

Such event shall not be permitted unless approved by the Commission and all forms of temporary signs posted to advertise such event shall be removed within three days after such event. Furthermore, the Commission may require the applicant to post a bond in an amount up to \$2,500.00 to assure site clean-up of the subject premises within three days after such event.

Section 619 Houseboats

No houseboat as defined by these regulations may be docked or tied up at any location within the City of New London except those areas in which a legally established marina or boat yard exists. As such, the permitted existence of a houseboat shall be allowed only as an accessory use to said marina or boat yard, and all houseboats shall be located strictly within the confines of said marina or boat yard.

Section 620 Exterior Stairways

Exterior stairways above the first floor shall not be permitted in a residential or NB district unless installation of an interior stairway is structurally or economically infeasible. Exterior stairways above the first floor shall not be visible from a public street.

Section 621 Crematories

Crematories are allowed in any district by Special Permit as an accessory use to an existing cemetery or funeral home. *(Amended 02/10/86)*

Section 622 Keeping of Animals *(Amended 08/10/12)*

A. Keeping of customary household pets

1. For the purpose of this regulation a customary household pet is any animal, that customarily is found to dwell in a residential dwelling. These are animals, that include but are not limited to domestic felines, domestic canines, small hamsters (or other like rodents), non-venomous snakes, rabbits, etc. Customary household pets are not: fowl (including chickens, ducks, geese, etc), swine, cows, horses, goats, etc.
2. This regulation shall allow for the keeping of not more five (5) customary household pets in all zones in the City.
3. Commercial breeding and boarding of animals within the City limits is expressly prohibited.

B. Keeping of hens

1. This regulation is intended to make provision for the limited keeping of female chickens, hereinafter referred to as hens, on certain residential properties for the health, convenience, and personal enjoyment benefits afforded by such use, in a manner, that preserves the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhood.

2. The keeping of hens shall require the issuance of a Zoning Permit. The Zoning Permit application shall be accompanied by a plot plan (drawn to scale) that illustrates all structures on the lot including the proposed coop for the hens, fencing enclosure, and any other applicable information to determine compliance with these regulations.
3. The keeping of hens shall be approved in writing by the property owner, if the owner of said hens is someone other than legal resident.
4. No more than six (6) hens may be kept on any property in the following residential zoning districts: R-1, R-1A, and R-2 as well on properties within the C-1 Zone (General Commercial District), as long as the principal use on such lot is single family residential.
5. Hens may be kept only as a noncommercial accessory use. No sale of eggs (or meat from slaughtered chickens) is allowed.
 - (a) A fence shall be installed between properties that is not less than six feet in height and made of a solid material.
6. The keeping of said hens shall be confined to an enclosure which shall meet the following minimum requirements (in addition to the otherwise applicable setbacks the more restrictive requirements shall apply):
 - (a) Shall be located in the rear yard of the property;
 - (b) Shall be a minimum of twenty (20) square feet in area per hen;
 - (c) Said enclosure shall not be closer to any property line than twenty (20) feet and shall not be closer to any neighboring residential dwelling than thirty (30) feet.
7. There shall be a building (hereinafter referred to as a coop) provided for the hens that meets the following (in addition to the otherwise applicable setbacks the more restrictive requirements shall apply):
 - (a) Shall not be located any closer to any lot line than ten (10) feet.
 - (b) Shall be constructed so that it is impenetrable by rodents, vermin, wild birds, and predators, including dogs and cats;
 - (c) All food products shall be kept secured inside the coop or other secured structure so as to prevent offensive odors and the presence of pests and predators.

- (d) Shall be not greater than six (6) feet in height and shall be calculated towards the total maximum lot coverage for the property.
8. The coop and the enclosure must be clean and odor free, kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times with adequate light and ventilation in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor or other adverse impact.
 9. Provision must be made for the storage and removal of hen droppings. All stored droppings shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid over the entire structure. All other droppings not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed. In addition, the coop, enclosure and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings.
 10. Perceptible noise from the hens shall not be loud enough at the property boundaries to disturb persons of a reasonable sensitivity.
 11. No hens shall be permitted inside any residential dwelling.
 12. No roosters and/or capons shall be kept on any property.
 13. The keeping of hens shall be conducted in a manner consistent and in compliance with the Health Code for the City of New London and the State of Connecticut.