



Owner Guidelines



Hen Owner Guidelines

For the purposes and duration of this Pilot Program, a maximum of 10 Town of Creston residents are permitted to keep up to 6 backyard hens by completing the following process.

1. Apply by:
 - a. Submitting a Hen Owner Licence form;
 - b. Paying the licence fee (\$20 annually); and,
 - c. Submitting the Owner Authorization form if the resident is not the property owner
2. Once Town Staff approve the application, the resident may construct a coop, run, and related structures in accordance with the regulations below.

General Regulations (for full regulations see [Animal Care and Responsibility Bylaw No. 1826, 2015](https://www.creston.ca/creston-bylaws), available online at <https://www.creston.ca/creston-bylaws>)

- Limited to Residential – Low Density (R1) or Residential – Rural (R5) zones
- Six hens maximum per eligible household
- Roosters are not permitted
- Proper cleaning and animal husbandry must be followed at all times
- Hens cannot be slaughtered on within Town, except at a veterinary clinic
- Hens cannot be disposed of within Town
- Hens must be licenced with the Town
- Sale of hen products and bi-products are prohibited
- Property owner authorization required

Siting Regulations

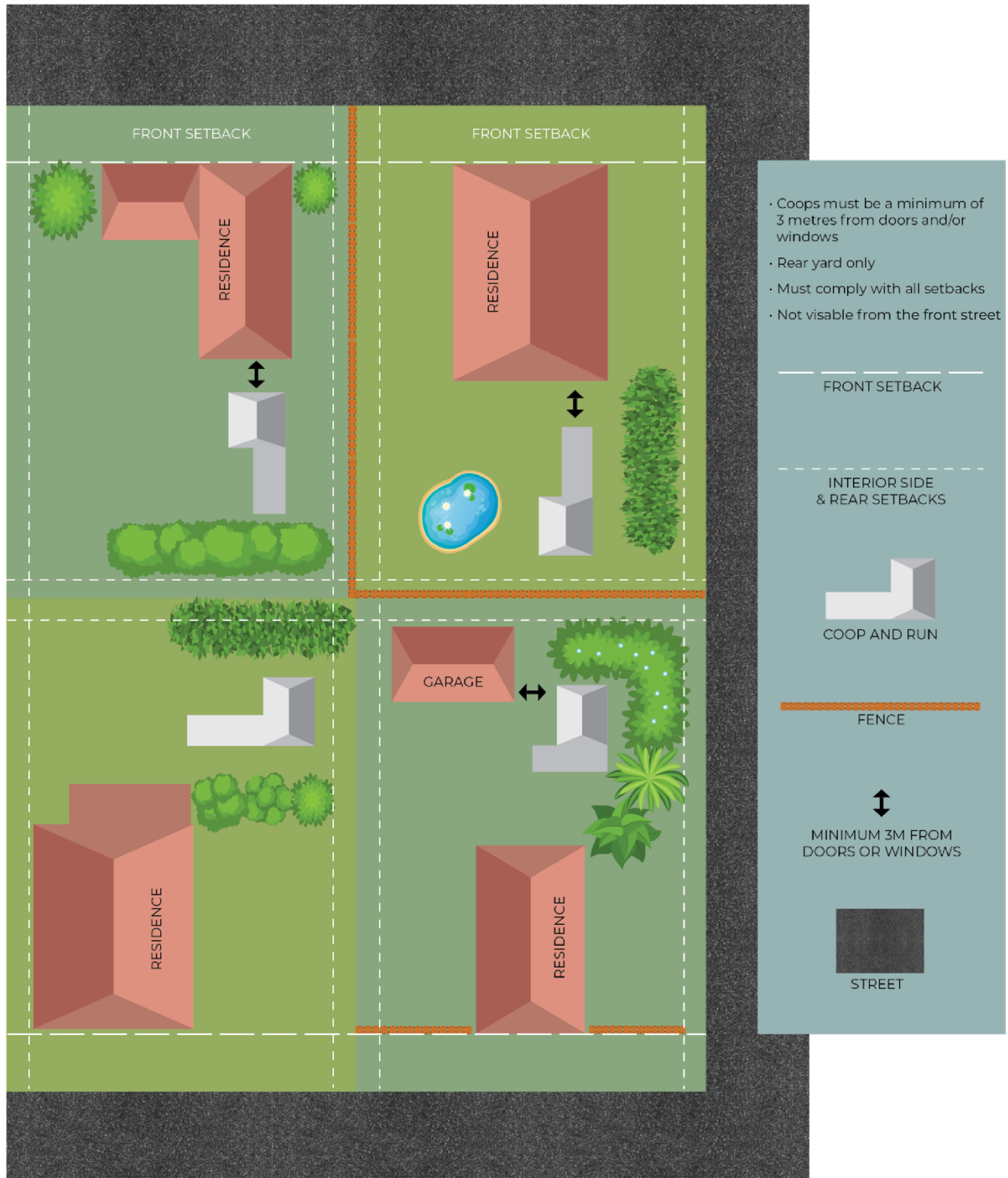
- Coops and runs shall not be visible from the street parallel to the front lot line
- Coops and runs shall only be located in rear yards, and in no case shall be closer to an exterior side lot line than the principle building
- Coops and runs shall comply with all existing accessory building setbacks and shall be sited no less than 3m from the front, interior, or exterior property lines, and no less than 3m from any door or window.

