

SECTION 868

REGULATIONS FOR THE SITING AND OPERATION OF POULTRY FACILITIES

The regulations established herein are intended to address the nuisance and environmental problems created from inappropriately located and operated poultry facilities. It is necessary that poultry facilities be designed to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community. These regulations shall apply to all new poultry facilities and to conversions and additions to existing poultry facilities, with the exception that they shall not apply to: (a) the raising or keeping of poultry for domestic use, (not to exceed 500 birds); (b) poultry for FFA, 4H, and similar organizations; (c) the repair, maintenance, replacement, and upgrading of legally existing poultry facilities provided such work does not increase the capacity of the facility; and (d) the conversion of legally existing poultry facilities, except for the conversion to "eating egg producing" facilities or "pullets for eating egg production" facilities, provided there is no increase in size and number of structures.

A. PROCEDURE

New poultry facilities, including conversions and additions to existing poultry facilities, shall be permitted by right subject to the regulations stated herein. New poultry facilities and additions to existing facilities which are unable to satisfy siting standards stated herein may be permitted subject to the provisions of a Director Review and Approval, Section 872.

B. DEFINITIONS

Poultry Facility

Where used, the term "Poultry Facility" includes all coops, barns, pens, manure storage areas, and dead bird disposal areas used in conjunction with poultry production and which are on the same site as the poultry operation. When measuring setbacks or required separations, measurements shall be taken from or between the most proximate of the above described facilities. Areas used for crop production or not otherwise utilized in the production of poultry shall not be included for purposes of determining setbacks or required separations.

Types of Poultry Facilities:

1. Unconfined

An "Unconfined" poultry facility includes any poultry facility where birds are predominantly raised in open pens with or without shades and are subject to the elements.

2. Semi-confined

A "Semi-confined" poultry facility includes any poultry facility where birds are raised within a fully enclosed climate-controlled structure part of the time, but also are released into open pens at intervals.

3. Totally Confined

A "Totally Confined" poultry facility refers to any poultry facility where all birds are housed within fully enclosed climate-controlled structures and where no open pens are utilized.

4. Environmentally Controlled

An "Environmentally Controlled" poultry facility refers to a poultry facility that has solid side and end walls with all openings sealed except for fan exits.

5. Eating Egg Producing

An "Eating Egg Producing" facility refers to a commercial egg production facility that produces eating eggs for human consumption.

6. Pullets for Eating Egg Production

A "Pullets for Eating Egg Production" facility refers to a commercial pullet (young hen) production facility that produces pullets for eating egg producing facilities.

C. SITING STANDARDS

1. A poultry facility, except an "Environmentally Controlled" facility, shall not be permitted when ten or more dwellings or a sensitive use such as school, public park, and hospital, are located within the windshed area (See Diagram "A").
2. A poultry facility shall not be permitted when a dwelling other than one owned by the poultry grower/owner is located within the micro windshed area (See Diagram "B"). The required separations specified in Diagram "B" may be reduced to one-half for "Environmentally Controlled" poultry facilities.
3. A poultry facility shall not be permitted when an established citrus or fruit orchard, vineyard or vegetable farm are located within the windshed area (See Diagram "A"). The required separations are not required for "Environmentally Controlled" and "Totally Confined" poultry facilities.
4. All poultry facilities shall be set back a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines, ditches, canals or other waterways, and 100 feet from all public roads.
5. A poultry facility shall be located at least two miles from any existing poultry facility except for a poultry facility owned by the same grower. "Eating Egg Producing" facilities and "Pullets For Eating Egg Production" facilities shall be located at least five miles from any other poultry facility.

D. MANAGEMENT PLAN

The grower/owner shall prepare a management plan based on the "Management Guidelines for Poultry Facilities" describing the operational practices necessary to control nuisances such as flies, feathers, dust, and odors. This plan shall be reviewed and approved by the Health Department prior to the issuance of permits by the Public Works & Development Services Department.

E. APPLICATION

1. An application for a poultry facility permit shall be filed by the grower/owner, or the authorized representative of the grower/owner, on forms provided by the Public Works & Development Services Department.
2. The application shall include full and complete information necessary for the County to evaluate the application for compliance with these regulations.

3. The director shall verify the accuracy and completeness of the application. Verification shall be made within ten (10) days of the filing of the application.

F. FILING FEE

The applicant for a poultry facilities permit shall pay a fee as prescribed in Section 879 for the purpose of defraying the costs involved in reviewing and processing the application.

