

Ogden City Code Services

Chickens
Items for Consideration

Concerns

- Allowing additional types of animals (roosters, goats, pigs, etc.)
- Attraction of rodents and predators if chickens and coops not properly cared for
- Ability to address complaints when received (hardships include location, timing, contact, etc.)
- Feedback from Code Services in other jurisdictions allowing chickens included comments about a disproportionate balance of time and enforcement. Several reported that some property owners were not as diligent once chickens were approved leading to an increase in complaints.

Considerations

- Number of chickens allowed on a property
- Location of chickens and coops need to balance property rights of adjacent neighbors (Ogden has a lot of small and compact properties)
- Ability to track and quickly verify that the chickens are legal (not only for city personnel but surrounding neighbors as well)
- An education program for owners to ensure proper boarding and care

Considerations Cont'd

- Slaughtering is it allowed? (some jurisdictions did not allow it specifically by ordinance while others were silent, need to have clear rules)
- Will single family dwelling rental properties be allowed to participate? If so do they need permission from the property owner? What about multi-family complexes and trailer parks. Who is required to obtain a license, if required, the property owner or the occupant? Citations, if applicable, are sent to the property owner of record.

