



**Building, Safety
and Zoning
Department**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Permit #: _____

Date: _____

Issued by: _____

Fee: \$50.00

Cash/Check#: _____

Receipt #: _____

Keeping and Raising of Chickens Permit

The City of Watertown Code, Chapter 550-56(X)1(f) states that no owner or occupant shall keep chickens without the prior issuance of a "Keeping and Raising of Chicken" permit and a residential building permit for the chicken coop and run by the City of Watertown Building, Safety & Zoning Department.

Chickens are defined as females of the subspecies *Gallus gallus domesticus* (No Roosters or Guinea Fowl)

1. Applicant

Name(s): _____

Address (No P.O. Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

2. Owner

Name(s): _____

Address (No P.O. Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address _____
(If Different) _____

3. Required Materials

Step 1

Proof of WI DATCP Livestock Premises Registration

Step 2

City of Watertown Building Permit for Chicken Coop and Run

Step 3

Proof of Notification to all abutting Property Owners (Certified Mail Receipt or Signed Document) Property Owner Signature (If Applicable)

4. Signature

Name

Date

Notice: The City may revoke the license if two (2) or more substantiated violations of the City of Watertown Municipal Code are received by the City within a twelve (12) month period.

- (2) Regulations pertaining to ham/short-wave antennas and towers.
 - (a) The regulations under this Subsection V(2) only apply to towers and antennas used for communication reception by an amateur radio operator licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.
 - (b) Installations may not be located in a front or street side yard.
 - (c) Installations of 45 feet or less must meet the setback requirements for an accessory structure.
 - (d) Installations with heights between 45 feet and 75 feet must meet the setback requirements for a principal structure and will require a prior written notice to the abutting property owners.
 - (e) Installations of 75 feet or higher must have a setback of at least 1/3 of the total height of the structure.
 - (f) Installations of 75 feet or higher or those that do not meet all of the requirements for installations less than 75 feet will require a conditional use permit.
 - (g) With the exception of the regulations listed above, all installations of ham/short-wave antennas and towers must comply with the performance standards found in § 550-124E of this chapter, except for the provisions of § 550-124E(3) and (4).
 - (h) All installations will require the proper building permits.

W. Caretaker's residence. Description: This land use includes any residential unit which provides permanent housing for a caretaker of the subject property in either an attached or detached configuration.

- (1) Regulations.
 - (a) Shall provide housing only for on-site caretaker and family.

X. Keeping and raising of chickens. Description. The keeping and raising of chickens in the City of Watertown. [Added 10-20-2015 by Ord. No. 15-33]

- (1) Regulations.
 - (a) Chickens shall be permitted on lots where the principal structure is a detached single-family residence. If the residence is not owner-occupied, the tenant shall supply the owner's written consent to the keeping of chickens on the property to the City.
 - [1] Chickens shall be permitted on lots where the principal structure is an owner-occupied two-family duplex.

[2] Chickens shall not be permitted on a lot where the duplex is not owner-occupied, triplexes or any other higher-density residential dwelling units.

- (b) A maximum of four chickens may be kept per residential lot.
- (c) Keeping of one or more roosters is prohibited.
- (d) The sale of chickens, chicken meat, eggs or other chicken by-products is prohibited.
- (e) Chicken coop and run required.

[1] Chickens shall be provided with a chicken coop (i.e., a covered roosting area) and an adjacent chicken run (i.e., enclosed area in which chickens are allowed to walk and run about).

[2] Chickens shall be kept in the coop or chicken run at all times.

[3] The coop shall be a stand-alone structure located in the rear yard at least 25 feet from all property lines and at least 10 feet from the principal structure as depicted in the illustration to follow.

[4] The coop shall not exceed 32 square feet in area nor 10 feet in height.

[5] The chicken run shall be located adjacent to the coop and shall be at least 25 feet from all property lines and at least 10 feet from the principal structure as depicted in the illustration to follow.

[6] The chicken run shall not exceed 64 square feet in area and the fence surrounding it shall be between 48 and 96 inches in height.

[7] Chickens shall not be permitted in any other structure on the lot, including garages, basements and attics.

- (f) License.

[1] No owner or occupant shall keep chickens without the prior issuance of a "raising of chicken" permit and a residential building permit for the chicken coop and run by the City of Watertown Building, Safety and Zoning Department.

[2] Prior to issuance of a license by the City, the applicant shall provide the City with proof of notification to all abutting property owners of the presence of chickens.

[a] In the instance of an owner-occupied two-family duplex, the tenant must provide the City with the owner's written consent

to the presence of chickens along with proof of notification to all abutting property owners.

- [3] Prior to issuance of a license by the City, the applicant shall provide proof of livestock premises registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.
 - [4] The City may revoke the license if two or more substantiated violations of the City of Watertown Code are received by the City within a twelve-month period.
- (g) Chickens are defined as females of the subspecies *Gallus gallus domesticus*.

