



Application for Backyard Chickens

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A Backyard Chicken permit shall be obtained from the Zoning Department for those activities requiring such permit as stated in Chapter 5 of the City of Hudsonville City Code of Ordinances.

The Backyard Chickens application fee is **\$45 plus engineering, legal, and other professional costs if applicable.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Date: _____ Application Number: **BC** - _____

Base Fee: **\$45** plus engineering, legal, and other professional costs if applicable. _____

PPN: _____

APPLICANT _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

OWNER OF PROPERTY (if different than applicant): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Location of Property (address or parcel number): _____

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Purpose of Permit: Chickens _____

Description of project (number of chickens, type of chickens, construction materials for enclosure):

Project information to be submitted with this application:

1. Location, shape, area, and dimensions of the lot;
2. Location, dimensions and height of all structures;
3. Chicken coop setback dimensions from all lot lines;
4. Other information as deemed necessary by the Zoning Administrator.

If necessary, your property sketch can be found by entering your address here: <https://accessmygov.com/?uid=273>

Yes, I have read the City of Hudsonville City Code pertaining to the keeping of backyard chickens and will abide by the conditions stated. (see attached)

Yes, I am educated about best management practices for the raising of backyard chickens. Have read Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices for the Care of Farm Animals (Laying Chickens pg 55-59)
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/2019_CARE_OF_FARM_ANIMALS_GAAMP_DRAFT_6_51951_7.pdf

This application is good indefinitely under applicant name but can be pulled if City Code is violated (see ordinance). Any layout changes made after this permit is obtained must be brought to city for approval

The undersigned, says that they will comply with all provisions of the City Code of the City of Hudsonville and the laws of the State of Michigan relative to the operation, service, or act for which this permit is required.

CIRCLE ONE: I am the **Owner** **Lessee** **Legal Representative** involved in the request

Applicant's Name (Please Print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

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 Approved: With Conditions: _____

Denied: Reason for Denial: _____

Planning & Zoning Department

Date: _____

**CITY OF HUDSONVILLE
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
CHAPTER 5 ANIMALS
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

SECTION 5-1

Chicken means a subspecies of the species *Gallus domesticus*. This does not include roosters which shall be considered prohibited for the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 5-2 (C)

(c) *Chickens*. No person shall own, possess, harbor, shelter, keep or have custody of chickens except as provided under Section 5-3 (b) of this chapter.

SECTION 5-3 (B)

(b) *Keeping of chickens*

- (1) The keeping of chickens shall be done on a noncommercial basis while limiting and mitigating any potential adverse impacts. The keeping of chickens shall be exclusively used by the people occupying the property as a locally grown food source for the consumption of eggs or meat.
- (2) A maximum of four chickens may be kept per parcel if the parcel is 1/2 acre in size or less, five chickens if the parcel is 1/2 to one acre in size; and six chickens if the parcel is over one acre in size. Roosters are prohibited.
- (3) The outdoor slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.
- (4) Chickens shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or an adjoining fenced enclosure at all times.
- (5) All covered enclosures or fenced enclosures shall be located in the rear yard, shall be no closer than five feet to any property line, and shall be located no closer than 25 feet to any residential structure.
- (6) The total square footage of any covered enclosure and fenced enclosure shall not exceed 80 square feet and shall be a maximum of eight feet in height.
- (7) Coops and runs must be tended regularly. Accumulation of waste materials (feed, manure and litter) is prohibited. All waste materials shall be disposed of so as not to create a nuisance.
- (8) All covered enclosures shall be constructed in such a way as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents or predators from being harbored underneath or within the walls of the enclosure. The enclosure shall be constructed in a workmanlike manner. The coop and pen must be completely enclosed with a top and/or cover.
- (9) Materials used to construct the enclosed areas shall exclude tarps, plastic, fabric, rubber, paper, cardboard, or other non-traditional building materials.
- (10) All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens likely to attract rats, mice, or other rodents or vermin shall be secured and protected in sealed containers.
- (11) Egg-laying chickens shall be kept in compliance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for the Care of Farm Animals, as amended, except as otherwise provided in this section.
- (12) Prior to installation of any backyard chicken enclosure or keeping of any backyard chickens, a fully completed permit application shall be submitted to, and permits shall be issued by, the Zoning Department. This includes payment of the required fee.
- (13) If any provisions of this ordinance are violated at any time the city reserves the right to revoke the permit.