

# *City of Milford, Connecticut*

## **Planning and Zoning Board**

### **The Keeping of Domestic Poultry    (Effective 12/27/2013)**

#### **Section 3.1.3.4**

The Keeping of domesticated poultry subject to Administrative approval by the Planning and Zoning Office and the following conditions and safeguards:

- (1) Statement of purpose. This regulation is intended to make provision for the limited keeping of female poultry, henceforth referred to as hens, on certain residential properties for the health, convenience and personal enjoyment benefits afforded by such use in a manner which preserves the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhood. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to a regularly operated farm, as defined herein.
- (2) The term Domestic Poultry shall be defined as the various domesticated breeds of chickens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*), Domestic Mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos domesticus*), Muscovy ducks (*Cairna moschata domesticus*) and Domestic geese (*Anser anser domesticus*). No other species of poultry shall be permitted.
- (3) Hens shall only be permitted in One Family zoning districts as follows: Goose hens shall only be permitted in the R-30 and R-A zones.
  - R-5; R-7.5; R-10; R-12.5; SFA-10: No more than 5 hens.
  - R-18; R-30; R-A: No more than 10 hens.
- (4) A scaled Plot Plan showing the poultry enclosure and building shall be required. The use shall be confined to a fenced enclosure no greater than 20% of the lot area and located in a rear yard. In the case of a through-lot the enclosure shall not be within the front yard setback. The fenced enclosure shall be at least 25 feet from any street line, at least 10 feet from the principal residential dwelling and at least 5 feet from any property line.
- (5) Any portion of the enclosure located closer than ten feet to a property boundary shall be screened by either a solid fence or a landscaped buffer of at least four feet in height.

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- (6) A building shall be required for the hens. Any building used for this purpose shall be no higher than 15 feet and located at least 5 feet from any lot line. All such buildings shall be constructed, and all food products kept, so as to prevent offensive odors and the presence of pests and predators.
- (7) No hens may be kept inside the principal residential structure.
- (8) No male poultry, castrated or not, shall be kept on any property.
- (9) The keeping of hens shall be conducted in a manner consistent with and in compliance with the Health Code of the City of Milford.
- (10) All poultry products including, but not limited to, eggs, feathers, and meat, shall not be sold to the public.