G. NOTICE

Within ten days after the issuance of a poultry facility permit, the County shall send a notice to all property owners within one-half mile of the proposed facility. The purpose of the notice is to inform the owners that the County has issued a permit for a poultry facility. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the poultry facility operator.

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DIAGRAM "A"

WIND SHED DIAGRAM

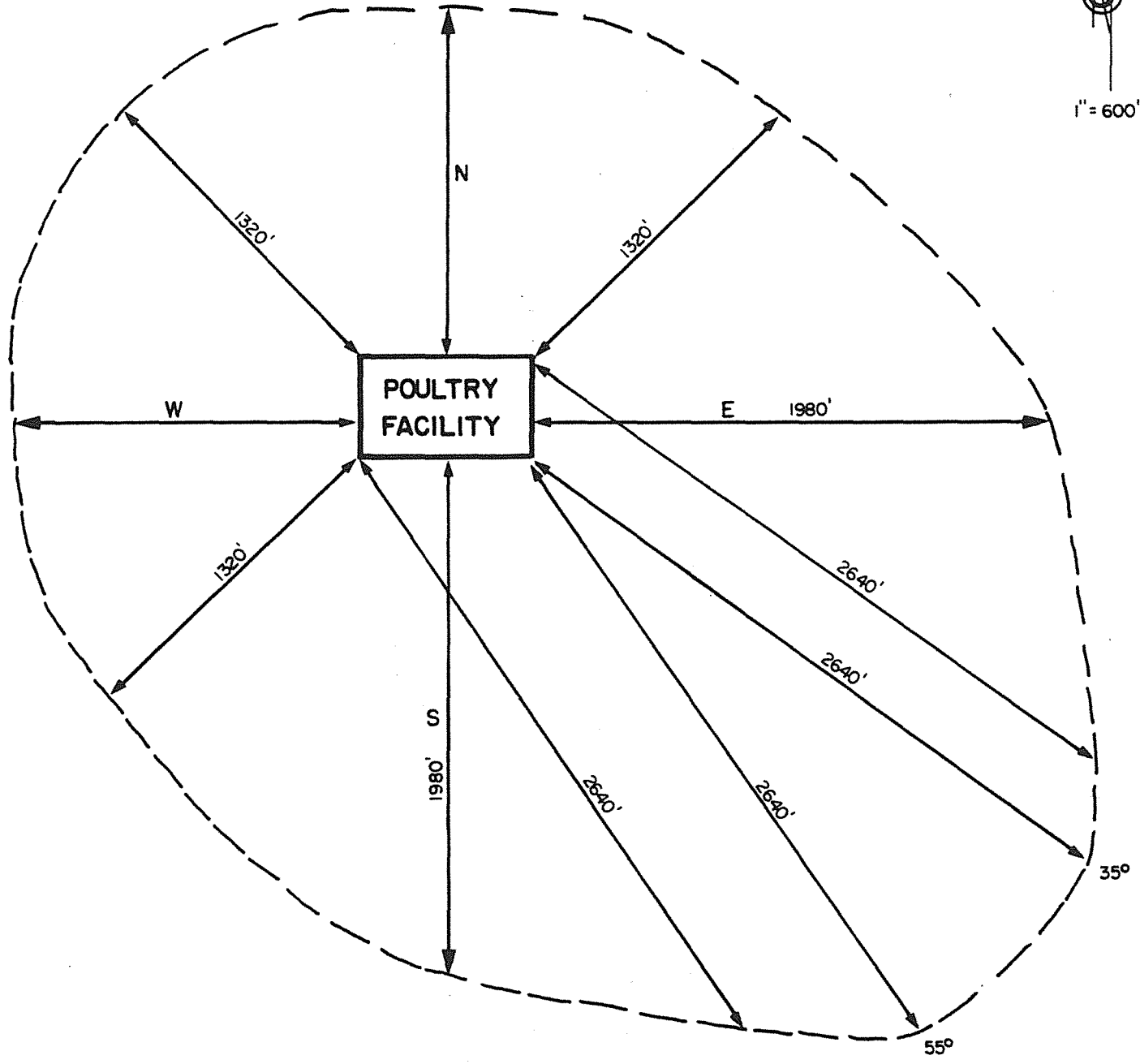


DIAGRAM "B"

MICRO WIND SHED DIAGRAM

