



BUILDING & ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Domestic Fowl Permit Application
Fee: \$25.00

Please print or type

Applicant Information:

Name: _____		Driver's License #: _____	
Address of location that chickens will be housed: _____		Apt. # (if applicable): _____	Phone #: _____
Number of fowls to be kept (Maximum/total of 4 in any combination – Roosters are not permitted):			
Hens _____		Ducks _____	Drakes _____

Property Owner Information: (if property is not owner occupied)

Name: _____		Phone #: _____	
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____

Permits are valid for two years from the date of issue.

Permits are non-transferable and may not be sold or assigned.

If the requirements of Chapter 14 of the Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances are not complied with, the City may revoke any permit granted and/or initiate prosecution for a civil infraction violation. A person who has been issued a permit shall submit it for examination upon demand by any city official or police officer. Fenced enclosures are subject to City of Ypsilanti Zoning Code of Ordinances. Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit by the City, private restrictions on the use of property shall remain enforceable and take precedence over a permit. Private restrictions include but are not limited to deed restrictions, condominium master deed restrictions, neighborhood association by-laws, and covenant deeds. A permit issued to a person whose property is subject to private restrictions that prohibit the keeping of chickens is void. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.

I understand the above restrictions on the permit and am submitting this application in compliance with Chapter 14 (Animals) of the Code of the City of Ypsilanti (ordinance on back of application).

Applicant Signature

Date

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Issue date: _____	_____
Expiration date: _____	_____
Approved by: _____	_____
Comments: _____	_____

Sec. 14-5. Keeping of female chickens (hens) and ducks (male/drake and female/duck).

- (a) Any person who keeps hens in the City of Ypsilanti shall obtain a permit from the city prior to acquiring the hens and pay a permit fee set by city council. This permit shall be kept by the owner and presented upon demand by any city official or police officer. Permits are non-transferable and do not run with the land. A permit may be obtained by any property owner of a property whose principle use is as a single-family or two-family zoned property within the City of Ypsilanti. Permits issued prior to June 1, 2010 will expire on July 1, 2011 and be renewable for two-year periods. Permits shall provide a limited license for the activity, and no vested zoning rights shall arise from said permit issuance.
- (b) Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit by the city, private restrictions on the use of property shall remain enforceable and take precedence over a permit. Private restrictions include, but are not limited to, deed restrictions, condominium master deed restrictions, and covenant deeds. A permit issued to a person whose property is subject to private restrictions that prohibit keeping of hens is void. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.
- (c) A person who keeps or houses hens, ducks, and drakes on his or her property shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (1) Must obtain a permit pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
 - (2) Keep no more than a total of four fowl, in any combination of hens, ducks, or drakes.
 - (3) The principal use of the person's property must be for a single-family dwelling or two-family dwelling.
 - (4) No person shall keep a male chicken (rooster).
 - (5) No person shall slaughter any hens, ducks, or drakes on the property described in Sec. 14-5 (c)(3) above.
 - (6) Any person keeping hens, ducks, or drakes shall remain subject to public nuisance animal controls codified in section 14-11 of the Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances.
 - (7) The hens, ducks, or drakes shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure (flighted species) or a fenced enclosure at all times (flightless species). Fenced enclosures are subject to the provisions of section 122-635, fences and walls, of this Code.
 - (8) A person shall keep hens, ducks, or drakes in the backyard only. For this subsection, "backyard" means the portion of a lot enclosed by the property's rear lot line and the side lot lines to the points where the side lot lines intersect with an imaginary line established by the rear of the single-family or two-family structure and extending to the side lot lines.
 - (9) All enclosures for the keeping of hens, ducks, or drakes shall be constructed, repaired and maintained in a manner to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being harbored underneath, within, or within the walls of the enclosure.
 - (10) All feed and other items associated with the keeping of hens, ducks, or drakes that are likely to attract or to become infested shall be so protected so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from gaining access to or coming into contact with them.
 - (11) Chicken coops, duck houses, and enclosures shall be at least 20 feet from any residential structure not owned by the permittee unless written permission is granted from the owner of the affected residential structure.
- (d) If the requirements of subsection (c) are not fully complied with, the city may revoke any permit granted under this section and/or initiate prosecution for a civil infraction violation.

2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons, firms, corporations, legal entities, or circumstances by such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance thereof directly involved in the case or controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and to the person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances then and there involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this Ordinance.