



Chicken Permit Application
Ordinance # 205.030

City of Valley Park
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Annual Fee: \$25.00 Payment Date Paid: _____ Phone: _____

Property Owner's Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Number of Hens: _____ Number of : Dogs _____ Cats _____

Please complete and submit the following:

- 1 Site plan, survey or aerial of your property clearly depicting the location of the coop and outdoor pen. The distances between the coop and outdoor pen and side and rear property lines MUST be dimensioned.
- 2 Pictures or specifications of coop and of outdoor pen. Pictures or specifications MUST be dimensioned with width x length x height.
- 3 Annual application fee \$25.00
- 4 Initial boxes and sign below acknowledging that you are aware of the applicable regulations to keeping chickens and you agree to adhere to the regulations at all times.

The keeping of chickens shall be allowed on all detached single family lots under the following conditions.

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Permits and Fees:

- A. Upon application submitted with a \$25.00 application fee per household, the City may issue a one-year permit if, after inspection, it is shown that location and facilities provided comply with all regulations as set out in this Article.
- B. Annual renewal application, \$25.00 fee and inspection.

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Number of chickens allowed:

- A. No roosters shall be allowed.
- B. Number of Birds allowed see: Enclosure/Containment Requirements Below
- C. No chickens shall be allowed in multi-family complexes, including condominiums, apartments, and duplexes.

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Enclosure/containment requirements:

- A. Chickens are not permitted to run at large.
- B. Chickens may not be kept inside the habitable areas of the dwelling.
- C. A coop with a roof must be provided with a minimum square footage of three (3) square feet per bird. Design and construction of coop is to be reviewed and approved by the City. An outdoor pen must be provided.
- D. A pen must not be located indoors, including in a garage, basement, cellar or accessory structure. It may not be located in the front yard.
- E. An outdoor coop used exclusively for chickens will not count towards the maximum number of accessory structures allowed.

☐**Maintenance of sanitary conditions:**

- A. All shelters, chicken coops, aviaries or other outbuildings, any appurtenances thereto where any domestic animals permitted by the City are kept on either a temporary or a permanent basis shall be maintained so that the premises are in a clean and sanitary condition and free from all obnoxious smells or substances; otherwise they shall be deemed to be a public nuisance. The owner of the premises and the tenant and custodian must promptly comply with orders of the City and/or the St. Louis County Department of Health in respect to any unsanitary condition found to exist.
- B. The presence of numerous flies or the presence of fly larvae in the vicinity of any such premises, enclosures or structures shall be evidence of a lack of sanitary maintenance of the premises, and shall constitute a public nuisance.
- C. Where manure will remain on the premises in excess of twenty-four (24) hours, a fly-proof receptacle shall be provided for containing such manure. Any unnecessary accumulation of debris, refuse, manure or other removable material upon any surface within any such enclosed area or premises, or within any structure used or intended to be used for the housing of permitted domestic animals shall be evidence of a lack of sanitary maintenance of the premises, and shall constitute a public nuisance.
- D. Any obnoxious odor or allergen arising from any condition existing within the enclosure or within any structure used or intended to be used for the housing of permitted domestic animals shall be evidence of a lack of sanitary maintenance of the premises, and shall constitute a public nuisance.
- E. All premises, enclosures or structures used or intended to be used for the keeping or housing of any such domestic animals permitted by the City shall be thoroughly cleaned and all debris, refuse, manure or other removable material removed therefrom as often as may be necessary to effect satisfactory compliance with the provisions of this Article.
- F. Deceased domestic animals and fowl must be disposed of either through burial or incineration in accordance with Federal, State, and County regulations.
- G. All enclosures, refuse containers, and all feed containers intended for the use of domestic animals and fowl permitted by the City shall be constructed, maintained and kept in such a manner as to be completely rodent-proof. The floors of every such enclosure shall be smooth and tight, and maintained so as to prevent accumulation of filth or water or harboring of vermin thereunder.

☐**Distance regulations:**

- A. Outdoor pens, unless part of a boundary fence and coop, shall be situated a minimum of ten (10) feet from the property line.
- B. Pen and coop design, materials and screening shall be subject to City approval for design, materials and location.

☐**Slaughtering:**

Any slaughtering of chickens shall not be visible on premises.

☐**Miscellaneous regulations:**

- A. No chickens are to be bred for sale or sell any of their by-products.
- B. Chicken feed must be stored in rodent-proof containers.

Application's Signature

Application Date**(For Staff Use Only)****Inspection Date:** _____**Inspector:** _____**Pass** ☐ **Fail:** ☐**Permit#.** _____**Permit Expiration Date** _____

City Staff Member's Signature

Date