

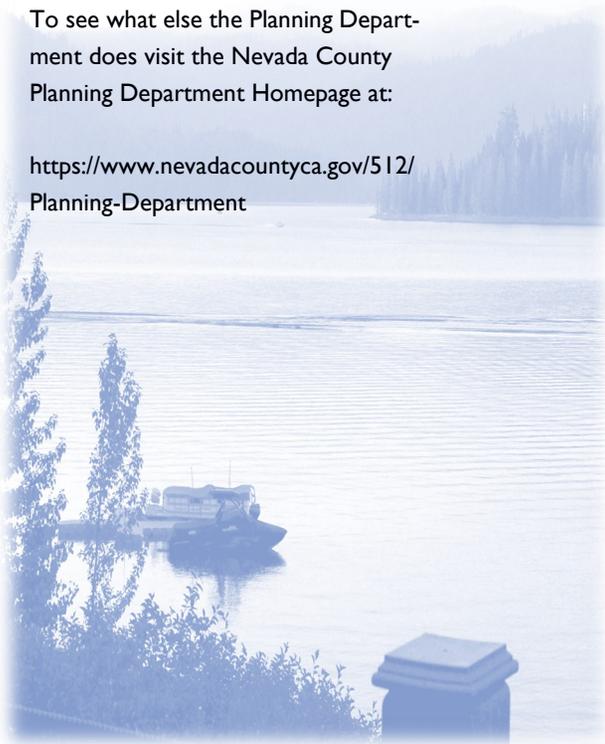
# Nevada County Codes

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## Keeping Backyard Chickens in RA and RI Zoning



The purpose of this Section is to provide opportunities for the onsite raising of domestic chickens in single family residential (RI) neighborhoods and residential agricultural (RA) zoned properties with lot size less than 0.5 acres.

# Backyard Chicken Keeping

## Sec. 12.03.041

### Definitions.

For purposes of this ordinance, Backyard Chicken shall mean a domestic chick or hen kept on a property and does not include roosters, guinea hens or loud exotic varieties

### Standards.

The keeping of backyard chickens shall be allowed in the RA and R1 Zoning

Districts based on compliance with the following requirements and standards:

1. The raising of backyard chickens shall be allowed only on properties containing a single-family dwelling with a fenced rear yard area. Backyard chickens and their eggs are for domestic purposes only with no commercial sales allowed at the property.
2. All backyard chicken coops shall maintain the following setbacks:
  - a. Property line: 10 feet
  - b. Adjacent Residence: 30 feet
3. All chicken feed shall be kept within an enclosed container to prevent the attraction of vermin.
4. All chicken manure produced from backyard chickens shall be managed in a manner that prevents odors, flies and pests.

5. The following minimum lot size and corresponding maximum number of chickens shall apply:

TABLE 12.03.041.A		
Property Size / Maximum Number of Chickens		
Base Zoning District	Minimum Lot Size	Maximum Number of Chickens
R1 & RA * *RA Parcels of less than 0.5 acres in size	6,000 sq. ft	4
	10,000 sq. ft	8
	20,000 sq. feet	14

For information on Keeping and Raising animals in other districts, please see Section 12.03.040, Animal Keeping and Raising