Coop and Run Regulations

- Coop size shall be no less than and 0.37 sq. m. per hen and run space shall be no less than 0.92 sq. m. per hen
- Adequate roost space within the coop must be provided for each hen
- A minimum of 1 nest box per 2 chickens with minimum dimensions of 30cm x 30cm x 30cm
- Feed must be stored in a secure and closed container

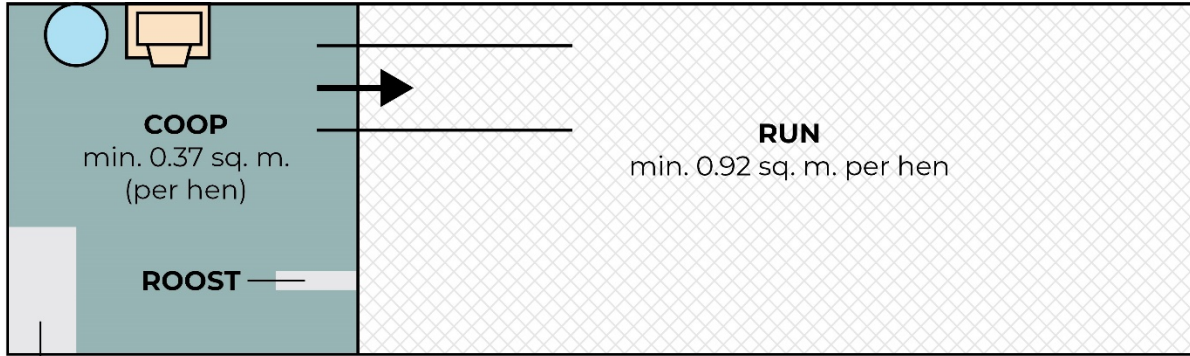
- Hens must be kept in a coop at from sunset to 7am or sunrise, whichever is first
- Fencing must ensure hen safety and security from escape and predators, including use of fencing above hen yard to limit contact with wild birds
- Construct coop and run to be secure from animals and rodents including under structures and within walls
- Coop shall be kept free from obnoxious smells and substances
- Food scraps must be removed from coop and run daily follow feeding to hens
- Maximum coop size of 4 sq. m.
- Maximum coop height of 2m

Coop Siting Regulations

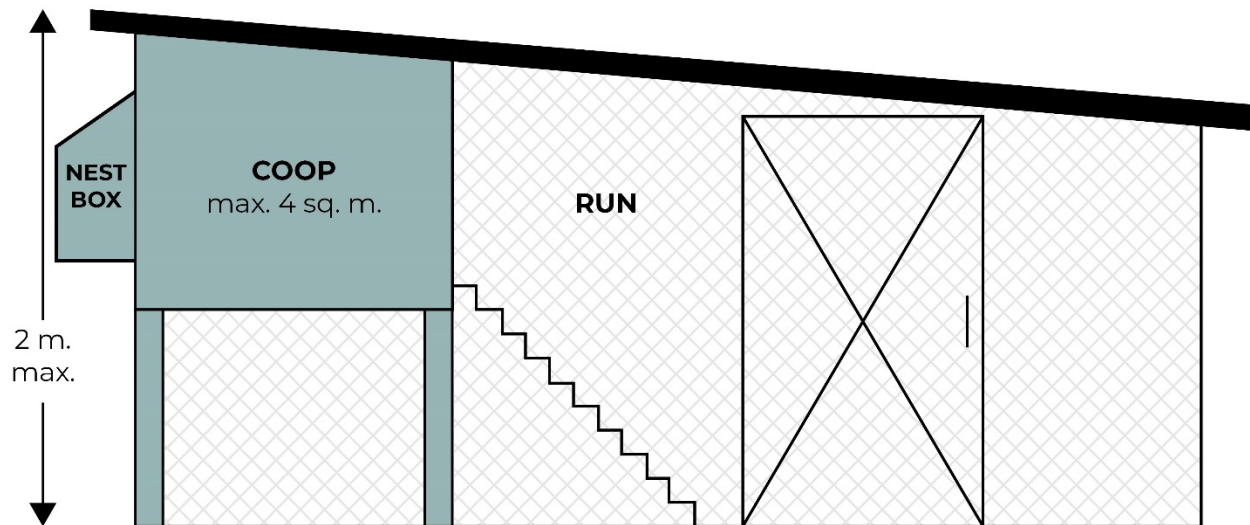


- Coops must be a minimum of 3 metres from doors and/or windows
- Rear yard only
- Must comply with all setbacks
- Not visible from the front street

Coop and Run Regulations



NEST BOX - min. 1 box per 2 hens (30cm x 30cm x 30cm)





Nest Box Regulations

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