



Backyard Chicken License

Fee: \$30.00

Date Paid: _____

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Signature: _____

Municipal Code Backyard Chicken Regulations:

Sec. 25-99 Backyard Chickens.

It shall be unlawful to place or maintain backyard chickens in any area unless the following conditions and requirements are met:

- a. Backyard chickens are an accessory use in conjunction with a residential use or school use as defined in Section 26-8-1. Refer to Table 26A - Permitted Uses in Chapter 26 of the Lafayette Municipal Code for a list of the zoning districts where Backyard Chickens are allowed.
- b. A Backyard Chicken License must be approved by the Community Development Department. A non-refundable application fee shall be submitted with the Backyard Chicken License Application. City Council shall set the amount of such fee by resolution.
- c. No more than six (6) backyard chickens are permitted per dwelling unit or school.
- d. Roosters are prohibited.
- e. Other poultry or fowl are prohibited. No person may own or keep any other fowl, including ducks, quail, geese, pigeons or turkeys.
- f. Backyard chickens are required to be located within a designated chicken coop and chicken run that shall meet the following requirements:
 - i. The chicken coop and chicken run shall be located in the rear or backyard of a residential or school property.
 - ii. Neither the coop nor run shall be located between the rear of the principal structure and the front yard lot line.
 - iii. The coop shall have a minimum five (5) feet setback from any side or rear property line, except as permitted in 25-99(f)(xii).
 - iv. Coops shall be predator resistant with a solid covered roof.
 - v. Water shall be provided onsite and accessible to chickens at all times.
 - vi. During daylight hours, the chickens shall have access to a chicken run that is adequately fenced and protected from predators and shall also have access to a chicken coop.
 - vii. From dusk until dawn, chickens shall be protected from predators by being enclosed within a chicken coop.
 - viii. The maximum chicken coop size is 100 square feet, except as permitted in 25-99(f)(xii).
 - ix. A minimum of four (4) square feet of space per chicken shall be provided in both the coop and the run.
 - x. The maximum height of a coop shall be no more than seven (7) feet at the highest point of the roof, except as permitted in 25-99(f)(xii).
 - xi. No chickens, coop or run shall be located in common areas of a multi-unit, multi-use, or multi-family property.
 - xii. Existing structures on a property as of January 1, 2011, that do not meet the setback requirement in Code Section 25-99(e)(iii), exceed the maximum size requirement in Code Section 25-99(e)(viii), or exceed the maximum height in Code Section 25-99(e)(x) may be used as a chicken coop as long as the structure is located in the rear yard of the property and if said structure is approved as part of the Backyard Chicken License.
- g. Chicken coops and chicken runs shall be maintained and shall be regularly cleaned to control dust, odor, and waste and not constitute a safety hazard, or health problem to surrounding properties.
- h. No on-site slaughtering is allowed.
- i. Chicken feed shall be stored in a resealable, airtight, predator proof container.
- j. Chicken waste shall only be stored in resealable, airtight, predator proof container.
- k. Many home owner association bylaws do not allow poultry of any kind. The City of Lafayette encourages residents to research their individual home owner association regulations.

