

Chicken Coops and Runs

The ability to keep backyard hens in Hope Valley Farms North is a privilege; therefore, so as you build your coop and keep hens, please be sympathetic to your neighbors' attitudes. Not everyone who looks out his or her backyard wants to see a coop; every effort should be made to keep coops discreetly screened and located.

1. Hens, coops and runs are to be in compliance with all City of Durham rules and ordinances.
2. Coops and runs are to be in backyards only.
3. Coops should look like your home, a playhouse or similar structure and should blend with the architecture of your property. Construction must comply with ARC Guidelines specified for dog houses and other exterior structures.
4. No selling eggs.
5. No raising meat birds.
6. No culling/slaughtering of the hens upon the property after their egg-laying prime.
7. Maximum of four hens are allowed; no roosters.
8. Coop should be a minimum of 4sqft per chicken.
9. Chicken wire is acceptable screening.
10. Plant screenings and vegetation is required to block view of the coop and run from streets and neighbors.
11. HVFN ARC reserves the right to not allow coops or hens on smaller lots that would make them obtrusive to neighbors.
12. Complaints from neighbors can be grounds for removal of the birds and coop.
13. An ARC application is required for all coops.
14. The homeowner's yard must be fenced in.
15. Acceptable *examples* of coops and runs include (but are not limited to):



*****END of BOARD APPROVAL*****