

**The Process for Urban Chickens in  
Waverly:**

- ✓ Apply for permit and pay \$30.00 application fee.
- ✓ Construct a coop that meets minimum qualifications.
- ✓ Schedule an inspection with the Zoning office by calling (319) 352-9208.
- ✓ Wait for approval in the mail.
- ✓ Place chickens on the property.

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.



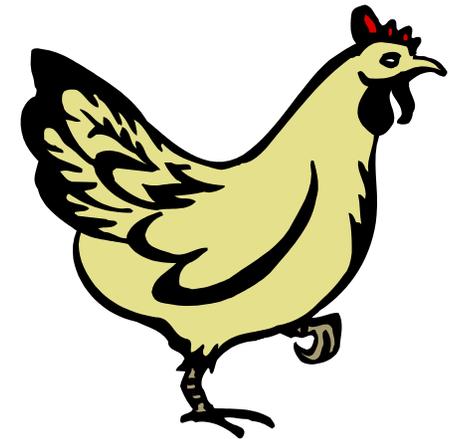
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**RAISING  
BACKYARD  
CHICKENS**

**Important guidelines on  
raising chickens in your  
backyard on your residential  
property.**



# Urban Chicken Ordinance

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



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## Where permitted:

The keeping of domestic chickens, except roosters, is permitted in **single family residential** properties lying within residential zoned districts as shown in the City of Waverly official Zoning map.

## Applying For An Urban Chicken Permit:

The urban chicken ordinance allows Waverly residents to keep chickens in their backyard upon applying and receiving a permit from the Planning and Zoning department (Chapter 72 passed with Ordinance 975 on February 17, 2013). In order to receive a permit, the following criteria must be met:

- The covered enclosure or fenced area is a minimum set back of (25) twenty-five feet to any adjacent property line.
- No more than four (4) hens (NO ROOSTERS) shall be housed in a coop\*\*, fowl house, or mobile coop, better known as a chicken tractor, not less than 18" in height.
- The chicken enclosure or fenced area must be a minimum size of (4) four square feet, but no larger than (12) twelve square feet per chicken housed (48 total square feet maximum).
- 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.

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

## What you need to know:

It is important to know that slaughtering of chickens and selling of eggs from "R" districts is not allowed. 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. 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.



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.