

Summary of Alameda County Ordinances on Chickens and Bees
 City of San Leandro City Council, Community Development Subcommittee July 17, 2012

Chickens

Jurisdiction	Permitting	Minimum Lot	Number Permitted		Setbacks	Enclosure Size	Enforcement
			Lot Size	Number			
Fremont	Hens permitted with Animal Fancier's Permits; No roosters	6,000 sf	6,000 sf or greater; 8,000 sf or greater; 10,000 sf or greater;	Four (4) Six (6) Ten (10)	Subject to rules and regulations of Animal Services	Subject to rules and regulations of Animal Services	Animal Services
Union City	Subject to approval of Exotic Animal Permit by City Manager's Office	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Three (3) feet (Enclosures over 120 sq ft in area or 6.5 feet in height)	Three (3) feet (Enclosures over 120 sq ft in area or 6.5 feet in height)	Animal Control
Newark	No permit needed for four or less chickens; No roosters	Any parcel zoned residential	10,000 sf;	Ten (10) chickens, including one rooster	Not specified	Not specified	Animal Control (for Animal Fancier Permit, if over four chickens)
Hayward	Permitted in single-family zoning, with an Administrative Use Permit (\$4,000 deposit on time/materials application); No roosters	5,000 sf	At discretion of Planning Director on review of site under the Administrative Use Permit	3 chickens	20 feet from any property line and not less than 40 feet from any dwelling on the same or adjoining lot	Minimum 200 square feet open area required	Animal Services
Alameda County (unincorporated areas)	No permit needed for three or less; Animal Fancier's Permit for four or more; No roosters	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	25 feet from an adjacent (neighboring) dwelling	Must be enclosed (no size specified)	Animal Control

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Jurisdiction	Zone	Minimum Lot	Number Permitted		Setbacks	Enclosure Size	Enforcement
			Lot Size	Number of Chickens			
Berkeley	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	25 feet from an adjacent (neighboring) dwelling	Must be enclosed (no size specified)	Animal Control
Emeryville	Permitted in R-M District, with Permit from Police Department	Not specified	Not specified	Five (5) chickens	20 feet from any inhabited building	Not specified	Animal Control
Oakland	Permitted as accessory in all R Zones	Not specified	Not specified	No minimum # roosters prohibited	20 feet from any dwelling, church, or school	Not specified	County Vector Control for review vector related issues; County Health for sanitary issues; Code Enforcement for noise and odor
Livermore	Permitted with an Animal Fanciers Permit	Not specified	Not specified	No more than 10 per lot; roosters prohibited	Not specified	Two square feet per bantam; three square feet per standard type.	Animal Control

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			Lot Size	Number of Animals			
Fremont	Not specified	6000 sf	6,000 sf or greater: 8,000 sf or greater: 10,000 sf or greater:	One (1) beehive Two (2) beehives Three (3) beehives	Not specified	Not specified	Animal Services
Union City	Residential; Exempt from Exotic Animal Permit	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Alameda County's Vector Control Services of the Department of Environmental Health
Newark	Permitted only with Animal Fancier's Permit	6,000 sf	6,000 sf or greater: 8,000 sf or greater: 10,000 sf or greater:	One (1) beehive Two (2) beehives Three (3) beehives	Not specified	Not specified	Animal Control (for Animal Fancier Permit, if over four chickens)
Hayward	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
Alameda County	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
Berkeley	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
Emeryville	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
Oakland	Permitted as accessory in all R Zones	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Code Compliance, if nuisance
Livermore	Animal Fancier's Permit	Half acre	Half Acre	Two (2) beehives	Rear half of lot	2' x 2' x 1.5'	Animal Control