Before you get those chickens, make sure you can have those chickens!

Before you get a pet, other than a dog or cat, call us to see if you are allowed to have the animal. This will be determined based on the zoning and acreage of your property.

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RULES FOR HAVING BACKYARD CHICKENS IN PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

The keeping of a female pullet or hen of the Gallus gallus domesticus (roosters prohibited) which may be used for the purpose of providing food or companionship as a pet, considering the following minimum conditions:

- Backyard chickens are prohibited from slaughter and/or breeding purposes.
- All backyard chickens must be housed in a coop no larger than 100 square feet in size that is enclosed on all sides including the top. (Tarps, plastic or similar coverings are prohibited).
- Backyard chicken coops must meet the following building setback requirements from front, rear and side property lines: Front: One-hundred (100) feet from a public right-of-way, private drive or easement, and/or property line. (Includes properties with multiple road/street frontages). Side/Rear: Forty-five (45) feet from a property line.
- The coop must be located in the back/rear yard and be a minimum distance of forty-five (45) feet from the owner's residential dwelling.
- Backyard chickens are not permitted to roam-at-large or to free-range.
- There shall be a maximum of five (5) backyard chickens allowed.

NO ROOSTERS ARE ALLOWED

- The backyard chickens shall not cause a nuisance, as defined by the Animal Control Ordinance Sections 14-10 and 14-11.