



Planning Department

ZONING INTERPRETATION RECORD ZI11-03

SUBJECT OF INTERPRETATION:

Chickens as household pets

ZONING CODE ORDINANCE SECTIONS:

Section 2.300 – Definitions

Section 5.102 – A-1 – Agricultural District, Permitted Uses

Section 5.132 – Rural Residential (RR-90; RR-45) Livestock

Section 5.212 – Suburban Residential (SR-30; SR-17; SR-12) Livestock

CAUSE FOR INTERPRETATION:

To further clarify the regulations related to the keeping of poultry, specifically chickens, in residential districts.

INTERPRETATION:

There have been a few requests from residents to consider the keeping of chickens as household pets in residential districts other than those zoning districts that already allow them. The Zoning Ordinance currently allows the raising of poultry with the exception of male fowl, in the A-1 (Agricultural District); Rural Residential (RR-90; RR-45) and Suburban Residential (SR-30; SR-17; SR-12), provided that they are contained within a fence or a cage. The fence and/or cage must maintain the same building setbacks as the primary residence.

The purpose of the above mentioned zoning districts is to provide a rural character with liberal livestock and animal keeping provisions, as well as providing a transition in intensity between rural and urban residential uses. The remaining residential zoning districts found in the zoning ordinance are considered to be urban residential zoning districts where as household pets are considered as those pets that are customary and incidental to the principal use of the property. Household pets as defined in Section 2.30 Definitions of the zoning ordinance are “small animals which are customarily kept as household pets or which are generally trainable and readily adaptable to urban residences. Household pets may include small domestic animals as well as other traditional pets and exotic animals.”

CONCLUSION:

The current zoning ordinance that was adopted by the Glendale City Council in 1993 has made reasonable provisions to accommodate the raising and keeping of chickens in various zoning districts. These regulations are in place based on the input from the residents of Glendale as a whole. Since chickens are not customarily considered as

household pets, it has been determined that the raising/keeping of poultry will remain in the zoning districts as currently stated in the Zoning Ordinance.

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