

OFFICE USE ONLY	
DATE FILED:	_____
INITIALS:	_____
LIVESTOCK PREMISES REGISTRATION:	Yes No
MUNI FINES DUE:	Yes No
LATE FEE:	Yes No
PSW:	_____ CC: _____

**BACKYARD CHICKEN COOP LICENSE**

**CLK086 (rev. 11/22)**  
CITY ORDINANCE 14.02

Fee: \$200.00/Year Expires: December 31, \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renewal

1. Applicant (Licensee) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District #: \_\_\_\_\_

\*I understand this application will be reviewed by the Public Safety & Welfare Committee and that I am responsible for contacting the Alderperson of my District no less than seven (7) days prior to review by the committee.

2. Applicant Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Provided, Correspondence Will Be Sent Via Email)

3. Number of chickens sought to be kept on licensed premises: \_\_\_\_\_ (No more than 4, per ordinance)

4. Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ZIP

5. Is the Applicant the Property Owner?  Yes  No If **No**, the property owner/landlord must consent to this application by completion of the following certification:

Property Owner/Landlord Certification	
I certify that I am the property owner/landlord of the property listed above and hereby consent to this application.	
Property Owner/Landlord Print Name _____	Signature _____
Property Owner/Landlord Address: _____	Phone Number: _____

6. Licensed Premises Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach a Diagram Including:  
a. The Physical Address.  
b. The Property Lines.  
c. The Enclosure.  
d. All Structures within 100 feet of the Perimeter of the Enclosure.  
 **Diagram Attached**

7. The applicant must make an application for inclusion of the proposed licensed premises in the Livestock Premises Registry with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection <https://wiid.org/premises-registration-renewal/>.  **Confirmation Attached\*** \*The license will not be issued until verification of livestock premises registration pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

8.  The applicant has read and understands Terms and Conditions set forth on page 3 – Terms and Conditions.

9. Complete attachment “A”  **Attachment “A” Completed & Attached.**

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:** Under penalty provided for by law, the undersigned states that each of the above questions has been truthfully answered to the best of his/her/their knowledge. Nothing in this section can be construed to license the keeping of chickens when such activity is prohibited by private covenants, conditions or restrictions governing the use of property, or by rules, regulations or orders issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Health or the Kenosha County Health Department. Further, by my signature below, I understand that any violation of the requirements to keep backyard hens could result in the revocation of my license.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature Date

**ATTACHMENT "A"**

1. Property Owner, if other than Applicant: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Property Owners of All Properties Directly or Diagonally Abutting the Proposed Licensed Premises, Including Those Across an Alley:

Name	Address

3. All Adult Tenants of All Properties Directly or Diagonally Abutting the Proposed Licensed Premises, Including Those Across an Alley:

Name	Address

## Department of Community Development & Inspections Terms & Conditions

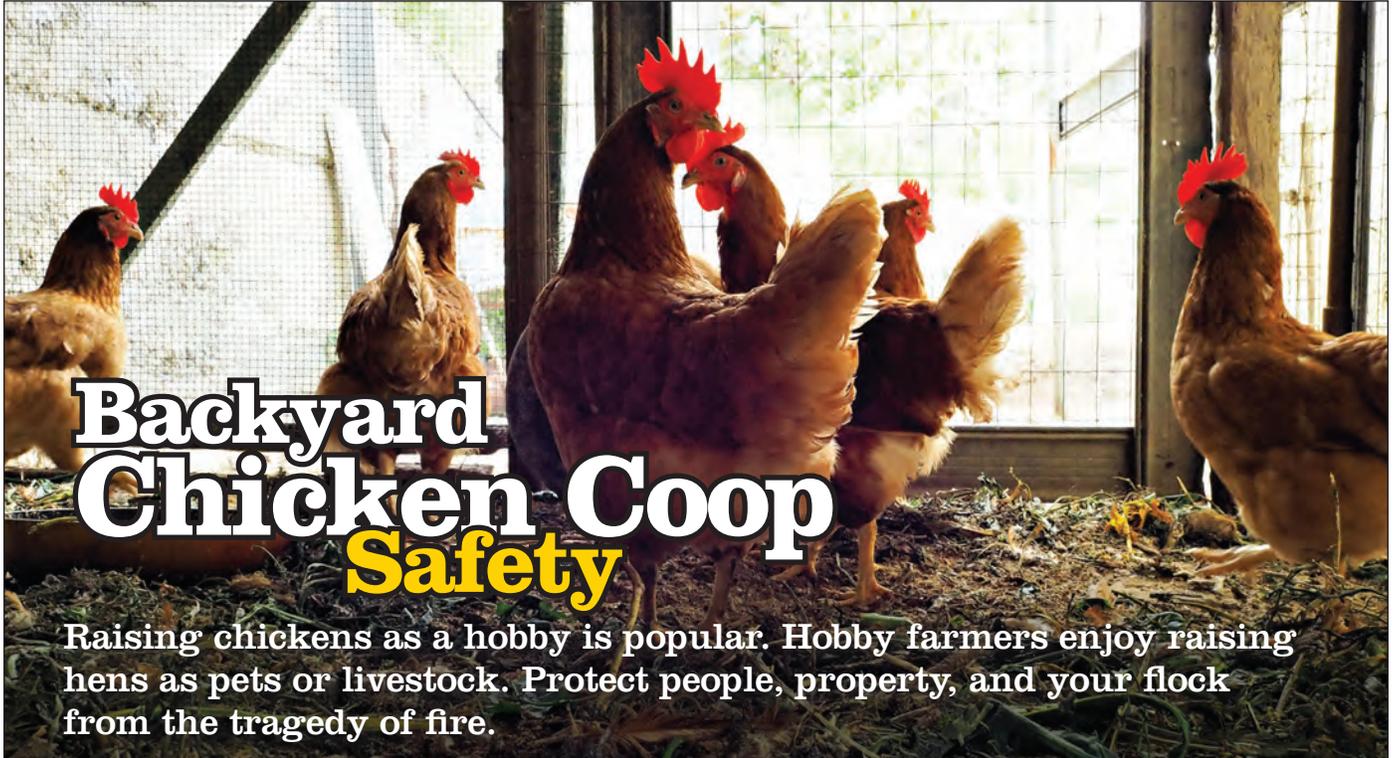
I hereby acknowledge that I accept the following terms & conditions below:

