



City of Aurora Public Works Department

CHICKEN/DUCK PERMIT APPLICATION

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Form with fields for NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE, DO YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR PROPERTY?, BIRD COOP SIZE HEIGHT, and IF RENTING PLEASE PROVIDE PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION.

Chickens or ducks are allowed in residential areas subject to the following standards and conditions, the full text of which can be found in City Code Section 14-134. Please note: As used in this application, "Owner" refers to the chicken or duck owner or keeper who has secured a permit in accordance with City Code Section 14-134. "Chicken" refers to chicken hens only and "duck" refers to domesticated duck.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

- Home Owners Associations (HOAs) have the authority to prohibit chickens or ducks within their own covenant. Make sure your HOA doesn't have any restrictions on owning chickens or ducks.
All rear yards of chicken/duck owners must be surrounded by an opaque fence conforming to the requirements of City Code Sections 146-1700 through 146-1799 ("Fence, Wall, and Awning Regulations").

RULES REGARDING CHICKENS/DUCKS

- Owners can have no more than 6 chickens at any given time; or a minimum of 2 ducks but no more than 2 ducks with no more than 4 chickens. Chicken roosters are prohibited.
For all single-family residential properties upon lots of 20,000 or more square feet in size up to 8 chickens; or minimum of 2 ducks with no more than 6 chickens; or 3 ducks with no more than 5 chickens; or maximum of 4 ducks with no more than 4 chickens. The keeping of roosters is prohibited.
No single-family residential property duck owner shall have less than 2 ducks.
Chickens/ducks must be provided a bird coop house and an adjacent square-foot or larger enclosure; chickens must have access to such house and enclosure during daylight hours.
Chicken/ducks must be secured in the bird house from dusk to dawn.
Chicken/ducks must be sheltered or confined in such fashion so as to prevent them from coming into contact with wild ducks or geese or their excrement, and to prevent them from running at large.

BIRD COOP STRUCTURE

Note: The coop and adjacent enclosure will together be referred to as the "structure."

STRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS (house + enclosure):

- House must be covered and predator-resistant.
House may be located in rear yard only.

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- House must be at least 2 square feet per chicken/duck in floor space, but not greater than 120 square feet.
House must be properly ventilated and designed to be easily accessed, cleaned, and maintained.
Structure must be adequate enough to protect chickens/ducks from predators.
Structure must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, and cleaned on a regular basis so as to prevent offensive odors or excessive build-up of chicken/duck waste.
Structure must be located at least 15 feet from the property line of any abutting properties not owned by the chicken/duck owner. If Owner wishes the structure to be closer than 15 feet to an abutting property, owner of the chicken/duck must get written consent from the property owner(s) of the affected properties.
Structure must be at least 10 feet from any open flames and combustible gases (International Fire Code Section 308).
During the months of April through October, ducks require access to a suitable single container with a minimum of 30 gallons of fresh potable water

MISCELLANEOUS

- If the chicken/duck owner or keeper is not the owner of the property where the chickens will be kept, written consent must be obtained from the owner(s) of such property before a permit will be issued.
Owners may not kill their chickens/ducks, or direct that their chickens/ducks be killed, unless: (1) it is by lawful order of a state or county health official; (2) it is for the purpose of euthanasia when surrendered to a licensed veterinarian; or (3) as otherwise expressly permitted by law.
At all times, Owner must abide by the City Code of the City of Aurora. The information on this application is intended for convenience only. Nothing in this handout shall be construed as negating or otherwise altering the terms of the City Code. Owner is responsible for knowing and following City law.

I declare under penalty that this application has been examined by me and that the statements made herein are made in good faith pursuant to City of Aurora tax and licensing regulations; and to the best of my knowledge and belief are true, correct and complete.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

