



Backyard chicken hen permits are required before one can legally own and keep chicken hens in non-agricultural zoning districts in the City of Longmont. This form must be filled out in its entirety prior to being issued a backyard chicken hen permit.

Please read the requirements for keeping backyard chickens and if you have questions, please contact Building Services at 303-651-8332. Chicken hen permits are issued on a one-time basis. Annual renewal fees are not required.

Many Homeowner Association Bylaws do not allow poultry of any kind, including chickens. Applicants should check their HOA bylaws to confirm that hens are not disallowed.

PERMIT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application
- \$30.00 permit fee (cash, credit card, or check payable to “City of Longmont”)
- Letters from all abutting neighbors, if chickens are to free-range.

Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct. In submitting the signed application, I acknowledge and agree that the application is subject to all the terms and conditions for a Backyard Chicken Hen Permit found in Title 7.04 of the City of Longmont Municipal Code.

I understand that any false statements or omissions may result in denial or revocation of this permit. I further acknowledge that I have read the applicable regulations attached to this permit and agree to fully comply with the regulations set forth by the City of Longmont and any terms and conditions imposed by the decision making body as they relate to the Backyard Chicken Hen Permit.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Regulations for keeping Backyard Chicken Hens

1. No person may own or keep any fowl (except chicken hens), including ducks, quail, geese, turkeys, or pigeons, in districts not zoned Agricultural.
2. No more than four (4) chicken hens are permitted per parcel.
3. Roosters are prohibited in any zoning district not zoned Agricultural, or except as provided in section 15.04.040 – Livestock uses for education and scientific research facilities.
4. Chicken hens are to be restricted to the rear or backyard of any lot in a residential zoning district or the rear or backyard of a residential use in all other zoning districts.
5. Backyard chicken hens may not free-range and are restricted to the coop and run. The restriction on free-ranging may be waived with written permission from all abutting property owners.
6. It is the sole responsibility of chicken keepers to ensure their chickens do not leave their property. Any animal that attacks, injures, or kills a chicken not on the chicken keeper’s property shall not be deemed an “aggressive animal” nor shall the owner of such animal be charged with Aggressive Animal pursuant to section 7.04.190.
7. Chicken coops shall be predator proof with a solid top.
8. Water shall be provided to the chickens at all times.
9. Coops and associated runs shall be limited in size to a maximum of 120 square feet.
10. At least four (4) square feet of space per chicken shall be provided (including coop and run)
11. Coops shall be no taller than seven (7) feet at the highest point of the roof.
12. Coops are not to be located between the rear of the structure and front yard lot line.
13. Coops shall be at least six (6) feet from any other structure and at least six (6) feet from any side or rear property line.
14. All coops shall be regularly cleaned to control dust, odor, and waste and not constitute a nuisance, safety hazard, or health problem to surrounding properties.
15. No slaughtering allowed.
16. Chicken feed must be stored in a resealable, airtight, metal, rat-proof container.
17. A permit may be revoked upon the conviction of the permit holder of a violation of LMC section 7.04.