



Chickens

Do you know about Altavista's rules on keeping chickens?

- Altavista residents are permitted to keep up to **six (6) hens** on their property. They must be kept more than 30 feet from any dwelling other than the owner's dwelling and 20 feet from any property line. Chickens shall be kept in the rear yard of the lot.
- The chicken pen shall not exceed 120 square feet in size. Pens shall include a coop containing a minimum of two square feet per chicken and an open run area containing a minimum of eight square feet per chicken. The coop shall not exceed eight feet in height and can be prefabricated or constructed using any material such as tarps, plastic, fabric, rubber, paper, or cardboard.
- Owners must obtain a residential chicken permit from the town. Newly issued permits will run from the date of issuance to December 31st and must be renewed annually by January 1st.

For more info, please refer to [§ 86-515.1](#) of the Altavista Town Code.

To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:

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