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### BACKYARD CHICKEN HEN PERMIT APPLICATION

This form is to apply for a backyard chicken hen permit. Backyard chicken hen permits are required before one can legally own and keep chicken hens in non-agricultural zoning districts in the City of Longmont. Chicken hen permits are one-time and revocable and are subject to sunset on December 31, 2010. Permit holders may keep permitted chickens for a period of six months following the sunset period in order to properly dispose of their chickens either by sale, adoption, donation to 4-H Club, donation to a raptor rehabilitation program, or through euthanasia.

Applicant Information	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Fax:
Email:	
Chicken Coop Considerations	
Do you intend on using a coop that was in existence prior to February 1, 2009?	
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes AND the coop is closer than Six (6') feet to any side and/or rear property line, you must provide written consent from the adjacent property owner(s) before a permit will be issued. If the pre-existing coop is closer than 6' to the property line and adjacent to an alley or right-of-way a written consent from your neighbor is not necessary.	
Permit Submittal Requirements	
1. \$30.00 permit fee (cash or check payable to "City of Longmont")	
2. Plot/sketch plan of property with setback dimension lines and coop size and location	
3. Written consent from adjacent neighbor (if required)	

Official Use Only	
\$30.00 Fee Received: <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Permit #: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	
Approved	Denied
Approval Signature	Date

<b>Regulations for Keeping Backyard Chicken Hens</b>
1. No person may own or keep any fowl (except chicken hens), including ducks, quail, geese, turkeys, or pigeons, in districts not zoned Agricultural.
2. No more than four (4) chicken hens are permitted per parcel.
3. No person may own or keep a rooster in any district not zoned Agricultural.
4. Chicken hens are to be restricted to the rear or backyard of any lot in a residential zoning district or the rear or backyard of a residential use in all other zoning districts.
5. No slaughtering allowed.
6. Chicken feed must be stored in a re-sealable, airtight, metal, rat-proof container, as required by Longmont Municipal Code § 9-16-130 to discourage attracting mice, rats, and other vermin.
7. Coops shall be predator proof with a solid top.
8. Water shall be provided at all times.
9. Coops and associated runs shall be limited in size to a maximum of 120 square feet.
10. At least four (4) square feet of space per chicken shall be provided (includes coop and run).
11. Coops shall be no taller than seven (7) feet at the highest point of the roof.
12. Coops are not to be located between the rear of the structure and the front yard lot line.
13. Coops shall be at least six (6) feet from any other structure and at least six (6) feet from any side or rear property line, except that any coop in existence as of February 1, 2009, shall be exempt from this set-back requirement, provided such coop meets the requirements of this subsection, and provided further that the owner of such existing coop obtain the agreement of any neighbor whose property abuts such existing coop. If the pre-existing coop is closer than 6' to the property line and is adjacent to an alley or right-of-way a written consent from your neighbor is not necessary.
14. All coops shall be regularly cleaned to control dust, odor, and waste and not constitute a nuisance, safety hazard, or health problem to surrounding properties.
15. A city permit is required for all chicken hen coops and no more than 50 shall be permitted between March 2009 and December 31, 2010.
16. A permit may be revoked upon the conviction of the permit holder of a violation of section 7.04 of the Longmont Municipal Code.

**Backyard chicken hens are permitted on a trial basis. Permits may be rescinded by City Council at the end of the trial period which concludes on December 31, 2010.**

**Many Home Owner Association Bylaws do not allow chickens or poultry of any kind. Applicants should check their HOA bylaws to confirm that chicken hens are permitted.**

<b>Applicant Certification</b>	
<p>I hereby certify that the information and exhibits herewith submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In submitting the application materials and signing this application, I acknowledge and agree that the application is subject to all the terms and conditions for a Backyard Chicken Hen Permit found in Title 7.04 of the City of Longmont Municipal Code. I understand that any false statements or omissions may result in denial or revocation of this permit. I further acknowledge that I have read the applicable regulations attached to this permit and agree to fully comply with the regulations set forth by the City of Longmont any terms and conditions imposed by the decision making body as they relate to the Backyard Chicken Hen Permit.</p>	
<p>Applicant Signature:</p>	<p>Date:</p>