

Revision to the Northumberland Zoning Ordinance for the Residential, General (R-1) Zoning District

Allow zoning administrator approval of up to 12 chickens per 2 acres of land in Residential, General, R-1 provided the applicant meets these minimum requirements:

- Chickens must be fenced inside an enclosure outside of the Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area to keep them under control and protected from predators
- No Roosters allowed
- Waste must be cleaned up weekly and disposed of in an environmentally sound fashion (prohibition of disposing of waste in waterways and within the Chesapeake Bay RPA)
- Deceased chicken disposal must be addressed
- Chicken Coops must be setback from the neighboring property line at least 25 feet
- Fencing must be setback from the property lines at least 10 feet

Allow zoning administrator approval of 1 livestock animal per 5 acres of land in Residential, General R-1 provided the applicant meets these minimum requirements:

- Animals must be fenced inside an enclosure outside of the Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area to keep them under control and protected from predators
- Waste must be cleaned up weekly and disposed of (prohibited from disposing in waterways and within the Chesapeake Bay RPA)
- Applicant must outline disposal method in case of deceased livestock
- Animal housing structures must be setback from the neighboring property line at least 25 feet
- Fencing must be setback from the property lines at least 10 feet

Requests to allow animals in Residential, General Zoning (R-1) that do not conform to the above parameters will go before the Board of Supervisors for a conditional use permit.