

### Are chickens allowed in all zoning districts?

Chickens are permitted in residential and agriculture zoning districts, if separation and lot size requirements can be met.

### Are there property size requirements?

Properties smaller than 10,000 square feet are not permitted to have chickens unless written permission from the residents and owners of your property and all adjoining neighbors has been received. Lots that are 10,000 square feet or greater may also have chickens if separation requirements can be met.

### Where can the coop/barn be located?

The coop/barn can not be kept in the front yard. The coop/barn can be kept in the side yard or back yard if separation requirements can be met.

### What about maintenance?

A coop/barn must be maintained and no offensive or disagreeable smell or odors are allowed.

### What about rabbits?

The same rules apply to rabbits. You can have any combination of rabbits and chickens up to 20 animals total if separation requirements can be met.

### What about 4H and FFA animals?

The City has different rules for 4H and FFA animals. Please contact us for more information at (928) 373-5175.



## Rules for Chicken Coops

- ◆ Poultry shall be kept in an enclosure, a coop or barn, so constructed as to prevent such poultry from wandering upon property belonging to others.
- ◆ The coop can not be kept in the front yard.
- ◆ The coop can be kept in the side yard or back yard if separation requirements can be met.
- ◆ A coop must be maintained and no offensive or disagreeable smell or odors are allowed.

For additional information about raising and caring for backyard chickens:

<https://extension.arizona.edu/poultry>

<https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/project/poultry>

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# Backyard Chickens



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## Are backyard chickens permitted in the City of Yuma?

**Yes. If certain conditions can be met.**

### What are the conditions?

- ◆ You must live in a residential neighborhood.
- ◆ The coop/barn must be at least 50 feet from any residence.
- ◆ If the coop/barn is within 50 to 80 feet of a residence written permission must be given from the resident and property owner.
- ◆ If your residential property is less than 10,000 square feet in size than written permission from all your adjacent neighbors (residents and property owners) must be given.
- ◆ You can not have a rooster unless it is incapable of making vocal noises.

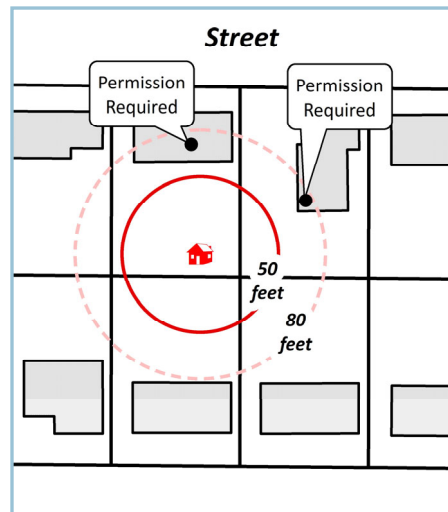
### How many chickens can I have?

You can have up to 20 chickens if your property is less than 40,000 square feet in size.

If your property zoning is Agriculture, Suburban Ranch or Low Density Residential (R-1-40) and your lot size is more than 40,000 square feet than you can have more than 20 chickens. But the coop/barn has to be at least 100 to 200 feet from any dwelling depending on the zoning.

## Permission and Location Requirements for Chickens

<u>Zoning Districts</u>	<u>Number of Chickens</u>	<u>Lot Size</u>	<u>Spacing</u>	<u>Written Permission</u>
Residential Districts	20	Under 10,000 sq.ft.	50 feet from residence, 50 to 80 feet from neighboring residences	Resident, occupant and all adjacent neighbors
Residential Districts	20	10,000 to 39,999 sq.ft.	50 feet from residence, 50 to 80 feet from neighboring residences	Any neighbor within 80 feet of enclosure
Suburban Ranch (SR) and Low Density (R-1-40)	No limit	40,000 sq.ft. plus	100 feet from residences	No
Agriculture (AG)	No limit	20 acres	200 feet from property line	No

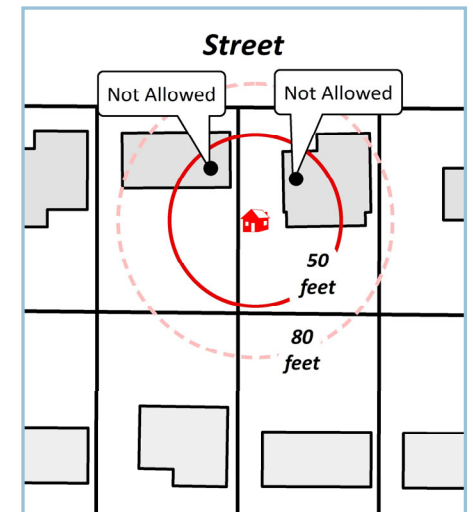


### Example 1

A chicken coop can be kept in the backyard if it is at least 50 feet from all homes. If the chicken coop is within 80 feet of a home then written permission from the neighbors within the 80 feet must be given in order to keep chickens.

### In the examples shown:

- the gray area is a residence,
- the red building is a chicken coop,
- the solid red line shows a 50 foot distance and
- the dashed light red line shows an 80 foot distance.



### Example 2

A chicken coop must be at least 50 feet from any home. A chicken coop could not be kept on the side of the house as it too close to the resident's home and the neighbor's home.