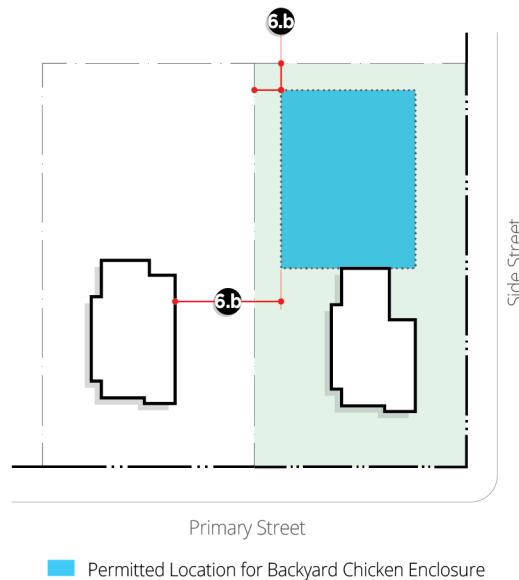
BACKYARD CHICKENS & DUCKS

Are governed by Section 17.05.140(D) of the Canon City Municipal Code

A. Backyard Chickens.

1. No more than eight (8) chickens and/or ducks shall be allowed on any property, unless the property meets the minimum area requirement for livestock, according to Section 17.05.010(B) of this UDC.
2. The ownership and keeping of roosters over six (6) months old is prohibited.
3. Chickens shall be provided with a covered enclosure that is predator-resistant, properly ventilated, and easily accessed for cleaning and maintenance, and that provides not less than four (4) square feet per chicken.
4. During daylight hours, chickens shall be provided access to an outside enclosure that is adequately fenced to prevent the escape of the chicken hens and to provide protection from predators. The outside enclosure shall provide a minimum of ten (10) square feet of permeable space per chicken and may be either attached to the covered enclosure or portable. A fully fenced backyard may be deemed to meet this requirement.
5. All chickens shall be placed in the covered enclosure between the hours of dusk and dawn to provide protection from predators and to minimize noise.
6. Setbacks.
 - a. Any enclosure for backyard chickens shall be located in the backyard of the property, measured from the rear wall of the residential dwelling. The Zoning Administrator may allow exceptions to this requirement in cases of lots having unusual site dimensions, terrain limitations, or other unique characteristics.
 - b. A covered enclosure shall be located a minimum of eight (8) feet from any abutting property line and shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet from any residential dwelling on any adjoining lot.
7. The covered enclosure shall be cleaned so that odors due to excessive dirt, waste, excrement, or old feed do not become a nuisance, safety hazard, or health problem to adjoining property or uses.
8. The on-site slaughtering of backyard chickens is prohibited.

Figure 5.1: Backyard Chicken Enclosure Permitted Location



Please contact the Planning Department at 719.269.9011 for more information about applying for a Conditional Use Permit for backyard chickens in the GC, General Commercial or I, Light Industrial zoning districts.