

B. General regulations

1. Within required buffer areas, a solid and continuous landscape screen shall be planted and maintained. Said landscaping shall consist of massed evergreen and/or deciduous trees and shrubs of at least three and one-half (3-1/2) feet in height and of such species as will produce within three (3) growing seasons, a screen at least six (6) feet in height, so as to continually restrict a clear view beyond said buffer strip.
2. The entire buffer strip shall be at least eight (8) feet in width and shall be graded and planted with grass seed or sod and such other shrubbery or trees as may be desired by the owner.
3. A Zoning Occupancy Permit for a use on the premises shall not be issued until such time as the landscaping requirements, buffer strips and/or other approved screen as required by this Ordinance are installed.
4. In required buffer areas where a natural buffer strip is considered to be impracticable or inappropriate, an opaque fence may be substituted in whole or in part for a natural buffer provided its specifications are approved by the Zoning Officer. Such fence shall be maintained as required by this Ordinance.
5. In circumstances where it is impractical for a screen to meet all the requirements of this Section or would create an undue hardship, the Zoning Hearing Board may approve acceptable alternatives which shall satisfy the spirit, objectives and intent of the screen requirements.

62. Keeping of animals.

- A. Customary household pets shall be permitted in any district, **subject to the provisions below**. The keeping of domestic farm animals including a horse, pig, goat, cow, steer, sheep, buffalo, ostrich, or llama shall not be considered a permitted accessory use. The keeping of exotic animals is not permitted in any district.
- B. The keeping of customary household pets is permitted as an accessory use to residential uses. The keeping of customary household pets, shall be subject to the following regulations in order to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Borough residents:
 1. Except for species of fish, it shall be unlawful to keep more than four (4) animals, in any combination, six (6) months of age or older on any premises, regardless of the number of owners, unless said premises is a zoo, kennel, aviary, pet shop or veterinary clinic which has received zoning approval to operate as such, as well as the appropriate licenses and/or certifications required for said operation.
 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, corporation, partnership, or other entity whatsoever, to harbor, care for, shelter or maintain any customary household pet in such a manner as to disturb or unduly annoy the public through the pet's noise, barking, other sounds, smells, mischief or other harmful

propensities. All household pet pens or other areas in which such animals are kept or allowed access shall be maintained in a sanitary condition free of offensive, obnoxious or foul odors.

3. If any customary household pet is kept in an enclosure outside such dwelling, it shall be the duty of the owner, custodian or keeper of such pet, and the duty of the parent or guardian of any minor owner of any pet, to keep the pet securely tied or penned in a yard or enclosure in such a manner that the pet cannot break loose and run at large over the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Borough or upon the property of anyone other than the owner, custodian or keeper of such pet.

C. Chickens are permitted only in accordance with the following regulations:

1. The maximum number of chickens allowed on a property is three (3).
2. Only female (pullets or hens) chickens are permitted.
3. There is no restriction on the breed of chicken which may be kept.
4. The following items generated by or kept in accordance with this Section shall not be offered for sale or sold:
 - i. Eggs, chicks or chickens.
 - ii. Chicken manure and compost containing chicken manure.
 - iii. Produce which has been grown as an accessory garden fertilized with chicken manure or compost.
5. Chickens shall be housed in a chicken coop which has access to a chicken pen. During non-daylight hours, chickens shall be secured in the chicken coop.
6. Construction and Design of the Chicken Coop: The chicken coop shall comply with the principal setback requirements for the district. The coop shall be stationary, enclosed with solid material on all sides and have a solid roof and door(s). The coop shall be at least eighteen (18) inches high and provide at least two and one half (2-1/2) square feet of floor area per chicken. The coop shall be impermeable to rodents, wild birds, dogs, cats and other predators.
7. Construction and Design of the Chicken Coop. The chicken pen shall be constructed of wood or metal posts with wire mesh fencing material (wire mesh with a maximum spacing of one (1) inch by one (1) inch. The pen shall contain at least ten (10) square feet of area per chicken. The fence shall rise at least four (4) feet above the ground and be buried at least one (1) foot below the ground. The pen shall be covered with wire mesh, aviary netting or solid roofing.
8. Maintenance of Chicken Coop, Chicken Pen and surrounding area. The chicken coop, chicken pen and surrounding area shall be kept clean, dry, and odor-free, and in a neat and sanitary condition at all times. All manure, uneaten feed, and other trash shall be removed in a timely manner and disposed of by using an