



ZONING PERMIT - BACKYARD CHICKENS

Permit #:

Date:

Applicant:

Address:

Phone Number:

Number of Chickens Proposed:

Who is Applying for the Permit?

Property Owner

Tenant

Note - If a tenant is applying for the permit, they must include a written approval from the property owner to be allowed chickens on their property.

By submitting this permit the applicant above agrees to comply with all applicable codes, statutes, ordinances, and with all the conditions of this permit. Further, applicant agrees to allow City staff reasonable access to the property affected by this permit, if necessary, to verify compliance with the applicable Municipal Codes and understands that the issuance of this permit creates no legal liability, expressed or implied, on the Department or Municipality and certify that all the above information is accurate.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Base Fee (\$20)

PERMIT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

This Zoning Permit for Backyard Chickens is required when a property owner/tenant would like to raise chickens for personal use on lots less than 120,000 square feet in size. The following information must be submitted along with this application when applying for a permit to be allowed chickens on a lot 120,000 square feet or less in size:

1. Draw (to scale) on a Plat of Survey of your property where the outdoor enclosure will be located. Make sure to note the dimensions of the enclosure itself, and provide the exact distances from the enclosure to the neighboring lot lines, neighbor dwellings, and to the OHWM of any navigable waterway. The enclosure must be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from neighboring dwellings, at least ten (10) feet from any lot lines, and at least fifty (50) feet from the OHWM of a navigable waterway.

City of Muskego regulations for having chickens on a lot under 120,000 square feet are as follows (Ch. 17; Sec. 8.01(3)B.6.b.):

- Up to a total of four (4) chickens allowed per single-family property. No chickens are allowed on commercial, industrial, or multi-family properties.
- No roosters.
- No slaughtering on site.
- Chickens shall be kept within a secure outdoor enclosure of no more than 50 square feet and said enclosure must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Said enclosure must be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent offensive odors.
- Enclosures shall be located no closer than twenty-five (25) feet to neighboring dwellings and a minimum of ten (10) feet from the property line.
- Chickens may not be kept in the front yard of a property. For the purpose of this code, front yard is defined as between a home and a roadway. Homes that are located on multiple roadways are considered to have multiple front yards.
- Chickens may not be kept within 50 feet from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of any navigable waterway.
- The chickens cannot cause a nuisance, unhealthy condition, or interfere with the normal use of property or enjoyment of life by humans or animals.
- A Zoning Permit is required from the Community Development Department before the allowance of chickens per the ordinance herein.
- In the event a property owner/tenant does not first get a permit or if the property owner/tenant who has a valid permit does not follow the above requirements of the ordinance, permanent revocation of the allowance of chickens on the property under this ordinance may take place.
- By receiving an approved permit, an applicant agrees to allow the City on-site inspections, upon agreed upon times, to review any complaints.
- Failure to follow the requirements of this ordinance is subject to citations.

No permits are required for chickens on properties over 120,000 square feet in size, which are then governed by Chapter 17, Section 8.01(3)B.6.c., which allows 20 chickens per acre of land.

NOTE - The State of Wisconsin requires anyone with chickens (on any size lot) must register their premises with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. This can be completed online at www.wiid.org, via phone at 1-888-808-1910, or via mail. It is the responsibility of the person keeping the chickens to complete this. Applications are also available in the Community Development Department.

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Online Fee Payment: Go to www.cityofmuskego.org and then click "Online Bill Pay"**