

# City of Eaton Rapids

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## BACKYARD CHICKENS PERMIT APPLICATION 2 YEAR PERMIT

### 1. Project Information

Address/location of property: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Applicant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Property Owner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Required Details on Site Plan *(See attached Zoning Ordinance Sec. Chap 5, 5-4(2))*

- Location of all structures on property
- Location of chicken enclosure
- Size & height of enclosure
- Enclosure building materials
- Setbacks from Property lines to enclosure
- Predator barrier details

5. Proposed Number of Chickens: \_\_\_\_\_ (4 max)

6. Authorization from Property Owner *(if applicant is not property owner: see page 3 of application)*

7. Required Fee: \$75.00 (2 years)


**By signing below, the applicant agrees to perform the described work in accordance with all applicable sections of the City of Eaton Rapids Code of Ordinances. Signer will ensure that all inspection requests are made a minimum of 24 hours prior to the requested time.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Plan of the applicant's property which includes the following items noted:

- Draw Property Line
- Note the locations of the streets(s) abutting the property
- Note the dimensions of the property in feet
- Note the location of the dwelling unit
- Note the proposed location of the chicken coop/yard and the distance in feet from its location to all property lines and dwelling unit



For Office Use Only

Date completed; application received: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning Administrator

Approved

Denied

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 years from approval)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning Administrator

# CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNER

*(Required if applicant is not property owner)*

## Backyard Chicken Permit Application

I, \_\_\_\_\_, OF THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
AND CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. That I am the owner of real estate located at \_\_\_\_\_
2. That I have read and examined the Backyard Chicken Permit Application made to the City of Eaton Rapids by \_\_\_\_\_
3. That I have no objections to, and consent to the request(s) described in the application made to the city of Eaton Rapids.

Signature of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Eaton Rapids City Ordinance - Chickens

2. Any person who desires to keep female chickens in the City of Eaton Rapids shall obtain a permit from the city prior to acquiring the female chickens. The term of each permit shall be two (2) years and is renewable on or before the date of expiration. The city shall issue no more than ten (10) permits. Application must be made by the property owner to the City and the non-refundable fee for the permit shall be determined by council resolution. A person seeking a permit must comply with the following requirements:
  - a. The lot for the proposed placement of the female chickens must be at least one (1) acre in size;
  - b. The principal use of the person's property is for an occupied single-family dwelling;
  - c. No person shall keep any rooster;
  - d. No person shall keep more than four (4) female chickens;
  - e. No person shall slaughter any female chickens;
  - f. The female chickens shall be provided with a covered or fenced enclosure and must be kept in the covered or fenced enclosure at all times. The area of the covered or fenced enclosure shall be no less than three (3) square feet and no larger than eleven (11) square feet per female chicken. The covered or fenced enclosure shall be made of or surrounded by an opaque material such that the female chickens are not observable from adjacent lots, sidewalks, or streets. The coop and enclosure shall be constructed in such a manner as to prevent access by dogs, cats and wildlife. Fenced enclosures are subject to all provisions of the City of Eaton Rapids Code of Ordinances governing fences;
  - g. A person shall not keep female chickens in any location of the property other than in the rear yard. For purposes of this section, "rear yard" shall have the definition as set forth in the City of Eaton Rapids Zoning Ordinance;
  - h. All enclosures for the keeping of female chickens shall be so constructed or repaired as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being harbored underneath or within the walls of the enclosure. A covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall not be less than ten (10) feet from the residential structure on the same parcel. A covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet to any residential structure on an adjacent property;
  - i. All feed and other items associated with the keeping of female chickens that are likely to attract or to become infested shall be protected so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from gaining access to the feed and related items;
  - j. Female chickens' waste shall be bagged and removed at least once per week. Dead female chickens shall be immediately removed and disposed of properly. Piling waste on the property is not allowed. It shall be a violation of this section if the odor of chicken waste is detectible by a reasonable person of normal sensitivities from beyond the lot line of the property where the female chickens are kept;

- k. Prior to the issuance of a permit under this ordinance, an applicant shall request an inspection by the City of Eaton Rapids to determine compliance with this ordinance. An applicant shall submit with their application a site plan of the proposed area for the keeping of female chickens.
  
- 3. A person who has been issued a permit under sub-section two (2) shall submit the permit or the enclosure for inspection upon demand by any City of Eaton Rapids Police Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, or other City employee. If at any time a person who has been issued a permit under sub-section two (2) is found to be in violation of this section, said permit may be revoked by the City, in addition to any other penalties.
  
- 4. A violation of this section shall constitute a civil infraction.