

Urban Chicken Permit Application

All persons interested in raising chickens within the city limits of the City of Van Meter, Iowa on any land not zoned as "A" Agricultural must complete this application form and be issued a valid permit by the City Clerk. The initial permit fee is \$10.00. Permits are valid for three (3) years. Permit holders in good standing are eligible to renew their permit after their initial 3 year term at the cost of \$5.00 for an additional 3 years. Fees are subject to change by resolution of the City Council. Additional rules and regulations can be found in Chapter 57 - Urban Chickens of the Code of Ordinances - City of Van Meter.

Applicant Information

Property Owner: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Application Type:

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| Initial | Permit | Permit | Modification |
| Permit | Renewal | | |

Permit Checklist

Applicants must submit this checklist fully completed with their application and applicable fee. Failure to comply with all items listed is sufficient reason to deny an application. Failure to maintain compliance of any one item listed in the checklist below and the rules and regulations contained in Chapter 57 - Urban Chickens of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Van Meter for the permitted time period may result in the revocation of an issued permit and denial of future permit applications. Each item must be initialed in acknowledgement prior to application submission. Applicant must provide a drawing/sketch of location of coop/enclosure.

_____ No more than six (6) female chickens (hens) are allowed on an applicant's property. No roosters allowed.

_____ No more than six (6) chickens allowed per parcel. The parcel may only contain a single family dwelling.

_____ Permit holder shall not slaughter any chickens on the permitted property.

_____ Permit holder shall not engage in any breeding of chickens or fertilixer production for commercial purposes.

_____ Chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times. Chickens are not allwed to to be free range.

_____ Coops must be at least ten (10) feet from any property lines and must be located in the rear yard of the property.

_____ Enclosures must be kept clean, dry, odor free, neat and sanitary at all times. They shall remain well maintained and provided adequate ventilation, sun and shade.

_____ Coops shall be constructed to prevent entry by predators, be built of solid materials, be enclosed on all sides and have a roof and at least one door.

_____ Coops shall be at least eighteen (18) inches in height. Coops shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) square feet and a maximum of ninety-six (96) square feet in size. Coops must allow a minimum of four (4) square feet per chicken.

Fences that serve as enclosures shall consist of sturdy wire fencing of a type customarily designed for enclosing chickens and to prevent entry by predators, cats and dogs.

Chickens shall be provided access to feed and clean water at all times.

Coops shall be regularly cleaned and all feces & waste removed at least one (1) time per week.

Permit holder will not sell eggs hatched from chickens located on permitted property.

Compliance

I grant the right for City Staff to inspect my property prior to approval of this permit if needed. I further grant the right for City Staff to inspect my property one year after the permit is issued and at any time to investigate a complaint or to ensure that neighbors are not unreasonably subjected to noise, rodents, predators, or other violations of the provisions of this permit/ordinance.

I will follow all City Ordinances and State Code relating to the care of keeping animals.

I affirm that I have never been found guilty of any animal welfare or neglect or cruelty per State Code.

I understand the permit is a limited license for the activity and no vested zoning rights arise from the permit issued and the permit does NOT run with the land.

I understand the private restrictions on the use of the property shall remain enforceable and shall supersede the permit. I affirm that there are no private restrictions including but not limited to deed restrictions, condominium restrictions, neighborhood bylaws, covenants and rental agreements. A permit issued to a person whose property is subject to private restrictions that prohibit keeping of chickens is void.

I affirm that all statements contained in this application and any attachments are true and correct and that I, the permit holder, will keep the chickens in compliance with all related permit requirements and Chapter 57 - Urban Chickens of the Code of Ordinances - City of Van Meter and I understand that failure to comply with regulations may result in revocation of the permit and or issuance of a municipal infraction.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Property Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

**If Property Owner is not the Applicant*

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Receipt Date

Permit Fee Receipt Date

Amount Due \$10 _____ (Initial)

\$5 _____ (Renew)

Checklist Attached

Coop/Enclosure Location Attached

All Requirements Completed in Full

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Approve _____ Deny _____

Signature: _____