



**Urban Backyard Chickens**  
**Permit Application**  
**CITY OF ELSMERE**  
**3921 Dixie Highway, Elsmere, KY 41018**  
**Phone: (859) 342-7911 or [www.cityofelsmere.com](http://www.cityofelsmere.com)**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
<p><b>As Set Forth by Ord. # 1831-2024. Passed 3/12/2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There shall be no more than eight (8) chickens kept on a property, at any one time.</li> <li>○ Only the keeping of non-crowing chickens shall be allowed.</li> <li>○ A property housing chickens shall keep the chickens enclosed in the backyard only. The backyard shall be enclosed with a four-foot (4') fence.</li> <li>○ The chickens shall be kept in a henhouse/coop/tractor/run with a roof, that is enclosed on all sides, that has adequate ventilation, and that is able to be locked and secured to ensure chickens cannot run at large or leave the property and are safe from predators.</li> <li>○ The henhouse/coop/tractor and any associated run attached to it shall be in the backyard and be a minimum of twenty-five feet (25') from the nearest residence, not including the residence of the owner of the chickens. For the purposes of this section, "residence" shall be defined to include both the principal structure and any decks, porches or sunrooms attached to the principal structure.</li> <li>○ Chickens shall not be kept in a manner that would allow a perceptible odor beyond the property line.</li> <li>○ There shall be no breeding or slaughtering of backyard chickens.</li> <li>○ Provision shall be made for storage and removal of chicken manure.</li> <li>○ All feed shall be stored inside or in a weather and rodent resistant container designed to prevent access by animals.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$100 one-time fee, non-refundable, payable to City of Elsmere. Due at time of Application.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Diagram of property, showing location and dimensions of the lot (property lines), all existing streets and on-site structures, and the location of proposed building.</li> <li>○ Label dimensions, existing, and proposed setbacks for yard.</li> <li>○ Location of henhouse, fence, feed storage, trash bins, compost pile (if applicable)</li> <li>○ Location of nearest neighboring residences and distance from proposed henhouse.</li> <li>○ Signed approval of all abutting property owners.</li> <li>○ No permit will be issued to any person with active Code Enforcement violations or delinquent property taxes or other financial obligations to the City of Elsmere.</li> <li>○ Denial of a permit may be appealed to the City Administrator within 30 days of denial.</li> <li>○ Permits may be revoked if the permittee is in violation of the terms &amp; conditions of the ordinance; harboring of chickens substantially interferes with the neighbors' enjoyment of their property due to foul odors, noise and/or attraction of predators, the harboring endangers the safety of and/or causes a nuisance and/or property damage or personal injury to other persons or properties.</li> </ul>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	
Name:	
Address:	
City/State/ZIP:	
Phone:	
<b>PROPERTY OWNER (if different than applicant)</b>	
Name:	<b>Signature of Property Owner Required (if different than Applicant)</b> Signature:
Address:	
City/State/ZIP:	
Phone:	

Owner/applicant attests that they have read and agree that all improvement is limited to the drawn or attached plans, shall meet setbacks shown and the conditions of the approval as shown; any deviations shall require written approval from the City; and owner agrees to complete project within 90 days or permit will expire.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Final Inspection Required. Call (859) 342-7911 when project is complete.**

Approval of adjoining property owner(s):

Name:	Address:	Phone:	Signature:

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ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY BELOW:

Inspection Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_