

Buena Park Municipal Code

§19.348.050.B.2 - Beekeeping and the keeping of chickens shall be permitted within the RS zone subject to the development and operational standards outlined in the sections below. Please click [here](#) to access the [Interactive Zoning Map](#) and enter your address in the search bar to determine the zoning for your property.

A. Beekeeping. Unless otherwise permitted by conditional use permit, not more than (4) bee hives shall be permitted within any RS-zoned property subject to the following development and operational standards:

1. Maximum of (4) hives (seasonal fluctuation).
2. Hives may be located in the side or rear yard but must be a minimum of ten (10) feet from any property line.
3. Parcels that share a common property line with a School, licensed childcare facility, or park shall not be permitted to keep bees.
4. No property may keep bees without first obtaining a ministerial permit from the City.
5. Each application for beekeeping shall include the following information and documentation:
 - i. The property address where beekeeping is proposed and property owner authorization.
 - ii. A site plan showing the location where the beehives will be located and the required six-foot tall fence/wall/hedge around the property or apiary.
 - iii. The location of the on-site water source.
6. Self-attestation that the applicant has completed a training/certification course on beekeeping.
7. The Community and Economic Development Director may issue additional rules and requirements regulating the keeping or maintaining of chickens based on the site-specific conditions, and may deny, suspend or revoke any such permit for violations of these requirements.

B. Chicken Keeping.

1. No property may keep chickens without first obtaining a ministerial permit from the Community and Economic Development Department.
2. Any property which keeps or maintains chickens shall provide an adequate enclosure.
3. The enclosure must be a minimum size of ten (10) square feet of permeable land per chicken.
4. The enclosure must provide protection for the chickens from the elements, and to prevent wildlife or other predators from gaining entry.
5. Chicken enclosures or related structures may be located in the side or rear of the property but shall not be located in the front yard.
6. Chicken coops/runs/enclosures shall be at least 10-feet from any side or rear property line.
7. Chickens must be provided proper feeding and water at intervals not longer than twelve (12) hours apart.
8. Coops, pens, enclosures or yards where chickens are kept must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Manure or other debris shall be removed from such enclosures daily.
9. Each application for the keeping of chickens shall be on a City-provided form and shall include the following information and documentation:
 - i. The property address and property owner authorization.
 - ii. A site plan showing the location on the parcel where the enclosure/coop/run will be located.
 - iii. Self-attestation that the applicant has completed a training/certification course on keeping of chickens.
10. The Community and Economic Development Director may issue additional rules and requirements regulating the keeping or maintaining of chickens based on the site-specific conditions, and may deny, suspend or revoke any such permit for violations of these requirements.