



Zoning Requirements for Animals and Crowing Fowl

County of Riverside
Code Enforcement Department

County Ordinance 348.3954

Our neighborhoods are the environment in which we live and play. Recognizing how important it is to our community to keep our neighborhoods healthy, happy, and attractive, the County of Riverside has certain county ordinances or laws to safeguard this valuable environment. Protecting the environment for our homes can help keep our neighborhoods safe and pleasant.



Animals

The type and quantity of animals you are allowed to keep is dependent upon the zoning and acreage of your property.

It May Cost You...

Consequences for non-compliance:

- 1) Your property may be subjected to the County's abatement process. **
- 2) A Notice of Pendency may be recorded against your property which may interrupt the sale of your property or the re-financing of existing loans attached to the property.
- 3) You may be subjected to administrative citations with penalty assessments ranging from \$100.00 to \$500.00 per violation.
- 4) You may be subjected to a misdemeanor citation with fines up to \$1000.00 and imprisonment in a County detention facility for up to 6 months or both.

The keeping of non-domesticated animals such as horses, cows, roosters/hens, sheep, goats, and pigs are regulated by the Riverside County Land Use Ordinance No. 348. The type and quantity of animals you are allowed to keep is dependent upon the zoning and the acreage of your property. You may be asked to reduce the type and number of non-domesticated animals being kept on your property. Please contact your local Code Enforcement office for additional information.



The following organizations may be able to provide assistance to property owners seeking to voluntarily comply and reduce the numbers of crowing fowl in their possession as required by Ordinance 348.

Riverside County Animal Control
5950 Wilderness Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504
Phone: (951) 358-7387 (PETS)
<http://www.riversideshelter.com>

Farm Sanctuary
P.O. Box 1065, Orland, CA 95963
Phone: (530) 865-4617
<http://www.farmsanctuary.org>

Animal Place
P.O. Box 5910, Vacaville, CA 95696
Phone: (707) 449-4814
<http://www.animalplace.org>





**For more information,
please visit
ce.rctlma.org**

West County*
137 N. Perris Blvd.
Perris CA 92570
(951) 955-2004

West County-Lakeland Village*
16275 Grand Ave.,
Lake Elsinore, CA. 92530
(951) 955-2004

South County*
581 S. Grand Avenue
San Jacinto, CA 92582
(951) 955-2004

Mid County*
50130 Main Street
Cabazon, CA 92230
(951) 955-2004

East County*
77588 El Duna Court, Suite H
Palm Desert, CA 92211
(955) 951-2004 ▪ (760) 393-3344

Administration
4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 955-2004

*By Appointment Only

Definition: Crowing Fowl are defined
as chickens, peafowl and guinea
fowl.

Zoning and Acreage Allowances for Crowing Fowl

The following table shows how many crowing fowl are allowed. The number of crowing fowl is based on zoning classifications and lot sizes of 7200 sq. ft. or higher. Crowing fowl are not allowed to be kept on any lot that is less than 7200 sq. ft. Property owners can find out the zoning of their property by calling the Planning Department at (951) 955-3200 or visiting the County website at <http://www.ce.rctlma.org>

Zone Classifications	Minimum Lot Size	Maximum # of Hens	Maximum # of Roosters
R-1, R1-A, R2, R-2A, R-3	7,200 sq. ft. - 39,999 sq. ft.	4	0
	1 acre or more	12	0
*R-R, R-R-O, R-A, R-T-R A-1, W-2, R-D	20,000 sq. ft. - 39,999 sq. ft.	12	0
	1 acre or more	50	10
*A-D, A-2	20,000 sq. ft. - 39,999 sq. ft.	50	10
	1 acre or more	100	20

Distance Requirements

In each zone where crowing fowl are permitted, they must be kept in an enclosed area in the backyard, no less than 20 feet from any property line and no less than 50 feet from any residence.

Additional Crowing Fowl Information

If a property owner would like to exceed up to 50% of the number of hens, roosters, or total of crowing fowl permitted, and the property is within an appropriate zone, they can submit an application for a Crowing Fowl Permit to the Planning Department. The application for a Crowing Fowl Permit is subject to notification of neighbors within 600 feet of the property boundary and to a public hearing if a request is made.

