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REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS AND FOWL AS PETS

(PER THE DELHI TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION)

4.5 Accessory Use-Specific Standards

A. Accessory Buildings and Uses. Accessory buildings and/or uses which are not part of the main building shall be:

3. Situated and/or constructed in the rear yard, unless specifically exempted herein.

8.2 Accessory Uses

C. Keeping of Agricultural Animals and Fowl as Pets

1. The section does not apply to properties that keep agricultural animals and/or fowl and qualify for an agricultural exemption per Section 8.1 , B.
2. The keeping of fowl as pets is subject to the general requirements regarding zoning certificates and the following regulations:
 - a. The sole purpose of keeping fowl is for the private consumption of their eggs by members of the household, and not for commercial purposes. In no case shall any product produced or made as a result of the keeping of fowl as provided in this section be offered for sale on any property zoned for residential use.
 - b. A maximum of 10 fowl is permitted. The keeping of roosters is prohibited.
 - c. All fowl shall be housed in a coop with a maximum of five square feet per animal, and an enclosed run area no larger than 100 square feet. The maximum allowable height of the coop shall be six feet above the elevation of the surface of the ground. The coop and the run shall be located in the rear yard and at least 10 feet from all property lines. The coop is also subject to the requirements of Section 16.4 , E. The fowl shall be kept in the coop from sunset to sunrise.
 - d. All food and waste material shall be stored in tight fitting containers and located a minimum of 10 feet from all property lines.
 - e. The slaughtering of fowl in residential districts is prohibited.
 - f. The coop and run shall be kept in neat, clean, and sanitary condition, free from offensive odors, excessive noise, or any other condition that would constitute a nuisance.
3. The keeping of agricultural animals, other than fowl, as pets is permitted in all Residence Districts, but only as an accessory use to a single-family dwelling,

subject to the general requirements regarding zoning certificates and further provided:

- a. All agricultural animals shall be enclosed in a pen or perimeter fence that meets the regulations set forth in Section 16.4 , E.
- b. All animals, and their enclosures, shall be kept in neat, clean, and sanitary condition, free from offensive odors, excessive noise, or any other condition that would constitute a nuisance.
- c. All food and waste material shall be stored in tight fitting containers and located a minimum of 10 feet from all property lines.
- d. The slaughtering of agricultural animals in residential districts is prohibited.
- e. In no case shall any product produced or made as a result of the keeping of agricultural animals be offered for sale on any property zoned for residential use.

16.1 Residence District Fence Regulations

The restrictions set forth below shall apply to all fences, excluding dumpster/trash handling enclosures, for all Residence Districts:

A. Non-Corner Lots

1. **Rear Yards.** Fences shall not exceed six feet in height and may be solid or open in nature.
2. **Side Yards.** Fences shall not exceed four feet in height, and not less than 50 percent open.
3. **Front Yards.** Fences shall be used for decorative or accent purposes only and shall not confine or enclose any portion of the front yard. Fences shall not exceed four feet in height, and not less than 75 percent open.

B. Corner Lots

1. **Rear Yards.** Fences shall not exceed six feet in height and may be solid or open in nature.
2. **Side Yards.** Fences shall not exceed four feet in height, and not less than 50 percent open.
3. **Front Yards**
 - a. For the front yard that includes the façade of the residence with the front door and/or other significant or distinguishing architectural features, as determined by the Delhi Township Community Development Director, fences shall be used for decorative or accent purposes only and shall not confine or enclose any portion of the front yard. Fences shall not exceed four feet in height and be not less than 75 percent open.
 - b. For the front yard that does not include the façade of the residence with the front door and/or other significant or distinguishing architectural features, as determined by the Delhi Township Community Development Director, fences shall not exceed four feet in height, be not less than 50 percent open, and shall not extend more than half of the distance into the required front yard

ARTICLE 24. DEFINED WORDS *(Abridged)*

Fowl. Includes waterfowl, such as ducks, swans, and geese; game fowl, such as turkeys and pheasants; and domesticated barnyard birds such as chickens.

Questions concerning these regulations should be directed to the Delhi Township Department of Community Development. The complete text of the Zoning Resolution may be viewed on the Townships' website at www.delhi.oh.us.

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