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## **INFORMATION FOR BACKYARD CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

### **ADAIR VILLAGE LAND USE DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 6.401**

Any person who keeps chickens in the City of Adair Village shall apply for and obtain an Annual Backyard Chicken Permit from the City prior to acquiring the chickens. City Staff shall approve or deny a permit based upon the documentation received provided there have been no documented violations of any City Animal Control Ordinances or Agricultural Use Standards by the applicant or property owner.

Adair Village Land Use Development Code (LUDC) provides the following guidance per the raising of backyard chickens for on-site home consumption or trade as it is allowed within R-1 or R-2 Residential Districts.

### **PREPARING FOR BACKYARD CHICKENS**

After reading through this informational sheet, the first step in this process is to discuss with your neighbors (and landlord if renting) your plans to maintain Backyard Chickens on your property. Preparing a residential lot for Backyard Chickens may require applicants to make minor improvements to meet the following conditions.

A complete description of the intended chicken housing and enclosure along with a sketch drawing showing the distance requirements below will need to be submitted along with your initial Backyard Chicken Permit Application. Each annual permit is processed with a ten dollar (\$10) application fee.

A sight-obscuring fence shall be used to visually screen the chicken house and fenced chicken enclosure from any abutting street. In selecting an appropriate site for Backyard Chickens, all portions of the chicken house and fenced chicken enclosure shall be setback:

- Behind the front building plane of the dwelling unit
- At least 25 feet from the front property line
- At least 25 feet from any abutting sidewalk or road right-of-way
- At least 10 feet from any side or rear property line
- At least 40 feet from any dwelling inhabited by anyone other than the applicant (Adjacent property owners may allow for a reduction in the 40 foot setback requirement to any distance greater than 25 feet at the time of application, or annual permit renewal by signing a Backyard Chicken Setback Neighbor Waiver)

## **HOUSING CHICKENS**

Chickens shall be kept in a fenced enclosure at all times. Chickens shall be shut into the chicken house at night (from sunset to sunrise). During daylight hours, adult chickens shall have access to their chicken house and outdoor enclosure adequately fenced to contain the chickens and prevent access to the chickens by dogs or other predators. Enclosure fencing shall comply with LUDC Section 5.134(3). Chickens shall be provided with house (also known as a Coop) that:

- Is thoroughly ventilated
- Does not allow mice or other rodents to live underneath or within any part of the structure
- Is sufficient in size to admit free movement of the chickens
  - At least 3 square feet per chicken inside the structure
  - At least 10 square feet per chicken within the enclosed chicken area outside the structure
- Is designed to be easily accessed, cleaned, and maintained by the owners
- Is in conformance with the requirements of a non-habitable one-story accessory structure under the Oregon Residential Specialty Code, Chapter 1, Section R105.2, and Adair City Land Use Code Section 4.111 or 4.112.

## **MAINTAINING CHICKENS**

Each applicant/residence shall be allowed no more than five (5) chickens – none a Rooster. Chickens shall not be slaughtered within the city urban growth boundary. Products generated by chickens, such as eggs or meat, shall not be sold from a residential property. Chickens cannot be housed within a residence or garage – except chickens less than 12 weeks of age may be housed in a garage.

- Proper sanitation shall be maintained in conformance with applicable health standards including:
  - Not allowing animal waste to accumulate
  - Not allowing animal waste to contaminate groundwater or drainage ways
  - Not allowing for standing water in yards or animal pens
  - Not allowing the presence of numerous flies or fly larvae in the vicinity of farm animals
  - Not allowing odors resulting from chickens to be detectable beyond the property line
- Chicken Food storage containers shall be:
  - Made from metal or other rodent proof materials with sides and lid coverings
  - Located behind the front building plane of the dwelling unit
  - At least 25 feet from the front property line and the nearest public sidewalk or road

## **VIOLATIONS IN MAINTAINING BACKYARD CHICKENS**

A property owner's non-compliance with these standards is subject to citation and/or removal of all livestock or poultry per Sections 40.240 and 41.990. A property owner who has been ordered by the City to abate Chickens on their property may not be allowed to keep Chickens on that property in the future.

Violations of LUDC pertaining to Backyard Chickens, City Ordinance 2010-006, or any of the nuisance standards within Chapter 40 and/or Chapter 41 can result in a Class C Misdemeanor offence.

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## BACKYARD CHICKEN RESOURCES

Feed and Care for Chickens



Harvest Fresh Eggs



Integrate Green-roofing



Design Ideas for Creating both Indoor and Outdoor space for Backyard Chickens



Websites offering additional information:

- <http://www.backyardchickens.com/>
- <http://www.mypetchicken.com/>
- <http://urbanchickens.org/>
- <http://www.greenroofs.com/projects/pview.php?id=455>

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