



# Urban Animal Husbandry Basics

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The City of New Orleans allows residents to keep a small number of animals to support urban agriculture and food security. Rules apply to ensure animal welfare and community health.

Review the rules below and contact [urbanag@nola.gov](mailto:urbanag@nola.gov) with any questions.

## QUICK FACTS

✓ You can keep **up to 6 chickens\*** at your home, garden, or farm.

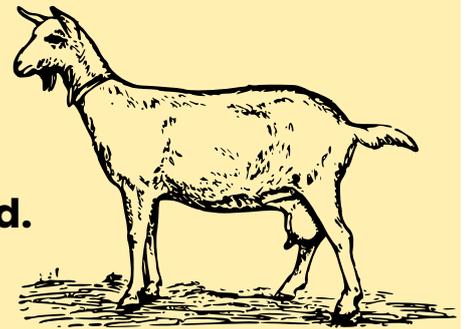
*\*If you live in the **R-RE (Rural-Residential Estate) District** in **Lower Coast Algiers**, you can keep as many animals as space permits according to the table in this guide without a permit.*

🚩 **Fencing is required!**

⚠️ **No roosters allowed.**

⚠️ **Slaughtering of chickens on-site is prohibited.**

*Reference CZO Articles 20 Section 3.C.7 and 21 Section 6.I.4*



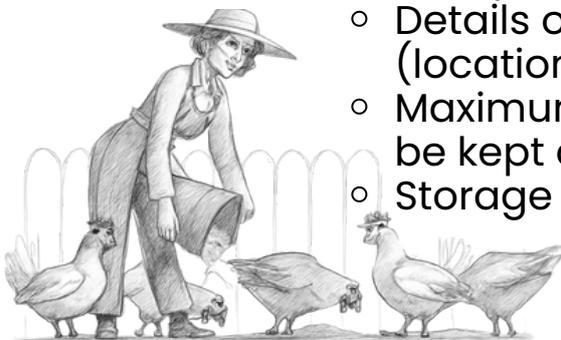
## RULES & GUIDELINES

🚩 If you want to keep **more than 6 chickens** or any other animal, **you must complete a Conditional Use Request** through the City Planning Commission  
→ **More info here:** <https://nola.gov/conditional-use-request/>

🚩 **Conditional Use Request must include:**

- Completed Neighborhood Participation Program (NPP)
- Details on all animal structures, shelters, or enclosures (location, size, height, materials, etc...)
- Maximum number of each type of animal proposed to be kept at the site
- Storage and disposal of animal waste

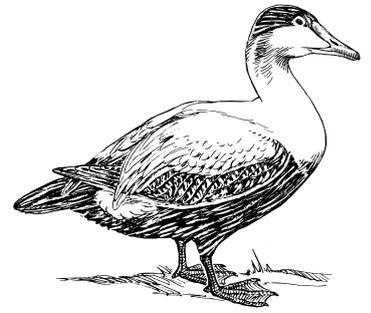
*Reference CZO Article 20 Section 3.C.7*



# CURRENT SPACE REQUIREMENTS

You must have enough space per animal as outlined in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO).

Reference CZO Article 20 Section 3.C.7.A (Table 20-1)



**TABLE 20-1: MINIMUM LOT AREA FOR LIVESTOCK**

TYPE OF LIVESTOCK	MINIMUM LOT AREA PER ANIMAL
Horse, mule, cow, or llama	43,560 square feet (1 acre)
Goat or sheep	14,520 square feet (1/3 acre)
Swine	4,356 square feet (1/10 acre)
Rabbit	50 square feet
Duck or other fowl (excluding chickens)	50 square feet
More than 6 chickens	50 square feet per chicken after first 6

## CHICKEN COOPS & ANIMAL STRUCTURES

- ✓ **Chicken coops and runs can only be located in the rear yard.**
- ✓ **Setbacks:**
  - 10 feet from all lot lines.
  - 10 feet from any dwelling.
- 🚩 You must **keep the coop in good repair, in a clean and sanitary condition, and free of vermin and odors.**
- 🚩 **Chickens may be free-range only in fenced-in properties when agricultural operator is present.**



**No storage of chicken manure within 20 feet of any lot line.** It must either be composted immediately or removed and disposed of properly.

Reference CZO Article 21 Section 6.1.1

## QUESTIONS?



Refer to Articles 20 and 21 in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Chapter 18 in the City Code.



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