

CITY OF REEDSBURG  
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**Annual License Application for Urban Chickens**

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARCEL #: \_\_\_\_\_

E- MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER: (if different from Applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_ (R-1, R-2, or B-3)

Number of Chickens: \_\_\_\_\_ (Hens Only; maximum of 4)

Description of coop (must be covered, predator proof, provide adequate shade in summer and warmth in winter. Coop may be part of yard shed or garage but may not be on top of a building.) Attach photo(s) and/or drawing.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Coop size: Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must provide between two to five square feet per chicken)

Size of Run attached or surrounding the coop: Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

Distance of Coop/Run to Lot lines: Side: \_\_\_\_\_ Rear: \_\_\_\_\_  
(May not be closer than 10 feet to any lot line; coop may not be placed in the front yard.)

Copy of Livestock Premises Registry Permit Required: \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection Permit Number

**AFFIDAVIT**

*I certify that the information and plans submitted are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also give permission to City zoning officials and Police Officers to enter my property for inspection purposes.*

**\*\*PERMIT EXPIRES DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> OF YEAR ISSUED\*\***

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Applicant Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (if Applicant is a Tenant) Signature / Date

Police Records Check:  Approved  Denied

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police or Designee Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning Administrator Signature Date

New: \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Fees are non-refundable\***

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

Account #10 435200 00

**The State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection requires registration of ALL LIVESTOCK (even one chicken). This is a free service and is required before any City permit is issued. The form, Livestock Premises Registry Permit, is available at:**

**[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx) or by calling (888) 808 1910 or [helpdesk@wild.org](mailto:helpdesk@wild.org).**

17.22(7) Chickens. Chickens may be raised in the R-1, R-2 and B-3 zoning districts as well as public or private school properties provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The chickens are raised by the property owner, or by a tenant with permission from the owner.
- (2) Roosters are prohibited.
- (3) A maximum of four (4) chickens are permitted.
- (4) The chickens shall be provided with a covered coop to include a run, fence enclosure of predator-proof material (no electric or barbed wire) and adequate shade from the sun and warmth from the cold weather. Feed and clean water shall be provided at all times but unavailable to predators or rodents.
- (5) Coops must be clean, dry, and odor-free, kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor, or other adverse impact.
- (6) Provision must be made for the storage and removal of chicken manure. All stored manure shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a lid. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed from the premises. The coop and surrounding area must be kept free of accumulated droppings, and uneaten feed shall be removed as soon as possible.
- (7) The property owner or tenant shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation of insects and parasites.
- (8) The coop shall be a minimum two square feet per chicken to a maximum five square feet per chicken.
- (9) Chickens shall be kept inside a fence enclosure or run at all time and inside the coop during non-daylight hours.
- (10) Slaughtering of chickens on a residential-use or school lot is prohibited.
- (11) Coops and runs shall be located in the rear yard and a minimum 10' from any lot line.
- (12) The keeping of chickens shall require a permit issued by the Zoning Administrator. A permit shall not be issued until the Police Dept. has verified no pattern of previous animal-related violations by the applicant. The fee shall be \$35 for the initial permit and \$10 for annual renewals.
- (13) Reedsburg Police Department personnel are authorized to catch and impound animals at-large with such authorization to include the pursuit of animals upon non-animal owner private property. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance to interfere with the Animal Control Officer or the Police Department employee in the performance of their duties.
- (14) The standards of 17.36 shall apply to the keeping of chickens.
- (15) In the event a permit holder accumulates three (3) violations, the permit may be revoked following a hearing with the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission shall also review all appeals under this subsection.

For questions regarding this application, please contact:

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