

Keeping of Poultry in Stafford, CT

How many birds can I have.....

If lot is less than one acre in size:

At least: ¼ acre 3 hens

At least: ½ acre 6 hens

At least: ¾ acre 9 hens

1 acre 12 hens

Requirements:

For the A, B and C zones a special permit is needed (fee \$310.00)

And a site plan that shows:

A: location of poultry coop and fenced in play area. These need to be located at least 25 feet from the side and rear property lines.

B: landscape “buffer” to provide noise and site relief to neighbors. Buffer could be bushes or a fence.

All other zones where the lot is an acre or less: needs zoning approval from the Zoning Enforcement Officer (Fee: \$110.00).

No free range keeping of poultry on lots under an acre or when they can trespass.

All other zones from 1 to 10 acres in size: 12 per acre (follow table 7.4d) (No Permit)

Over 10 acres in size: must follow best management practices.(No Permit)

Roosters and Guinea Hens can only be on lots greater than 3 acres in size.

If your project is 4-h connected or is an approved educational project

see the Zoning Enforcement Officer for details.

