



RESIDENTIAL

KEEPING OF CHICKENS

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD | DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | PLANNING SERVICES

REFERENCED CODES

- LOMBARD MUNICIPAL CODES, SECTION 155.227 and SECTION 155.212
- LOMBARD MUNICIPAL CODES, SECTION 90.04

A full list of the applicable codes can be viewed online at: <https://www.villageoflombard.org/>

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What are the R0, R1, and R2 Zoning Districts?

- These are single-family residential zoning districts within the Village of Lombard
- Zoning Maps, and other helpful maps, can be found online at <https://villageoflombard.org/maps>
- If you are unsure of your property's zoning district please call 630-620-5750 and ask for a Planner, or review the Zoning Map online

How do I apply for a permit?

- Apply online at <https://villageoflombard.org/onlinepermits>
- Please create an account if you do not already have one
- Select Residential Building Permit, next select Z – Chickens
- Upload the required plans and documents

What do I need to apply for a permit?

- Permit application (online)
- Plat of survey showing the chicken coop location and setbacks from the property lines
- Chicken coop plans
- Electric plans (if applicable)
- \$50 permit fee

Can I apply for a permit in person at Village Hall?

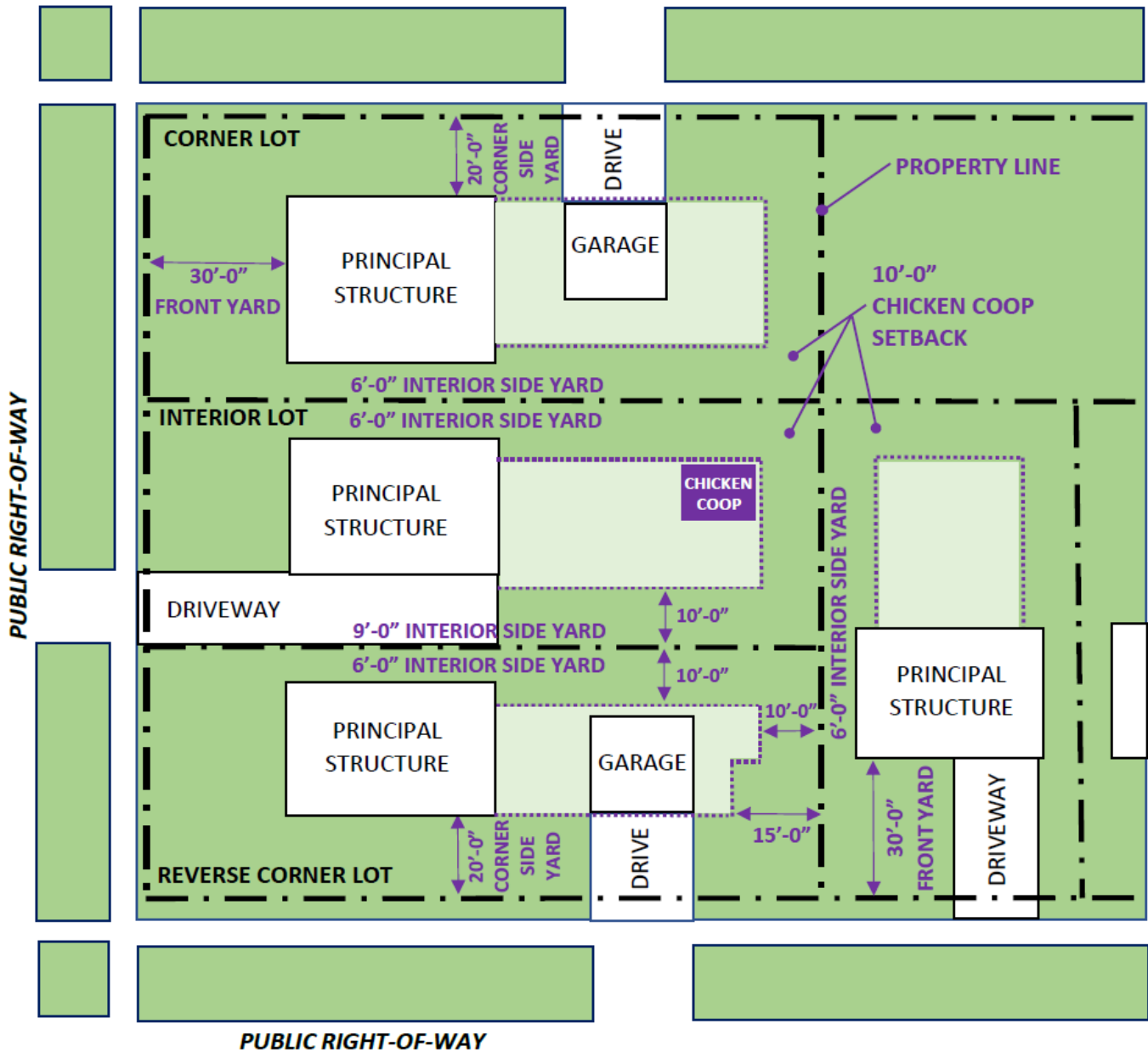
- Yes, the same documents are required
- \$50 permit fee

