

Backyard Chicken Permit Application

For City Use Only

Application #	Receipt #
Date Issued	Date Expires

Any person may keep no more than five (5) chickens, four (4) of this number being egg laying hens, per tract of land. A permit must be secured from the City of Carthage prior to keeping any chickens.

Permit fee is \$5.00 for a 1-year permit.

PERMIT # _____

Property/Owner Information

<i>Name</i>		
<i>Address</i>		
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
<i>Mailing Address (if different):</i>		
<i>City:</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
<i>Phone</i>		
<i>E-Mail</i>		

Inspection and approval of Animal Control Officer: _____

Signature

Date

By signing below, the applicant agrees to comply with all provisions in Sections 4-3 and 4-4 of the Code of Carthage. (copy provided).

- o No roosters are allowed.
- o All chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times. At no time may any chicken be tied or leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts, buildings, etc.
- o Chickens shall be secured within a henhouse or chicken tractor during non-daylight hours.
- o There shall be no outside slaughtering of birds.
- o The henhouse or chicken tractor must allow a minimum of 4 square feet per chicken. The coop must be kept at least 25 feet from residences on a different lot or parcel and 10 feet from the property line.
- o The materials used in making a henhouse or chicken tractor shall be uniform for each element of the structure such that the walls are made of the same material.
- o All henhouses, chicken tractors and chicken pens must be located in the rear of the primary structure.
- o The chicken owner must provide for the storage and removal of chicken manure.
- o The chickens, coop and run must be well maintained so that they do not violate the City's nuisance code for noise, odor, damage or threats to public safety.

Applicant Signature

Date

BACKYARD CHICKEN/HENHOUSE/CHICKEN TRACTOR CHECK LIST

- 1 a) Does the henhouse/chicken tractor require a building permit?
Y_____ or N_____
- If my henhouse/chicken tractor is larger than 120 sq. ft. a building permit is required.*
- 1 b) If yes, building permit may be obtained at the Public Works Department,
623 East 7th Street, Carthage, MO Office Phone #417-237-7010.
If electricity is being included, other permits may be required per Public Works.
- 1 c) If yes, has the building permit been issued? Permit # _____
- 2) There are no more than five (5) chickens, and no more than four (4) of this number
being egg laying hens allowed for this permit. Roosters are NOT allowed.
- 3) The henhouse/chicken tractor has adequate ventilation and adequate sunlight
and shade for the chickens.
- 4) The henhouse/chicken tractor is enclosed on all sides and has a roof and doors.
Doors must open and shut for securing chickens at night. Opening windows and vents must
be covered with wire of less than one-inch openings.
- 5) Henhouse/chicken tractor is at least two (2) feet off the ground.
- 6) The henhouse/chicken tractor is constructed with like material on the walls, like shingles
on the roof, and like materials over the windows and vents.
- 7) The henhouse or chicken tractor is at least ten (10) feet from the property line.
- 8) The henhouse/chicken tractor is at least twenty-five (25) feet from any adjacent residential
dwelling, church, school, or place of business.
- 9) The henhouse/chicken tractor must be located in the rear of the primary structure.
- 10) The henhouse/chicken tractor allows four (4) square feet per chicken.
- 11) Backyard Chicken Permit has been issued. Permit # _____

The henhouse/chicken owners shall be responsible for providing storage and removal of chicken manure and uneaten feed. No more than 3 cubic feet of manure may be stored.

The chickens, coop and run must be well maintained so that they do not violate the City's nuisance code for noise, odor, damage or threats to public safety.