



# CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION

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DO YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR PROPERTY? <input type="checkbox"/> RENT <input type="checkbox"/> OWN	CHICKEN HOUSE SIZE HEIGHT
<b>IF RENTING PLEASE PROVIDE PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION</b>	
NAME	
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Chickens are allowed in residential areas subject to the following standards and conditions, the full text of which can be found in City Code Section 14-134. Please note: As used in this application, "Owner" refers to the chicken owner or keeper who has secured a permit in accordance with City Code Section 14-134. "Chicken" refers to chicken hens only.

### BEFORE YOU APPLY

- Home Owners Associations (HOAs) have the authority to prohibit chickens within their own bylaws. Make sure your HOA doesn't have any restrictions on owning chickens.
- All rear yards of chicken owners must be surrounded by an opaque fence conforming to the requirements of City Code Sections 146-1700 through 146-1799 ("Fence, Wall, and Awning Regulations").

### RULES REGARDING CHICKENS

- Owners can have no more than 6 chickens at any given time; roosters are prohibited on resident property.
- For all single-family residential properties upon lots of 20,000 or more square feet in size up to 8 chicken hens will be allowed, but no roosters.
- Chickens must be provided a chicken house and an adjacent 6-square-foot or larger enclosure; chickens must have access to such house and enclosure during daylight hours.
- Chickens must be secured in the chicken house from dusk to dawn.
- Chickens must be sheltered or confined in such fashion so as to prevent them from coming into contact with wild ducks or geese or their excrement.
- Chickens may not run at large.

### CHICKEN HOUSING STRUCTURE

Note: The house and adjacent enclosure will together be referred to as the "structure."

#### HOUSE REQUIREMENTS:

- House must be covered and predator-resistant.
- House may be located in rear yard only.
- House must be at least 2 square feet per chicken in floor space, but not greater than 120 square feet.
- House must be properly ventilated and designed to be easily accessed, cleaned, and maintained.

### STRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS (house + enclosure):

- Structure must be adequate enough to protect chickens from predators.
- Structure must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, and cleaned on a regular basis so as to prevent offensive odors or excessive build-up of chicken waste.
- Structure must be located at least 15 feet from the property line of any abutting properties. If Owner wishes the structure to be closer than 15 feet to an abutting property, Owner must get written consent from the property owner(s) of the affected properties.
- Structure must be at least 10 feet from any open flames and combustible gases (International Fire Code Section 308).

### MISCELLANEOUS

If the chicken owner or keeper is not the owner of the property where the chickens will be kept, written consent must be obtained from the owner(s) of such property before a permit will be issued.

Owners may not kill their chickens, or direct that their chickens be killed, unless: (1) it is by lawful order of a state or county health official; (2) it is for the purpose of euthanasia when surrendered to a licensed veterinarian; or (3) as otherwise expressly permitted by law.

At all times, Owner must abide by the City Code of the City of Aurora. The information on this application is intended for convenience only. Nothing in this handout shall be construed as negating or otherwise altering the terms of the City Code. Owner is responsible for knowing and following City law.

I declare under penalty that this application has been examined by me and that the statements made herein are made in good faith pursuant to City of Aurora tax and licensing regulations; and to the best of my knowledge and belief are true, correct and complete.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By	Date
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