



City of Algoma Chicken License Application

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

PHONE: _____

OWNER'S NAME: _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____
Street address *City, State, Zip*

PARCEL NUMBER: _____

LICENSE TYPE: NEW
Is your oldest chicken at least 8 weeks old? Yes No
Did you obtain it more than 30 days ago? Yes No

RENEWAL

COOP TYPE: OPEN COOP - \$20.00 Annual Fee – up to four (4) hens allowed
 ENCLOSED COOP - \$10.00 Annual Fee – up to six (6) hens allowed

The license year commences on January 1 and ends on December 31.

The City Clerk shall collect a late fee of \$5.00 from an owner of a hen eight weeks of age or older if the owner fails to license prior to April 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable hen, or if the owner fails to obtain a license on or before a hen reaches the licensable age.

I have read the above provisions of Chapter 9 – Section 9.075 - Chickens of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Algoma, Kewaunee County, Wisconsin and understand that any violation of Chapter 9 – Section 9.075 - Chickens; may result in the revocation of this license to keep and raise chickens within the City of Algoma, and further, that the City of Algoma has the right to revoke this license at any time.

Applicant Signature

Date

Property Owner Signature (if different than Applicant)

Date

This license allows you to keep up to six hens (no roosters) in compliance with the Algoma Municipal Code.

Fill out the form in its entirety and submit it, along with the proper fee, and an accurately scaled drawing showing the location of the proposed coop and distances to lot lines, in person or by mail (including a copy of your driver's license) to Algoma City Clerk, 416 Fremont Street, Algoma, WI 54201.

FOR CITY USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SECTION

Fee Paid – Amount \$ _____

Issue Date: _____

Drawing of Proposed Location/Lot Lines Included?

Expiration Date: December 31, 20____

Signature of Clerk's Office Staff

9.075 Chickens

- A. Definitions. The following terms, when used in this section, shall have the meaning set forth below:
- (1) **Chicken** means a domestic chicken of the sub-species *Gallus gallus domesticus*.
 - (2) **Keep** means either the owning, keeping, possessing or harboring of a chicken.
 - (3) **Rooster** means a male chicken of any age, including a capon or otherwise neutered male chicken.
 - (4) **Enclosed Coop** means a covered, predator and vermin resistant, well ventilated, new or existing accessory structure providing a minimum of two square feet per chicken, to a maximum of 40 square feet including the run designed or modified for the keeping of chickens where the chicken is not visible from the outside of the structure.
 - (5) **Open Coop** means a covered, predator and vermin resistant, well ventilated, new or existing accessory structure providing a minimum of two square feet per chicken, to a maximum of 40 square feet including any run designed or modified for the keeping of chickens where the chicken is visible from the outside of the structure.
 - (6) **License** is a privilege to allow a chicken or chickens to be kept on the licensed premises.
 - (7) **Owner** shall include every person who owns, harbors, or keeps a hen.
- B. Confinement of Chickens. Chickens must be kept in an enclosed or open coop or run at all times.
- C. Location of Coop. An enclosed or open coop shall be located no closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any lot line and may not be within the front yard setback. No chicken shall be kept within an occupied structure or structure attached to an occupied structure.
- D. Annual Chicken License Required.
- (1) License Required. The owner of any hen more than eight weeks of age shall annually, or on or before the date the hen becomes eight weeks of age, pay the hen license fee and obtain a license.
 - (2) Application. The application for the annual residential chicken license shall be made using such forms as required by the City and must contain an accurately scaled drawing showing the location of the proposed coop and distances to lot lines. If the applicant is not the owner of the parcel, the property owner must sign the application certifying approval for the use of the premises for this purpose.
 - (3) Fee. An application fee, as determined in the City fee schedule, shall be paid to the City by the applicant when the application is filed.
 - (4) Late Fees. The City Clerk shall assess and collect a late fee, as determined in the City fee schedule, from every owner of a hen eight weeks of age or older if the owner fails to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable hen, or if the owner fails to obtain a license on or before a hen reaches the licensable age.
 - (5) Issuance of Licenses. Only one license may be issued to each parcel number. Upon payment of the required hen license fee, the City Clerk shall complete and issue to the owner a license stating the owner's name and address, parcel number, date of issuance, and date of license expiration. The City Clerk shall keep a duplicate copy of the license on file.
 - (6) Open Coop. Maximum number of chickens allowed is four (4).
 - (7) Enclosed Coop. Maximum number of chickens allowed is six (6).
- E. Miscellaneous.
- (1) Rooster. No rooster shall be kept within the City limits.
 - (2) Slaughtering. No chicken shall be slaughtered within the City limits.
 - (3) Food. All food and supplies shall be maintained in a secure and rodent-proof container.
 - (4) Waste. All waste generated by the operation of the coop including manure, droppings, organic bedding material and spoiled feed shall either be composted on site or disposed of in accordance with section 9.11 Collection of Animal Waste. Any chicken carcass may not be composted. Waste is prohibited from being deposited at the City yard waste or compost site. Waste may not be stockpiled to create a nuisance or odor.
 - (5) Sanitation. The premises of the license must be kept and in a neat and orderly appearance. The coop must be kept clean and in good repair.
 - (6) Inspection. The Animal Control Officer and his/her designees may enter the property of a license holder to access the coop, feed storage and waste storage areas of the operation to determine compliance with the provisions of this section.
- F. Compliance. Any license holder found in violation of this section; declaration of a public nuisance by Algoma Police Department shall be provided a warning notice of compliance. If three warning notices of compliance are issued within a twelve (12) month period, the license shall be immediately revoked. Re-issuance of any revoked license is subject to a public hearing and City Council approval.
- G. Revocation.
- Annual Chicken License is not a permitted use or conditional use of zoning. A license cannot be transferred to another person or location. Any Annual Chicken License may be revoked at any time without further notice or recourse to protect the peace and good order of the City.

9.11 Collection of Animal Waste

All persons keeping animals in the City are prohibited from allowing their animals to leave their bodily excrements at large in the City. Such persons are required to immediately collect such excrements upon being deposited and to dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

9.15 Penalty

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 20.04 of this Code.