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## KEEPING OF CHICKENS & DUCKS IN THE VILLAGE

The Board of the Village of Eagle desires to provide for the health, safety and well-being of its residents, to ensure and maintain property conditions and values, and to provide a domestic and sustainable source of nourishing food through limited domestic chicken and duck egg and meat production in a residential environment, respecting its natural origins.

- A. The keeping of hens, the female of the chicken species *Gallus gailus domesticus*; and nes and drakes of the duck species *Anas platyrhynchos domesticus*, (hereinafter referred to as “Birds”) shall be permitted in single family residential lots, provided that the following conditions are met:
  1. Number of Birds permitted
    - a. On lots up to 0.9 acres – 6 birds
    - b. On lots 1.0 acre or greater – 12 birds
  2. Coops and Yards
    - a. Coops
      - i. Birds shall be kept in an enclosed outdoor coop, an accessory structure used for the purpose of keeping live Birds, so as to offer protection from weather elements and from predators and trespassers.
      - ii. Coops shall be built and kept in such a manner, large enough to provide at least three square feet per Bird and allow the Bird easy ingress and egress to an enclosed Bird yard. Coops shall not exceed eight feet in height.
      - iii. Coops shall be covered with uniform materials and shall be maintained intact with all parts secure. Any repairs shall maintain consistency with original structure in appearance and condition. The coop must be replaced, removed, or repaired upon evidence of deterioration.
    - b. Yard
      - i. Coops shall be connected with an enclosed yard or run
      - ii. Birds may be allowed to roam in a fenced back yard, but shall not be allowed to roam outside of the fenced yard. Birds must be returned to the secured coop each night.
      - iii. Yard constructed with wire mesh fencing shall retain a flat, uniform plane, in a well-maintained, safe condition.
    - c. Location and setback
      - i. Street setbacks. Coops and Yards shall not be located in the front yard.
      - ii. Setbacks to habitable structures. In addition to setback requirements for accessory structures, coops shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from any existing structures on any adjoining parcel, such as dwellings, non-residential buildings, patios, porches, gazebos, decks or swimming pools, but not including storage structures such as garages or sheds.

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- d. Prohibitions and management practices
  - i. Roosters. The keeping of roosters shall not be allowed
  - ii. Odors. Coops and Yards must be cleaned on a regular basis so they remain free from undue accumulated waste, such as to cause odors reasonably detectable on adjacent properties.
  - iii. Feed. All feed for Birds shall, except when placed for consumption by the Birds, be kept in containers with tightly fitted lids that are rodent proof
  - iv. Maintenance of Coops. Coops shall be maintained in good repair and non-dilapidated condition.
  - v. Slaughter. No outdoor slaughter of Birds shall be allowed.