

## FAQ

- Q.** Can I have chickens in the Town Limits?
- A.** You can only have chickens in the Town Limits where it is zoned for such.
- Q.** What areas in the Town Limits are zoned to have chickens?
- A.** The proper zoning for chickens or domestic fowl in the Town of Garner is zones R20 and R40.
- Q.** If I have a R20 or R40 zoned lot how many chickens can I have?
- A.** For any property (lot) **1 acre or more in size**, in the Garner Town Limits, you may have a **maximum of 4** chickens or domestic fowl on your property.
- Q.** Do I need a fence or pen if I have chickens?
- A.** Yes, it is unlawful for any person owning and keeping chickens or domestic fowl to allow them to roam freely. The location of a chicken run or pen must be at least 300 feet from a house, church, business, or commercial establishment.
- Q.** If I want to have a chicken coop, how far must it be from my neighbor's property line?
- A.** It must be at least 500 feet from any adjoining property that is zoned residential.
- Q.** Can I have a rooster?
- A.** No, you cannot keep a rooster in the Town Limits.
- Q.** Is there a penalty for violating the Town Ordinance?
- A.** Yes, failure to comply may result in a civil penalty in the amount of \$100 per day for each day that the violation exist on the property.
- Q.** My neighbors have chickens. What can I do?
- A.** You can contact the Town and Town Staff will contact the owners and make them aware of any violations.
- Q.** What number do I call for this?
- A.** Call the Town of Garner Police Department's Animal Control Division at 919-772-8810.



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# Chickens & Domestic Fowl Rules and Regulations



## Town Ordinances

### Sec. 3-5. - Horses, cattle, swine, chickens and other animals or fowl.

Livestock and domestic fowl of all descriptions are hereby prohibited in any area of the town except those areas zoned for agricultural purposes by the zoning ordinance. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful, regardless of zoning, for any person to maintain, keep, house or stable any horse, mule, pony, cow, sheep, goat, chicken or other domestic fowl or livestock in the town within three hundred (300) feet of any dwelling, school, church, business, commercial or professional establishment. Not more than a total of three (3) horses, mules, ponies, cows, sheep, goats or other such animals shall be maintained on one (1) lot and such lot must contain no less than one (1) acre for each such animal maintained. No more than a total of four (4) chickens or other domestic fowl shall be maintained on one (1) lot and such lot must contain no less than one (1) each four (4) or fewer chickens or other domestic fowl maintained. All animals shall be kept and maintained in an enclosed area.

### Sec. 3-7. - Same - baby chickens, ducklings.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale, or for any person to permit to be sold, or offered for sale, within his place of business in the town, baby chickens or baby ducklings less than three (3) weeks of age in lots of less than six (6) to a single sale.

### Sec. 3-9. - Unlawful to allow fowl to run at large.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning and keeping chickens and other domestic fowl to allow the fowl to be at large in the town.

### Sec. 3-10. - Roosters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain in the town any rooster that through loud and habitual crowing or in any other manner constitutes a neighborhood or public nuisance.

### Sec. 3-25. - Imposition of penalties for violations of chapter.

Except as otherwise provided, any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined a civil

penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If the violation is continued, each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense. Any penalty not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of issuance will double. Civil penalties may be assessed by citation and recovered by the Town of Garner in a civil action in the nature of a debt.

