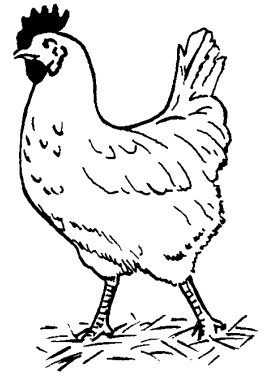


§ 96.07 BACKYARD HENS

General Regulations. Backyard hens may be allowed in residential zoning districts subject to the following regulations:



1. **Single Family Parcels.** Only single family, detached dwellings are eligible to have backyard hens. Backyard hens are prohibited for those parcels with duplex, town homes, condominiums, apartments or other non-single family structures.
2. **Vacant Parcels.** No backyard hens shall be allowed on vacant parcels. Backyard hens are not allowed on parcels with vacant structures.
3. **Lot Size.** Backyard hens may be allowed on parcels with single family dwellings in the R-1, R-2, or R-3 Zoning Districts. Backyard hens may be allowed on parcels with single family dwellings in the R-4 and R-5 Zoning Districts if the lot size is 7,300 square feet or more.
4. **Maximum Number.** The maximum number of backyard hens may not exceed **(4)** per occupied, single family lot in a residential district.
5. **Roosters Prohibited.** Roosters are prohibited in any zoning district except the Agricultural District
6. **Slaughtering Prohibited.** The on-site slaughtering of hens is prohibited within the Village of Wauconda.
7. **Registration.** Any individual keeping hens within the Village limits must register with the Village of Wauconda by submitting a *Backyard Hen Registration Form* at Village Hall, 101 N. Main Street, Wauconda, IL 60084.
8. **Sale of eggs.** The sale of eggs produced by backyard hens is prohibited in residential zoning districts.
9. **Storage of Food.** Feed for hens shall be kept in rodent proof containers.
10. **Odors.** Backyard hen owners shall regularly remove hen waste (feces) from the coop and hen run. At no time shall the owner of backyard hens allow odors from backyard hens or backyard hen waste to emanate to adjoining properties.

Hen Coops and Hen Run Construction.

1. **Containment.** Hens shall be contained in a coop with a fenced hen run.
2. **Enclosed.** All coops shall be enclosed.
3. **Size.** Coops shall provide a minimum of four (4) square feet per hen. Hen runs shall meet or exceed the coop area. Coops shall not exceed six (6) feet in height measured from the ground.
4. **Permits - Fence.** Permanently installed fencing for hen runs, as evidenced by fence posts affixed to or in concrete, shall require a fence permit. Temporary fencing or cages used for hen runs shall not require a fence permit.
5. **Permits – Coop.** Coops with a floor area of twenty-five (25) square feet or less shall not require a building permit unless the coop is secured with a foundation or posts anchored in concrete. Coops with an area of greater than twenty-five (25) square feet shall require a building permit.
6. **Permits – Electrical.** The installation of AC (alternating current) electrical wiring, electrical lighting and/or electrical heating elements in the coop shall require a permit. A pre-fabricated coop with factory installed electrical wiring, lighting, or heating equipment operating with a standard pronged electrical cord shall not require a permit unless after-market modifications have been made to the electrical component. A permit is not required for lighting or heating elements that are battery powered.
7. **Construction Materials.** Coops must be constructed of uniform, weather resistant material.
8. **Placement.** All coops and hen runs must be placed behind the residential dwelling and set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from property lines. Coops and runs are not allowed in the front or side yards.

NOTE:

- ◆ The location, placement, construction, size and maintenance of any coop or hen run may be subject to inspection by the Village Administrator or designee at any time to ensure compliance with the regulations in this Section 96.
- ◆ **Any violation hereof shall result in a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$750.00.**





Village of Wauconda Backyard Hen Registration Form

101 N. Main Street, Wauconda, IL 60084

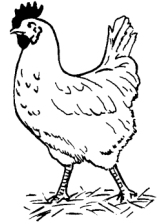
Registration Date: _____

Resident Name: _____

Resident Address: _____

Resident Phone: _____

Resident E-mail: _____



Backyard Hen Requirement Checklist:

1. Resident address is a single family dwelling. yes
2. Coop location is not on a vacant parcel. yes
3. The resident address is zoned: R-1 R-2 R-3
 R-4 (minimum 7,300 square foot lot size)
 R-5 (minimum 7,300 square foot lot size)
4. Number of hens: 1 2 3 4
5. Size of coop: _____ square foot (minimum 4 square foot per hen).
6. Coop is over 25 square foot in size and requires a building permit. yes no
7. Height of coop: _____ foot (maximum 6 foot high).
8. Fence is: Temporary (no permit required) Permanent (building permit required)
9. Coop includes installation of electrical wiring and requires a building permit. yes
10. Location of coop: located in back yard located a minimum of 10 feet from all property lines
11. Coop is constructed of uniform, weather resistant materials. yes

