



Application for Permit to Keep Chickens

Application fee of \$10.00

A. Read and Initial

_____ I have read and I understand the conditions under which I may keep chickens. I agree to abide by the conditions outlined in Chapter 12-03 of the Fargo Municipal Code, which are highlighted below:

1. No more than four chickens may be kept at a time.
2. The keeping of roosters is prohibited.
3. No person may slaughter or breed any chickens within city limits.
4. Every person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains, or harbors chickens must keep them confined at all times in a chicken coop and chicken run. Chickens may be allowed out of their coop and run under direct supervision by an adult; however, they are never allowed to run at large.
5. **Chicken coop.** A secure structure for housing chickens, made of wood or other similar materials, which would provide shelter from the elements, must be provided for the chickens.
 - a. Chicken coops must either be:
 - i. Elevated with a clear open space of at least twenty-four inches between the ground surface and framing/floor of the coop; or,
 - ii. The coop floor, foundation and footings must be constructed using rodent resistant construction.
 - iii. No person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains, or harbors chickens shall permit the premises where the chickens are kept to be maintained in an unhealthy, unsanitary or noxious condition or to permit the premises to be in such condition that noxious odors are carried to adjacent public or private property.
 - b. Chicken coops are not allowed to be located in any part of a home or attached garage.
 - c. Chicken coops must be a minimum of four-square feet per chicken in size, may not exceed ten square feet per chicken in size and may not exceed six feet in total height from adjacent ground level.
 - d. Chicken coops may be part of a detached garage or shed so long as there is a physical separation between the coop and run and the space used for non-chicken keeping purposes.
6. **Chicken run.** An enclosed outside yard for keeping chickens.
 - a. Chicken runs may be enclosed with wood or woven wire materials or a combination thereof.

7. **Chicken coops and Chicken runs.**

- a. May not be located within the front yard and are subject to a three-foot setback from any adjacent premises.
- b. Attached fenced-in chicken runs must have a minimum of ten square feet per chicken, including the chicken coop and may not exceed twenty square feet per chicken and fencing may not exceed six feet in total height from adjacent ground level.

8. **Chicken coops will be inspected.**

- a. Upon completion of the permit application. Please call 701.241.8284 to schedule an appointment for an inspection by a Community Service Officer.

B. Include a scaled diagram that indicates the location of any chicken coop and chicken run, and the approximate size and distance from adjoining structures and property lines.

C. Please provide the following information and signatures.

Owner Name: _____

Owner Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone: _____

Owner Email Address: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

** OFFICE USE ONLY **

Approved: _____

Total Due: \$10.00

Authorized Signature: _____

Date Paid: _____

License Expiration Date: _____

Return via mail or email to: City of Fargo Auditor's Office at PO Box 2471, Fargo, ND 58108
MVanyo@FargoND.gov For questions, please call 701.241.1304.