Permits are limited to fifty (50). Permit recipients will be contacted by the Village each year to ask if they would like to renew their permit. There is no fee to renew.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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The light green area shows where a chicken coop could be placed on the example property.

Zoning Requirements

1. A maximum of six (6) hens, and a minimum of two (2) hens, shall only be permitted on properties zoned R0, R1, or R2 Districts; and occupied for single-family residential uses. Chicken coops are allowed as a type of accessory structure.
2. All hens shall be kept within a covered enclosure/structure with an attached covered/enclosed outdoor area to prevent hens from encroaching onto neighboring properties. The covered/enclosed outdoor area shall be fenced.
3. An outdoor area minimum of four (4) square feet per hen will be required and a maximum of one hundred and fifty (150) square feet will be permitted for both the covered enclosure/structure and outdoor area.
4. The maximum height of a chicken coop shall be eight feet (8').
5. All hens and requisite fence enclosures/structures shall be kept/located in the rear yard or within the buildable area of the lot behind the rear exterior walls of the principal structure.
6. All enclosures/structures shall be located a minimum of ten feet (10') from all lot lines.
7. The structure shall contain insulated walls and/or an insulated blanket shall cover the structure during the winter months.
8. Roosters are prohibited.
9. The sale of eggs is prohibited.
10. Chicken coops shall not be allowed to be in any part of a home and/or garage.

Other Requirements

1. All areas where hens are kept shall be clean and well maintained with little to no accumulation of waste. In addition, all areas where hens are kept shall not produce or cause odors that are detectable on adjacent properties.
2. Chicken coops shall be maintained in a manner that provides adequate lighting and ventilation, and protects chickens from cold weather, precipitation, rodents, predators, and trespassers.
3. All feed shall be kept in a sealed metal container.
4. All electrical appurtenances shall be UL listed, clearly labeled, and plugged into a GFCI protected electric device.
5. A hen permit issued under this article may be revoked upon the commission of three (3) violations within a period of twelve (12) months. If the permit is revoked, the property shall not be eligible for a permit for one year after revocation. Any enclosure/structure shall be required to be removed within fifteen (15) days of revocation.
6. No slaughtering.
7. No other poultry, including but not limited to geese, ducks and turkeys shall be kept on the property.
8. A building permit shall be required for all permanent enclosures/structures associated with the keeping of hens.
9. A permit issued by the Village with a one-time fee, per Section 150.141, shall be required prior to purchasing the hens. A renewal permit shall be required each year thereafter, with no additional fee.
10. A maximum of fifty (50) residential zoning lots will be licensed to have hens in the Village at one time.

Building Code Requirements

1. Chicken coop structures must be secured to the ground to withstand wind loads.
2. Stick-built chicken coops shall be of approved wood of natural resistance to decay (redwood, western cedar, etc.) or treated lumber (painted or stained).
3. Pre-fabricated chicken coops shall be installed per the manufacturer's published installation instructions.

THIS HANDOUT IS INTENDED ONLY AS A GUIDE AND IS BASED IN PART ON THE APPLICABLE CODES, VILLAGE ORDINANCES, AND GOOD BUILDING PRACTICES. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE CODES AND ORDINANCES FALLS ON THE APPLICANT, OWNER, DESIGNER AND/OR CONTRACTOR.

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