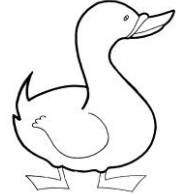


## SMALL ANIMALS - DUCKS

[Section 17.4.3.1.D](#) of the Lakewood Zoning Ordinance

Ducks can be a great pet and source of fresh eggs. Before you get started check to see if ducks are allowed in your zone district. Use the following requirements and resources to learn more about keeping ducks in Lakewood. Ducks need regular care to maintain health, including daily fresh food and water and regular cleanup. Consider whether you have the time and appropriate space to care for them before you adopt!



Residential Zone District	Permit Requirements	Standards
R-1-43 R-1-18 R-1-12 R-1-9	No permit required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coop must be 15 feet from all property lines, and located behind primary structure.</li> <li>▪ Maximum of 1 bird per 4 square feet in enclosure area.</li> </ul>
R-1-6 R-2	Permit required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maximum 6 females or 5 females and 1 drake per property.</li> <li>▪ Must provide a predator-resistant enclosure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minimum of 6 square feet living space per duck.</li> <li>○ Must be secure, roofed, and well ventilated.</li> <li>○ Maximum 40 square feet and 10 feet in height.</li> <li>○ Locate in side or rear yard, and meet minimum setbacks for accessory structures.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Ducks must be kept in the enclosure or fenced area at all times (Min. 4 feet tall fence).</li> </ul>
Other Zone Districts	Not permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unless a single family home or duplex exists as a non-conforming use in the mixed use district.</li> <li>▪ For single family home or duplex in mixed use district, see R-1-6 and R-2 standards above.</li> </ul>

### Resources for Keeping Ducks

<http://duckhobby.com/index.html> - extensive info on urban ducks

<http://www.denverurbanhomesteading.com/> - urban agriculture center

### Books

*Keeping Pet Ducks* by Liz Wright



Example duck enclosure