



PERMIT APPLICATION
Keeping of Backyard Chickens
Ordinance 1039 (2014) - See attached

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Zone District: _____ Lot Area: _____ SF

Site Plan Requirements:

- Provide drawing of chicken coop and enclosed run within backyard
- Chicken coop dimensions (not to exceed 120 sq ft and 6 ft in height)
- Meet all setback requirements, 20 ft rear yard, 15 ft side yard and 20 ft from residence or adjacent property
- Pay Permit Application Fee of: \$50.00

Site Plan Drawing: Indicate lot dimensions, adjoining streets and alleys, existing setbacks, where your house and other structures are located on the property and the location of the chicken coop and run.

I, _____ have read and understand Ordinance 1039 (2014), and agree to City regulations pertaining to said ordinance.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This Permit Application is approved and issued this _____ day of _____, 20____ is revocable under the provisions of the Ordinance 1039 of the City of Craig, Colorado.

Community Development Director

6.20.040 Chickens.

The requirements of this section shall apply to any detached single-family residential dwelling units in any zoning district with a minimum lot size of six thousand (6,000) square feet. Chickens are not allowed within multiple-family residential complexes, townhome developments, two-family (duplex) residential properties, mobile home parks or subdivisions.

A. *Definitions.* As used in this section, the following terms shall have these meanings ascribed to them:

Chicken coop means an enclosed and secured facility for housing chicken hens.

Run means an enclosed and secured facility where chicken hens are able to move around more freely than within the chicken coop.

B. The following requirements, restrictions, and standards shall apply to backyard chicken uses:

1. There shall be a maximum of four (4) hens allowed per property. No roosters or other fowl shall be allowed.
2. A chicken coop shall be located so that it has the least amount of impact to adjacent dwellings and properties. Therefore, a chicken coop shall only be located in a rear yard, have a rear yard setback of twenty (20) feet, and have a side setback of at least fifteen (15) feet. In addition to the rear and side yard setbacks, a chicken coop shall be located no closer than twenty (20) feet to any residential structure on adjacent properties.
3. The footprint of a chicken coop and enclosed run shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) square feet. The maximum height of the chicken coop shall be six (6) feet high. Chicken coops and runs shall be completely enclosed with wire or other material to contain the chickens and prevent intrusion from wildlife and domesticated animals.
4. The chicken coop shall be of sound construction, be covered, predator resistant, properly ventilated, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained. Dilapidated, unsightly, or dangerous chicken coops or runs shall be removed or repaired when so ordered by the city.
5. Chicken coops and runs shall be maintained in a clean fashion and regularly cleaned to control dust, odor and waste so as to not constitute a nuisance, safety hazard, or health problem to surrounding properties. Odors and dust shall not be perceptible beyond the boundaries of the parcel.
6. The chicken coop and run must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade, and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including dogs and cats.
7. The chicken coop must consist of at least four (4) square feet for each chicken housed therein.
8. Chicken feed shall be kept within the residence or garage so that it can be secured from rodents and other wildlife.
9. During daylight hours, chickens shall have access to both the chicken coop and run. During non-daylight hours, chickens shall be secured within the chicken coop.
10. Chicken manure shall be removed and stored in a sealed container or removed from the property immediately. Spillage and leftover feed must be removed daily to prevent rodent propagation and odors.
11. Slaughtering or display of slaughtered chickens is prohibited.
12. It is the sole responsibility of the chicken keeper to ensure their chickens do not leave their property. The keeper of any chicken which is found to be off the property of the keeper shall be subject to the provisions of, and applicable penalties provided in, Section 6.48.

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13. An animal that attacks, injures or kills a chicken not on the chicken keeper's property shall not be deemed a "vicious animal." Nor shall the owner of such animal be charged under Section 6.14.020 - Animals Prohibited from Causing Damage.
- C. *Permit required.* All backyard chicken uses and facilities shall require a permit from the community development director's office prior to allowance of any chickens on the property. The permit shall be valid only for the person and location to which it is issued and is nontransferable. This permit shall only be issued after the backyard chicken application has been approved in accordance with this section and shall specify any terms or conditions of the permit. The applicant shall submit the application on the form provided by the community development director and shall pay the application fee as set by city council resolution. The community development director may require submittal of such additional information as is deemed necessary to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this section. Any pre-existing keeping of chickens is illegal, except as permitted under Section 6.20.010, and therefore must comply with this section or be removed.
- D. *Revocation of permit.* A backyard chicken permit may be revoked upon the conviction of the permit holder of a violation of any provision in this Chapter 6.
- E. *Violations.* In addition to revocation of a permit, any violation of this chicken ordinance may result in a charge or charges under this section and issued pursuant to Section 6.48.010 by the CSO or any police officer and filed in the municipal court.

(Ord. 1039 §1, 2014)