



## LIMITED AGRICULTURE PERMIT (CITY ONLY) PLOT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The minimum size and placement of the chicken pen and coop, and required construction standards, are described in paragraphs 5.4.12B.7 and 5.4.12B.11 of the *Unified Development Ordinance*. These requirements include, but are not limited to the following:

ORDINANCE PROVISION	REQUIREMENT
Number of hens (roosters are prohibited)	10 maximum
<b>COOP</b>	
Minimum floor area per chicken	Three square feet
Minimum height	18 inches
Windows (must be able to close; and meet UDO paragraph 5.4.12B.7.a)	One square foot of window per 15 square feet of floor area; covered with 14.5-gauge (1 x 1) wire
Materials (shall meet paragraph 5.4.12B.7.a)	Enclosed with solid materials on all sides; have a solid roof and door(s) that shut and lock; and adequate venting covered with 14.5-gauge (1 x 1) wire
Setbacks (in rear yard only per paragraph 5.4.1)	15 feet from any property line or right-of-way
<b>PEN</b>	
Minimum area per chicken	10 square feet
Minimum fence height	Four feet above the ground, with at least one foot buried in ground
Materials (shall meet UDO paragraph 5.4.12B.7.b)	Wood or metal posts and wire fencing material (14.5-gauge, not chicken wire); pen must be covered with wire, aviary netting, or solid roofing
Setbacks (in rear yard only per paragraph 5.4.1)	Five feet from any property line or right-of-way

A plot plan showing the location of the coop and pen in relation to the closest property lines is required as part of the submittal for a Limited Agriculture Permit. If a survey map of the lot is available, the applicant can make a copy of the survey and draw in the proposed location of the coop and pen showing that they will meet or exceed the required setbacks in the table above. The dimensions of the coop and pen must also be included on the plot plan.

If a survey is not available, please contact the Planning Department Customer Service Center at (919) 560-4137, or email to [Planning@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:Planning@DurhamNC.gov), and a generalized plot plan of the property can be generated for use by the applicant.

**Please note:** *If a coop or pen is built within two feet of a minimum setback, or there aren't any readily identified, surveyed landmarks on the property, the applicant may have to provide a professional survey verifying that the minimum setback has been met prior to final Site Compliance Inspection approval.*