

## Chicken Hens Conditional Use Specifications

Chicken Hens may be allowed in residential districts by conditional use permit. Responsible citizens in good standing, (those not in violation of city codes) may apply for a permit at City Hall. Permits are good for one year and subject to the restrictions listed below. Failure to comply with any of the conditions listed below may result in the permit being revoked by the Code Enforcement Officer. Permits must be renewed by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Except for lots in the R-3 Residential District, no chicken hens will be allowed in residential districts without permit.

### Conditions for issuing a permit for Chickens (Hens)

1. Applicant must be a responsible citizen in good standing.
2. Up to 8 chicken hens (female Gallus gallus domesticus) may be kept on single family lot. Chicken hens are prohibited on any multi-dwelling parcel.
3. The owner must obtain an annual permit at a cost of \$25 commencing on February 1<sup>st</sup> from the City of Colstrip. The fees for this permit will be determined by City Council Resolution and may be periodically adjusted.
4. The chicken hens shall be provided with a covered, predator-proof chicken house that is thoroughly vented, of sufficient size to admit free movement of the chicken hens, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owners, be at least 2 square feet per chicken hen in size and the coop and enclosure cannot be more than (12) twelve feet at its peak in height.
5. No chicken house or outdoor chicken enclosure shall at any time be located closer than 10 feet to any public right-of-way, sidewalk, or neighboring property line.
6. The chicken hens shall be shut into the chicken house at night, from sunset to sunrise.
7. During daylight hours the adult chicken hens shall have access to the chicken house and, weather permitting, shall have access to an outdoor enclosure on the property adequately fenced to contain the chicken hens and to prevent access to the chickens by predators.
8. Stored feed must be kept in a rodent and predator proof container.
9. It is unlawful for the owner, custodian, or keeper of any chicken hen to allow the animal(s) to be a nuisance to any neighbors, including but not limited to: noxious odors from the animals or their enclosures; and noise of a loud, persistent and habitual nature. (See Section 5-4-1 Nuisance Animals.)
10. No chicken hen(s) shall be allowed to run at large in the city. No owner or keeper shall allow or permit any chicken hen(s) to be at large off the owner's or keeper's property. Any chicken hen(s) found to be running at large in the city or on private property in violation of this section is a public nuisance. (See Section 5-4-1 Nuisance Animals.)
11. No chicken house or chicken enclosure shall be located in a front yard.
12. No chickens shall be slaughtered within view of adjacent property or the public. Feathers and entrails shall be deposited in a proper manner.
13. Persons found to have committed a violation of this section shall have their permit revoked.

## Chicken Hens Conditional Use Check List

PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of Good Standing
  - 18 years or older
  - No debris or weed violations on property
  - No CPD or animal control violations
  - Water and Sewer bills current
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Single Family Lot
3. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Permit Fee due February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Predator Proof Hen House (*Attach diagram of building and placement on lot.*)

### Responsibilities of Citizen Requesting Hens

1. Predator Proof Hen House - ten feet from neighboring properties and not in front yard.
2. Hens must be shut into Hen House from sunset to sunrise.
3. Hens may free range but must be kept on owner's property, protected from predators, and not allowed to run at large.
4. Stored feed must be kept in rodent, predator proof containers.
5. Roosters are not allowed.
6. The animal(s) may not be a nuisance to any neighbors, including but not limited to: noxious odors from the animals or their enclosures; and noise of a loud, persistent and habitual nature.
7. Hens may not be slaughtered in public view and feathers and entrails must be taken care of in a proper manner.

Any violations of these conditions may result in the permit being revoked and the removal of the Hens from the property.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Site Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Box Number

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Phone

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Zoning Officer

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Date