



Backyard Chicken Consent Form

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General Information | (Print or Type - Incomplete or illegible applications will not be processed)

Applicant's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Street Address: _____

Number of Chickens Requested: _____

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the City of Greer code 2007, § 10-31; Ord. No. 8-2014, 5-27-2014; Ord. No. 48-2021, § 10-32, 1-11-2022 and agree to comply with the conditions of this code in section 10-32 of the City Ordinance.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attention Adjacent Property Owners and Occupants

Your neighbor is applying for a permit to keep backyard chickens. If you are an adjacent property owner or occupant, your consent is required for issuance. The City of Greer has imposed conditions on this permit (see ordinance)

By signing this form, you are providing written consent for the issuance of this permit.

Resident Signature	Resident Address	Date

**A Site plan showing location of coop with distances to all applicable property lines on the lot must be included.*

Sec. 10-32. - Raising or keeping of domestic female chickens.

(a) Compliance. The keeping of domesticated female chickens shall be in compliance with the following, in addition to any zoning and/or building regulations that may be applicable to the construction of coops:

1. No more than six domesticated female chickens shall be kept or maintained on a single premises. It shall be unlawful to keep roosters or more than six domesticated female chickens. It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain domesticated female chickens at a duplex or apartment complex.
2. Such domesticated female chickens must be confined in a coop which is fully enclosed and made of suitable, washable material. The coop shall be cleaned regularly with all droppings and excretions placed in a fly-proof container unless otherwise disposed of in accordance with any federal, state, or local health regulations. The chicken coop must be located at least 50 feet from the nearest residence other than that of the owner. No coop shall be placed in a front or side yard. Failure to confine domesticated female chickens, maintain the coop or manage the droppings and excretions in compliance with this section shall be unlawful.
3. It shall be unlawful to raise domesticated female chickens for commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the city.
4. It shall be unlawful to keep domesticated female chickens on premises within the city without first obtaining a permit. Any permit would be subject to ordinance revisions adopted by council. Should council amend the ordinance to prevent domesticated female chickens or any other new conditions, such amendment would apply to current permits within 30 days from the date of adoption of council's revisions.

(b) Permit.

1. The permit to keep domesticated female chickens is personal to the permittee and may not be assigned. No permit shall be issued without the written consent of adjoining neighbors. In addition, the permit authorizes the keeping of domesticated female chickens only upon the property described in the permit. The permittee must occupy the residence on the property where the domesticated female chickens are kept as the permittee's personal, primary residence. An applicant for a permit must either own the property or have permission from the property owner to be eligible for a permit. Only one permit is allowed per permittee. In the event the permittee is absent from the property for longer than 30 days, the permit automatically shall terminate and become void.
2. A permit that is issued to a person whose property is subject to private restrictions that prohibit the keeping of domesticated female chickens is void. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.

(c) Fenced chicken coop.

1. Domesticated female chickens must be kept in a fenced enclosure at all times. In addition to the fenced enclosure, domesticated female chickens shall be provided with a covered, predator-resistant chicken coop.
2. A minimum of two square feet per domesticated female chicken shall be provided for the chicken coop.
3. Fenced enclosures and chicken coops must be properly ventilated, clean, dry, and odor-free, and 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.
4. The chicken coop and fenced enclosure must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and must be constructed in a manner to resist access by rodents, wild birds and predators including dogs and cats.
5. Chicken coops shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and doors. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator- and bird-resistant wire of less than one-inch openings.
6. All stored food for the domesticated female chickens must be kept either indoors or in a weather-resistant container designed to prevent access by animals. Uneaten food shall be removed daily.

(d) Application for permit. Every applicant for a permit to keep domesticated female chickens shall:

1. Complete and file an application on a form prescribed by the city.
2. The city shall issue a permit if the applicant has demonstrated compliance with the criteria and standards in this section.
3. A permit to keep domesticated female chickens may be suspended or revoked by the city where there is a risk to public health or safety or for any violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of any other applicable ordinance or law. Any denial, revocation or suspension of a permit shall be in writing and shall include notification of the right to and procedure for appeal.

(e) Penalty. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$100.00 or 30 days in jail, or both, together with court costs.

(Code 2007, § 10-32; Ord. No. 8-2014, 5-27-2014; Ord. No. 48-2021, § 10-32, 1-11-2022)