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## **Can I Keep Chickens in the City of Linden?**

**Yes, however, you may only do so if you can comply with the following requirements:**

1. You shall provide and maintain a yard, pen, shelter, or building for the confinement of the chickens (*see Sect. 90.11 of the Linden Municipal Code*)
2. The yard, pen, shelter, or building shall provide not less than 25 square feet of ground space (*see Sect. 90.11*)
3. All parts of any yard, pen, shelter, or building containing chickens shall be not less than 200 feet from any building used for dwelling purposes (*see Sect. 90.12*)
4. The yard, pen, shelter, or building shall be kept clean, by removing from the premises all manure and waste matter from which odors may arise or may act as vermin harborage, at least once each day (*see Sect. 90.13*)
5. The yard, pen, shelter, or building containing chickens may only be located in the rear yard, and are further subject to the same property line setback requirements as accessory buildings (*see Sect. 154.061 and 154.069*)
6. Permits are required for the installation of chicken pens/shelters /buildings that are larger than 200 square feet in size
7. Permits may be required for the installation of fences used for the keeping of chickens (*see Sect. 154.112*)

The detailed regulations for the keeping of chickens and other animals can be found in the Linden Municipal Code, which can be accessed here:

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/linden/latest/overview>

*Pertinent section references from the Municipal Code are noted above.*