

“17.04.060 Definitions

- Modify the definition “Hobby Farm” to the 17.04.060 to include:
  - 1) Allowing (6) six or less chickens that comply with a list of minimum requirements in sub-section (d)
  - 2) Adding “Roosters” to the list of “farm animals” not allowed
  - 3) Removing “Bee Keeping” from the list of “farm animals” not allowed
  - 4) Adding “Bee Keeping” to sub-section (c); thereby, allowing privately owned aeries

Proposed Definition Changes:

Hobby Farm means any use accessory to the principal use involving the raising or gathering of farm animals for any purpose. (a) As used in this definition, farm animals consist of Horses, Cows, Llamas, Donkeys, Mules, Goats, Sheep, Chickens see (d), Roosters, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Poultry, (Strike Bee Keeping), Livestock of any kind, etc. (b) Any animal other than those commonly considered to be domestic pets such as dogs, cats, parakeets, house rabbits, aquatic and similar animals whose primary residence is inside the house located on such property which is utilized by the owners of said property as a residence shall be considered noxious and offensive uses of property, and as such constitute a nuisance. (c) The term farm animals does not include Bee Keeping (in compliance with Article 15 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law), agri-business, agricultural animal, agricultural plant, commercial stable, private stable, factory farm, feedlot, kennel, and slaughterhouse. (d) Hens and chickens shall be permitted as follows:

1. Chicken coops shall be a minimum of 10ft from any property line, shall not be located in any front yard, and shall be located at least 100 one hundred ft. from any well. Chickens shall not be allowed to roam freely in any front yard or beyond the property line and shall be confined to a coop at night.
2. No chickens shall be raised, harbored or gathered on any property smaller than 6,000sq ft.
3. Not more than four (4) hens and/or chickens located on lots less than 15,000 thousand sq. ft. not located within a RU (rural) or C (conservation) zone
4. Not more than six (6) hens and/or chickens located on lots less than one (1) acre not located within a RU (rural) or C (conservation) zone
5. All chicken litter and manure and any material conducive to the breeding of flies, or which would create any offensive odor, that is removed from the chicken run or coop, shall be placed in sealed compost bins, air-tight containers, or air-tight bags until entirely removed from the premises or turned under the soil surface as fertilizer.
6. No property shall improperly harbor, raise, or gather chickens/by-product in a manner which may cause or found to have caused disease, odors, aquifer contamination, etc., or deemed to be a nuisance.

Add the accessory use “Hobby Farm” to the accessory use table and permit such use as of right only in the rural RU and conservation C zones.”