

1 Twelve (12) birds for all parcels over 10,000 square feet

2 Residential PDP/Planned Development District shall be permitted at the same
3 rate; however, the ordinance is not intended to preempt Homeowners
4 Association Restrictions or from enforcing stricter guidelines.

5 (b) Chickens/ducks shall be kept in an enclosed area with a coop that provides for
6 the free movement of chickens/ducks, and are not permitted to be free range.
7 The coop must have a roof, and be completely secured from predators,
8 including all openings, ventilation holes, doors and gates. No more than one
9 (1) coop allowed per permitted parcel.

10 (c) If the coop structure exceeds one hundred and twenty ~~(100)~~ (120) square feet
11 (ten (10) x ~~ten~~ ~~(10)~~ twelve (12) feet), a building permit shall be required
12 pursuant to the Florida Building Code. For purposes of this section, the 120-
13 square-foot threshold applies solely to the coop structure and does not include
14 chicken runs or other outdoor areas ancillary to the coop structure.

15 ~~(d) —The minimum lot size shall be ten thousand (10,000) square feet.~~

16 (d) ~~(e)~~ The chicken/duck coop shall be kept in the rear yard and must not be visible
17 from adjoining properties or the street. Fence construction shall meet standards
18 pursuant to the fence ordinance and shall be permitted separately. The
19 chicken/duck coop shall be situated a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from
20 the nearest neighbor's residence and at least five (5) feet from all property
21 lines.

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23 (e) ~~(f)~~ Persons wishing to have chickens in residential districts shall be subject to a
24 compliance inspection after permit issuance. Accessibility and allowable entry
25 shall be required for such inspection.

26 (f) ~~(g)~~ The coop shall provide a minimum of three (3) square feet per chicken/ducks
27 and be of sufficient size to permit free movement of the chickens/ducks. The
28 coop may not be taller than six (6) feet measured from the natural grade. The
29 coop must be easily accessible for cleaning and maintenance.

30 (g) ~~(h)~~ The coop and surrounding area shall be kept clean, sanitary and odor free at all
31 times.

32 (h) ~~(i)~~ Chickens/Ducks shall not be permitted to create a nuisance consisting of odor,
33 noise or pests, or contribute to any other nuisance condition.

34 (i) ~~(j)~~ All stored feed must be kept in a rodent- and predator-proof container.

such intention, and that the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” or any other appropriate designation.

Section 4. Conflicting Provisions Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon receipt of official acknowledgment from the office of the Secretary of State of Florida that this ordinance has been filed with said office.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HERNANDO COUNTY in Regular Session this _____ day of _____ 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest: _____ By: _____
Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr. **Jerry Campbell**
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller **Chairman**

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

Natasha López Perez
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