

10.195 Dane County Zoning Guide for Domestic Fowl

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The keeping of up to 6 female chickens, ducks, or quail, collectively domestic fowl, is a permitted use on any single family residential lot in any zoning district in Dane County.

To ensure that the keeping of domestic fowl is done in a responsible manner that protects the public health, safety, and welfare and avoids conflicts with neighboring uses, Dane County Zoning enforces the following standards:

- ✓ No slaughtering of domestic fowl shall occur on a residential property.
- ✓ Fowl must have access to a covered enclosure.
- ✓ Fowl may not roam in an unfenced area.
- ✓ Fowl must be kept within a covered and fenced enclosure or fenced enclosure at all time.
- ✓ Such enclosures mentioned must be clean, dry, and odor-free.
- ✓ Fowl, and their enclosures, are to be kept in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of adjacent properties.

Dane County Zoning permits are required prior to placing covered residential chicken enclosures on properties. The table below provides the requirements for such structures:

Standards for Domestic Fowl Covered Enclosure Permit	
Permit required	Yes
Zoning district	All
Residence required	Yes
Location	Within Rear and/or Side Yards
Maximum size	120 square feet*
Maximum height	12 feet
Setback to any adjoining lot's residential structure	25 feet
Setback to water of any lake, river, or stream	75 feet
Permit fee	\$15.00

Application for a domestic fowl enclosure permit is made at the Dane County Zoning counter. Zoning permit application material is available on our website located at:

http://www.countyofdane.com/PLANDEV/zoning/zoning_permit.aspx

The application must be accompanied by a **site plan**, drawn to a measurable scale, which includes all lot lines, all existing structures, and the location of the domestic fowl structure. Accepted form of payment include **cash or check** payable to Dane County Zoning.

*Larger enclosures may be permitted, but will be considered residential accessory buildings and permitted as such.