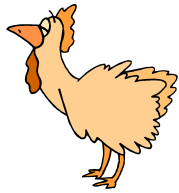


## RAISING CHICKENS AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS IN TUMWATER



**I want to raise some chickens. Can I do that in Tumwater?**

**YES!** You can have female chickens on your lot in Tumwater. The Tumwater Municipal Code allows up to 5 chickens on your lot if it is  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre or smaller. You can have up to 9 female chickens if your lot is between  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre and 1 acre in size; and you can have up to 10 female chickens if your lot is 1 acre and larger, PLUS 1 additional female chicken for every additional 1,000 sq. ft. of area over one acre. If your property is larger than 2 acres, please consult with Tumwater's Community Development Department staff regarding the number of animals/livestock allowed.

**What about roosters?**



**NO.** Roosters are not allowed on lots in Tumwater because of their loud crowing which can be very disturbing to your neighbors. Other similar loud fowl such as peacocks and geese are also prohibited.



**What about rabbits, miniature goats, ducks, turkeys or bees?**



**YES.** You can have these animals on your property. There is a limit on the number you can have, depending on your lot size; and there are requirements for enclosures as specified in Tumwater's Municipal Code.

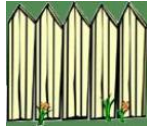
**My kids want a horse. Do you allow horses and cows?**

Larger animals such as horses, cows, pigs and sheep are allowed only on lots that are 2 acres or larger in size. Again, there are limits on the number you can have.

**Where on my property can I keep my chickens?**

You must have a suitable, sanitary enclosure (such as a chicken coop) for your chickens. On lots smaller than 2 acres, this enclosure cannot be within 15' of your front yard property line or within 5' of your backyard or side-yard property lines. If your property is 2 acres or larger, call our Community Development Department staff regarding placement of your animal structures.

## Must I fence my property to have chickens?



Tumwater's Municipal Code requires that your chickens must be confined to your property. If you allow your chickens outside of the chicken coop, you must have a fenced enclosure to keep them from roaming into your neighbor's yard. Please consult with Tumwater's Community Development Department staff for information regarding fence heights and types allowed on lots smaller than 2 acres.

## What about my neighborhood association rules or my development's covenants?



Your property is subject to the covenants that were in effect when you purchased the property and may also be subject to restrictions agreed to or voted upon by your neighborhood association. You probably received these when you purchased the property. Please review your property's covenants and consult with your neighborhood association regarding what animal, pet, or building structure restrictions apply to your property.

## More questions?



For more information and any other questions you may have, please call Tumwater's Community Development Department staff at 360-754-4180. We want to help you have a successful and enjoyable experience in raising your chickens or other small animals!

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