



Coops & Enclosures

(1) Each Coop must be built with a minimum of 12 square feet per chicken, not to exceed 85 square feet total (2 square feet of inside area per chicken).

(2) The Coop shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and doors. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator- and bird-proof wire of less than one-inch openings.

(3) All Coops, Runs, and Tractors shall be designed so as to be easily maintained.

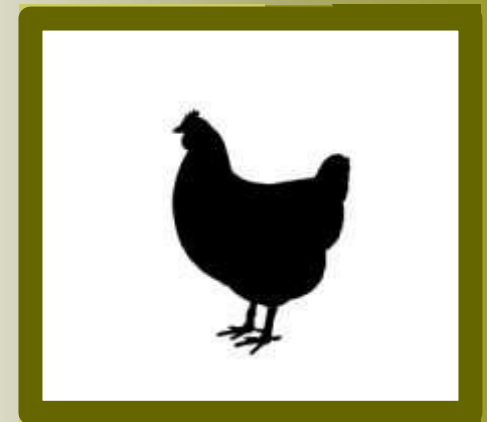
(4) The Coop, Run, and Chicken Tractor shall be constructed with durable materials that will hold up to the weather and environment.

(5) Used materials (reclaimed material) for enclosures must be approved by the Building Inspector as referenced in the adopted International Residential Code. The use of scrap, waste board, sheet metal, or similar materials is prohibited.

(6) Chicken Runs and Tractors must be located at least 10 feet from the property line.

- Chickens must be kept in a clean, safe and healthy enclosure. Enclosures shall consist of a coop and may also include a run. Any run must be attached to the coop.
- Chickens must be kept in the covered enclosure at all times; and it shall be rodent and predator resistant.
- All Coops, Runs, and Chicken Tractors shall be constructed of sturdy wire or wooden fencing.
- All Coops shall be inspected and approved by the Building Inspector.
- Enclosures may only be located in the rear yard of the property, as defined in Chapter 16.
- Coop must be located at least ten (10) feet from the property line and at least forty (40) feet from any adjacent residential dwelling, church, school, or place of business.

Keeping Backyard Hens



- Coop
- Permit
- Fee
- Support



Permit Application

Any person wishing to keep chickens in the City must obtain a permit from the City prior to acquiring chickens.

Permit for Keeping Chickens

- No roosters are allowed.
- Maximum of 6 chickens of 16 weeks of age or older or 1 clutch (8) chicks per year.
- Strict guidelines for the placement, appearance and size of structure.
- Inspection by Building Inspector and/or Codes Official.
- Chickens cannot be running free in yard.
- The property must be occupied by the person requesting the permit.



Licensing and Permit Application Fee

Application fee \$80.00 valid for 1 year.

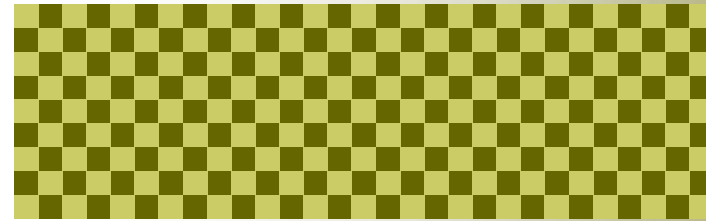
Renewal fee \$20.00 (must be submitted prior to the expiration date of the previous permit)

Renewal applications will be reviewed by the City Clerk for approval.

Revocation of Permit

The City Council may refuse to renew or revoke a special permit if, following a public hearing, it finds any of the following:

- (1) The premises are being maintained in violation of any applicable law of the State of Kansas or of the City.
- (2) The premises are being maintained so as to be a public nuisance.
- (3) The premises are being maintained so as to be detrimental to the health, safety or peace of mind of persons residing in the immediate vicinity.



ENFORCEMENT

- Lack of care, illness issues, and abuse complaints will be handled through Code Enforcement and/or Police.
- No chickens are allowed to run at-large.

NO ROOSTERS



Please contact Roeland Park City Hall at 913-722-2600 with any questions or concerns.

Definitions

COOP: *a structure for housing poultry during non- daylight hours*

ENCLOSURE: *fenced areas that restrain the animals to a particular premise*

CHICKEN TRACTOR: *a moveable chicken enclosure*

CHICKEN RUN: *an enclosed area in which animals are allowed to move around*

Other resources:

WWW.MYCITYHENS.COM

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