



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Typical Conditions Considered for Special Permit Requests for the Raising of Poultry in a Zoning District other than AR

Special Permits for the raising of poultry in non-AR zoning districts in the Town of North Greenbush will be considered in accordance with Section 197-31 of the Code of the Town of North Greenbush, which states that "The raising and keeping of livestock, poultry, or fur-bearing animals shall be allowed in other districts <other than AR> only by Special Permit where adequate land is available and said operations are only incidental to a single-family occupancy and the products thereof are only for the use or consumption of the occupants."

The ZBA has experienced an expanding increase in volume of requests to raising of chickens in residential districts. While each case is determined upon its own merits and evidence, the ZBA has developed this standardized list of conditions that might typically be applied to these types of applications.

- 1) No roosters are allowed.
- 2) No more than six (6) chicks or hens.
- 3) Feeds must be stored in a metal, or other impervious container, with an appropriate lid, to prevent the attraction of rodents.
- 4) There must be a written plan, available for the Building Department to review for compliance, that explains how waste materials, including bedding and manure, will be disposed of. This plan cannot be to have it collected as household trash or garbage.
- 5) No "free ranging" of chickens, where chickens are allowed to range outside of the coop or pen.
- 6) The pen must be enclosed on all sides, including the top and dug into the ground, to prevent the attraction of predatory birds or rodents.
- 7) The pen and coop must be in a rear yard and must be no less than fifteen (15) feet from any adjacent property line.

Note that each case has individual circumstances which might cause the ZBA to place more restrictive conditions, or might allow for less restrictive conditions, but this list serves as a baseline for planning purposes.

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