

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-2
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 67
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

The Town Council of Barrington hereby ordains that the Code of the Town of Barrington be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 67. ANIMALS

§67-1. Definitions

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HOUSE LOT

A "House Lot" shall mean one or more parcels of land which are contiguous and are under the same ownership according to the Tax Assessor's records and which are zoned residential or are residential as a legal non-conforming use pursuant to the zoning ordinance.

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§67-19. Maximum Chicken Hens Permitted.

- (1) The owner of any House Lot containing at least one (1) dwelling may keep or permit to be kept on the House Lot no more than six (6) chicken hens.
- (2) Subsection (1) of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the raising and/or keeping of roosters.
- (3) All chicken hens must be provided with both a hen house (coop) and a fenced outdoor enclosure, subject to the following provisions:
 - a) The hen house must be covered, predator resistant and well-ventilated; it shall be no more than eight (8) feet high, no more than 64 sq. ft.
 - b) The fence made of chicken wire or a stronger substance shall be no more than six (6) feet in height;
 - c) The hen house must provide a minimum of two (2) square feet per chicken hen;
 - d) The hen house must be kept clean, dry, and sanitary at all times;
 - e) The hen house must be located upon a permeable surface that prevents waste run-off;
 - f) The fenced enclosure must adequately contain the chicken hens at all times;
 - g) The fenced enclosure must be kept clean and sanitary at all times;
 - h) The hen house must provide the chicken hens with adequate protection from the elements and inclement weather and provide for the chicken hens good health and prevent any unnecessary or unjustified suffering;
 - i) The hen house shall not be built onto any shared fence;
 - j) The setbacks for the hen house and enclosed area shall be those for the principal dwelling located on the House Lot (*see table below*).
- (4) No chicken hens may be kept or raised within the dwelling.
- (5) The owner of the hen(s) must be a resident of the dwelling located on the House Lot.

- (6) The raising of chicken hens shall be restricted to back yards or side yards; chicken hens shall not be permitted, at any time, on the part of the property directly abutting a main road.
- (7) The keeping of chicken hens pursuant to this section shall be primarily for the purpose of raising chicken hens and collecting the eggs produced thereof; this section shall not be construed to allow for the commercial slaughter and sale of any chicken hens for any purpose.
- (8) Necessary euthanasia of chicken hens shall be performed by a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
- (9) This section shall be subject to the nuisance provisions of Section 67-8.
- (10) The Town Manager, on the advice of the animal control officer, shall promulgate a registration process as a condition precedent to the construction of hen houses and keeping of chicken hens. Such registration shall include:
 - a) Inspection and approval of the construction plans by the Building Official
 - b) Payment of a fee to be set by the Town Council each year.

Dimensional Requirements

Minimum depth rear yard	30 feet	25 feet	20 feet	20 feet
Minimum width side yards	18 feet or 10% of the frontage (the greaterof)	14 feet or 10% of the frontage (the greaterof)	9 feet or 10% of the frontage (the greaterof)	15 feet or 10% of the frontage (the greaterof)
Max building lot coverage	15%	20%	25%	30