

Town of Islip, NY
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Chapter 12. Animals

Article IV. Equine Livestock, Pigeons and Poultry

§ 12-31. Keeping of poultry.

Any person may keep, maintain or house poultry, provided that such poultry does not constitute a nuisance or create a hazard to public health.

§ 12-32. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

POULTRY

Includes chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, pheasant or other domestically maintained fowl.

§ 12-33. Nuisance or health hazard.

Poultry shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance or to create a hazard to public health, in the absence of compliance with the following conditions:

- A. Poultry shall be kept or maintained only in rear yards and shall, at all times, be securely enclosed within an accessory structure, yard or enclosure in such manner as to prevent the running at large or flying out of such fowl.
[Amended 8-17-2010 by L.L. No. 8-2010]
- B. No more than 15 birds herein defined as poultry may be kept or maintained for every 500 square feet of rear yard space being used for the keeping of poultry.
- C. Poultry shall be confined at all times to the property on which they are kept, possessed or maintained.
- D. Poultry refuse and feed must be stored in metal containers with metal covers, or in a rodentproof container.
- E. No person who keeps, possesses, maintains or houses poultry shall permit the poultry to make noises of such a nature as to be heard beyond the property on which such poultry are harbored between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- F. The area in which poultry are kept shall be cleaned regularly (at least once each day) and shall always be maintained in a sanitary condition.
- G. All structures in which poultry are kept are accessory buildings requiring building permits and must maintain ten-foot setbacks from side and rear yards.
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