

# Keeping of Chickens License Application

## Backyard Chickens Rules and Regulations:

- **Legal Parameters** – It is unlawful to keep backyard chickens without a license, in violation of the terms in Ordinance 14-3-18 (regulations referenced below), or if the license has been revoked for any reason.
- **License** – A backyard chicken license is required. Licenses may be issued on residential properties with dedicated rear yards; this excludes apartments and condominiums with shared outdoor spaces.
- **Number allowed** – No more than six (6) chickens are permitted per parcel.
- **Gender Restriction** – Hens or females only; roosters or males are prohibited.
- **Coop and Ranging Standards** –
  - o **Structure** – A coop is a physical structure where chickens are kept and that provides such chickens with protection and shelter.
    - The coop must be predator resistant.
    - The coop size must not exceed 120 square feet, and must provide at least four (4) square feet of space per bird.
    - The coop height must not exceed six (6) feet in height.
  - o **Location** – The chicken coop must be placed at least five (5) feet from property fence line and at least twenty (20) feet from residence or primary structure on adjacent property. Coops must reside in the rear yard of the premises.
  - o **Ranging** – Chickens must have space to range in the rear yard.
    - If a chicken run is used, chickens must be provided a minimum of twenty (20) square feet of permeable surface per bird.
    - Chickens are allowed to range in the rear yard, up to the property line, but must be kept in the required chicken coop from dusk until dawn.
    - Chickens allowed to range in the rear yard must be contained by a fence adequate to contain animals. The fence must be a minimum of four (4) feet in height.
- **Slaughtering** – Chickens may not be killed, on the premises, by or at the direction of the owner or keeper except pursuant to the lawful order of state or county health officials, or for the purpose of euthanasia when surrendered to a licensed veterinarian for such purpose, or as otherwise expressly permitted by law.
- **Excrement** – The owner of any chickens kept in the City of Northglenn shall cause excreta to be removed from any pen, cage, coop or yard in which such chickens are kept to prevent contamination, diseases, hazards and odors. The accumulation of excreta upon any premises in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be unlawful and shall be deemed a public nuisance in accordance with Chapter 9, Article 11 (Northglenn Nuisance Ordinance) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

## Applicant Acknowledgment:

Applicant acknowledges he/she is familiar with the provisions of Chapter 14, Article 3, Section 19 (described above) of the Northglenn Municipal Code regulating the keeping of honey bees in the City of Northglenn. The applicant also understands that City Council requested staff report on any community impacts experienced from the time of adoption by June 30, 2017, and that council may take action on the ordinance at that time.

Applicant (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature & Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

