



Forest City

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CITY OF FOREST CITY

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____ Permit Fee Paid (\$20)

Application for Urban Chicken Permit

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

____ own home ____ rent home

Number of Chickens: _____ (up to six)

***I have read through the Animal Control Ordinance, specifically the area pertaining to Urban Chickens, and understand that this permit is good for 1 year from the date listed on the certificate. I also understand that with due notice, I am granting the City the right to enter onto the property to inspect the Coop and penned area to check compliance of this chapter.

Applicant Signature

For Office Use:

____ If rental property, home owner's consent letter is attached

____ Checked for outstanding nuisance violations

____ Checked for outstanding utility billing

____ Checked for outstanding invoices

____ Checked for outstanding liens property

Date Permit Approved: _____

Daisy Huffman, City Administrator/Clerk

Date Permit Issued: _____

Complete and Return to City Hall

55.04 URBAN CHICKENS

1. **Number of Chickens.** Any number of Urban Chickens not to exceed six (6) in number per one singlefamily residential property for the benefit of the owner or lessee of said property.
2. **Hens only.** It shall be unlawful to keep roosters within the city limits.
3. **Enclosures required.** Urban Chickens must be kept in a Coop or penned area consistent with customary animal husbandry practices at all times. Urban Chickens shall be secured within a Coop during non-daylight hours.
4. **Enclosure requirements.** Coops shall be constructed of sturdy materials and shall be kept well maintained. Pens shall consist of sturdy wire fencing of a type customarily designed for and used to enclose chickens.
5. **Location of Enclosures.** Coops and pens shall be limited to the rear yard of the property, with a minimum of ten feet distance from any and all property lines.
6. **Non-Commercial Use.** Owner shall not engage in the breeding of chickens, egg production, or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

55.05 PERMITS FOR URBAN CHICKENS

1. **Permit Agent.** The City Clerk may issue Permits pursuant to the provisions of this section.
2. **Fees Collected.** The City Clerk is designated as the official agent of the City for collecting fees therefor pursuant to the provisions of this section.
3. **Permit Requirements**
 - a. Residents of the City wanting to own Urban Chickens, or take ownership in Urban Chickens, Shall procure a City Urban Chicken Permit prior to raising, harboring, or keeping Urban Chickens within the city limits, except in Compliance with the City's Zoning Regulations.
 - b. The fee for a permit shall be twenty dollars (\$20) per year for each Single-Family Residential Property.
 - c. Upon payment of the license fee set forth above and the requirements of this chapter being met, the City Clerk may issue to the owner a permit which shall contain the name of the owner, the owner's place of residence, and the number of chickens.
 - d. Permits shall be valid for a period of one year unless revoked pursuant to any violation of this ordinance.
 - e. A permit may be denied due to any nuisance condition or unresolved violations of any ordinance, unpaid utility bill, or outstanding invoices or liens on the property.
4. **Rental Properties.** Written verification of the consent of the owner of the parcel of land for which the permit is sought, if the applicant is not the owner, and is instead tenant, lessee or otherwise authorized to reside at and use the property, must be provided prior to permit being issued.
5. **Inspection.** Residents seeking a permit or those who have a permit grant the City, with due notice, the right to enter onto the property to inspect the Coop and penned area to check compliance of this chapter.

55.06 ANIMAL AT LARGE.

1. **At Large Prohibited.** It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City.
2. **Impoundment and Ticketing.**
 - A. An animal found at large may be seized and impounded; or, at the discretion of the Mayor or Police Officer, the owner may be served a citation and/or complaint to appear before the district associate court to answer charges made thereunder.
 - B. If an impounded animal is returned to its owner, the owner shall pay the cost of the impoundment.