

Process for Urban Chickens:

If you're interested in obtaining a permit for urban chickens in Waverly, follow the checklist below:

- ⇒ Read through the urban chicken code chapter 72.
- ⇒ Learn about how to raise urban chickens in the city.
- ⇒ Create a site plan.
- ⇒ Apply for permit and pay \$30.00 application fee.
- ⇒ Construct a coop that meets minimum qualifications.
- ⇒ Wait for approval in the mail.
- ⇒ Place chickens on the property.



Zoning Office

200 1st St NE
Waverly, Iowa 50677

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Email: zoning@waverlyia.com



Urban Chicken Ordinance in Waverly, Iowa

The City of Waverly allows residents to keep chickens in residentially (R) zoned districts following issuance of a permit from the zoning office.

Permits will cost \$30.00 and be valid for (3) three calendar years from the date of issuance (ex: if permit is issued 07/01/2014, permit will be valid until 12/31/2016). Fees will not be refunded if chickens are removed from the premises prior to reaching December 31 of year three.

The City is not liable for the injury or death of the chickens, as it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the coop and chicken feed are designed to prevent entry of any sort of animal.

It is important to note that it is possible that neighborhood covenant and restrictions may prohibit this activity. You are encouraged to check with your sub division or Homeowner's Association before applying for a permit from the City. The City cannot enforce homeowner association rules.

Raising Backyard Chickens

City of Waverly, Iowa

Guidelines





FYI:

Chickens must be kept within the coop**, the fowl house, or the fenced pen area at all times unless removed for a temporary time for the safety of the chickens.

No slaughtering of chickens.

No selling eggs.

All chicken feed needs to be stored in rodent –proof containers.

Permittee is responsible for sufficiently confining chickens to the permitted property and preventing chickens from entering upon any adjacent property.

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**Coop shall mean a cage, enclosure or building used for housing and protecting chickens from weather and predators.

Additional Resources

Waverly City Code Section 72 Urban Chicken in Health and Sanitation:

<http://www.waverlyia.com/city-information/city-administration/city-code/default.aspx>

Waverly City Urban Chicken Permits:

<http://www.waverlyia.com/community-development/permit-fees/urban-chickens.aspx>

Urban Chicken Workshops/Courses:

<https://indiancreeknaturecenter.org/urban-chickens/>

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Getting-Started-with-Backyard-Chickens-eCourse>

CDC Backyard Poultry Info:

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/pets/farm-animals/backyard-poultry.html>

Additional Resource Links That May Be Helpful:

<https://homegardenandhomestead.com/beginners-guide-to-raising-urban-chickens/>

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/bro-protect-poultry-from-ai.pdf

<https://www.chickenrunrescue.org/Chicken-Health-Resources>

<https://www.backyardchickens.com/>

COOP AND RUN REQUIREMENTS:

- Coop**, fowl house, or fenced pen has to be at least 25 feet to any adjacent property line
- Coop**, fowl house, or mobile coop, better known as a chicken tractor, can not be less than 18" in height
- Chicken enclosure or fenced area must be a minimum size of 4 square feet but no larger than 12 square feet **per chicken** housed
- Any coop, fowl house, or fenced pen area shall be well vented for the chickens and kept in a clean, drained and sanitary condition at all times.
- It is the responsibility of the owner to rid of all droppings and body excretions in a timely fashion if not used as a fertilizer
- Coop or fowl house must be used for only