1. Chickens will be kept in a coop or enclosure at all times.
2. Coops shall be located in the rear yard only. No hen enclosure may be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any residential structure on an adjacent lot.
3. Coops greater than 120 square feet in size will require a building permit. Coops that will have electrical service installed requires an electrical permit.
4. Coops must provide floor space of at least sixteen (16) square feet per chicken; at least three (3) square feet per chicken of the enclosure must be covered with a watertight covering.
5. Maximum height of a chicken coop (accessory structure) shall be six (6) feet. As noted, anything over 120 square feet in size will require a building permit, inspection and approval by the Zoning Department.
6. Coops/Enclosures shall be constructed in such a manner as to prevent vermin from being harbored underneath or within the walls thereof. All food products, goods, wares and other merchandise likely to attract or become infested with or infected by vermin must be so protected as to prevent vermin from gaining access thereto or coming in contact therewith.
7. Chickens are only allowed on single family dwelling properties. Duplex, triplex, quadplex, multi-family properties and mobile home/RV parks are expressly prohibited from having chickens under this ordinance. Single family homes that are rented must have the signature of the landlord in addition to the applicant.
8. Licensees are **prohibited from keeping roosters** upon their respective licensed premises.
9. Slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.
10. Chickens must be fed and watered at least once per day, except as otherwise might be required to provide adequate veterinary care. The food must be free from contamination, wholesome, palatable and of sufficient quality and nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the animal. Self-feeders may be used for the feeding of dry food and must be sanitized as needed, but at least once per week, to prevent molding, deterioration or caking of feed.
11. Licensees must obey any reasonable sanitation directive of the Department.
12. Chickens must not be kept in a manner as to disturb the peace of the neighborhood or of persons passing to and from upon the streets.
13. Chickens shall be kept for personal use only. Breeding or selling chickens for commercial purposes is prohibited.
14. The selling of chickens, eggs or manure from the property is prohibited.
15. Chickens are not allowed to trespass on neighboring properties.
16. Unwanted chickens shall not be released or taken to Animal Control.
17. Unwanted chickens shall be taken to pre-approved locations as determined by the Department.
18. Electric service to coops/enclosures cannot be provided by extension cords. Any permanent electric service to the coop requires an electrical permit.
19. Coops/enclosures must be maintained in an ongoing clean and sanitary condition, free of undue accumulation of waste such as to cause odors detectable on adjacent properties.
20. Licensees must permit inspections by an enforcing officer at any reasonable hour of the portion of the licensed premises upon which the chickens are kept.

**\*Contact the Department of Community Development & Inspections With Questions Regarding Terms & Conditions – [cityinspection@kenosha.org](mailto:cityinspection@kenosha.org) 262.653.4263, 625-52nd Street, Room 100 Kenosha, WI 53140**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Backyard Chicken Coop License, Page 3, "Terms and Conditions"*



# Backyard Chicken Coop Safety

Raising chickens as a hobby is popular. Hobby farmers enjoy raising hens as pets or livestock. Protect people, property, and your flock from the tragedy of fire.

## SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure that heat lamps are properly secured. This will keep them from being knocked over.
- Keep heat lamps away from anything that can burn.
- Keep space heaters away from anything that can burn.
- Place space heaters on a sturdy surface so they won't be knocked over.
- Brush cobwebs and dust from light fixtures and outlets. Do this regularly.
- Choose light bulbs that have covers. This will protect them from dirt, moisture, and breaking.
- Do not use extension cords in the coop.
- Choose electrical equipment for agricultural or commercial use.
- Be careful with electrically heated poultry waterers. Make sure the cord and plug are properly grounded.
- Check all wiring for damage.
- Have electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- Choose outlets and switch boxes designed to keep out dust and water.

## SAFE HAY AND BEDDING STORAGE

Store baled hay away from livestock. Hay and bedding storage should not be near anything that can burn. Check with your community for safety rules on animal housing facilities. Talk to your local fire department for any fire concerns.

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more about  
fire safety  
on the farm.



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