

GUIDELINES - KEEPING OF POULTRY WITHIN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

This information sheet summarises and explains Council's requirements with regards to the keeping of poultry within residential zones.

Definition

Poultry - domestic fowls collectively, as chickens, turkeys, guinea fowls, ducks and geese.

Guidelines

As per standards set by the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 Part 2 Division 1 Subdivision 21 Clause 2.42, a fowl or poultry house must :

1. be not higher than 3m above ground level (existing), and
2. not have a floor area of more than 15m², and
3. be located in the rear yard, and
4. be located at least 3m from each lot boundary, and
5. be located at least 4.5m from any dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food, and
6. be enclosed to prevent the escape of poultry, and
7. be constructed or installed so that roof water is disposed of without causing a nuisance to adjoining owners, and
8. to the extent it is comprised of metal components be constructed of low reflective, factory pre-coloured materials if it is located on land in a residential zone, and
9. not be more than 1 development (fowl or poultry house) per lot, and
10. not house more than 5 fowl or poultry and not house any roosters.

In addition,

- The poultry must be kept in a manner as to not create a nuisance to neighbouring residents. Control measures for rodents, cockroaches or other vermin are to be conducted on a regular basis and poultry houses are to be maintained free of rodents, cockroaches and other vermin at all times.
- Poultry feed should be stored in sealed metal containers and scraps should not be left in the yard.
- Poultry yards must at all times be kept clean and free from offensive odours.
- **KEEPING OF ROOSTERS IS NOT PERMITTED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.**

The Council, notwithstanding these guidelines being adhered to by any particular householder, shall always be deemed pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act and Regulations to have the power to prohibit the keeping of poultry on any specified premises or to control and regulate so as to limit the number of poultry kept.

For further information

Should you require additional information or advice, please contact Council's Customer Service team on 9725-0222.