



# BACKYARD CHICKEN HEN PERMIT APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 6.12.010 of the Firestone Municipal Code, backyard chicken hens may be kept on single-family residential parcels within areas zoned R-1, R-5, PUD R-A or PUD R-B, subject to permitting and to compliance with the regulations set forth in Chapter 6.14 of this code, and other applicable Town requirements.

## Regulations for Keeping of Backyard Chicken Hens

1. No more than four chicken hens are permitted per parcel. Male chickens (or roosters) are not permitted.
2. Backyard chicken hen are required to be contained within a coop and fenced run that shall meet all of the following requirements:
  - a. The chicken hen facilities shall include a coop and run that are fully enclosed and adequately designed and constructed to prevent escape of chicken hens and entry by predators.
  - b. Coops shall be constructed with a solid top.
  - c. Chicken hen facilities shall provide access to adequate and fresh water at all times in a manner to prevent the water from freezing.
  - d. The chicken hen facilities, including coop space and run, shall be limited to a maximum of 60 square feet.
  - e. The chicken hen facilities shall provide at least four square feet of space per chicken hen.
  - f. Coops shall be no taller than seven feet at the highest point of the roof.
  - g. Chicken hen facilities shall be located in the rear or backyard of the parcel. Chicken hen facilities shall not be located between the rear of the structure and the front yard lot line. Chicken hens shall be kept within the chicken hen facilities and are not permitted within any other portions of a parcel.
  - h. Chicken hen facilities shall be at least six feet from any other structure and at least six feet from any side or rear property line.
3. All coops and runs shall be regularly cleaned and maintained to control dust, odor, and waste and to prevent the facilities from constituting a nuisance, safety hazard, or health problem to surrounding properties. Odors associated with the chicken coop shall be contained within the owner's property boundary.
4. All waste materials shall be properly disposed of and not allowed to accumulate on the property.
5. Chicken feed must be stored in a resealable, airtight, metal, ratproof container to discourage attracting mice, rats, and other vermin.
6. Slaughtering of chicken hens is prohibited.
7. Dead animal carcasses shall be properly disposed of within 24 hours.
8. At such time chicken hens are no longer kept upon the parcel, all chicken facilities shall be removed within thirty (30) days and the permit shall be returned to the Town.
9. The chicken hens must be protected from predators by being closed in the chicken coop from dusk to dawn.
10. The chicken hens must be sheltered or confined in such fashion as to prevent them from coming into contact with wild ducks or geese or their excrement.
11. The requirements of this section are minimum requirements and do not affect any private controls, including any more stringent regulations or prohibitions on the keeping of chicken hens contained in private covenants. Nothing in this chapter shall affect the authority of any owner's association to

adopt and enforce more stringent standards for the keeping of chicken hens, or to prohibit outright the keeping of chicken hens on any property within the jurisdiction of such association.

12. The keeping of backyard chicken hens shall be prohibited in any mobile home park as defined in chapter 17-48 of this code.
13. The keeping of backyard chicken hens shall only be permitted on a single-family residential parcel that is enclosed by a privacy fence on at least three side of the parcel. For the purposes of this section, "privacy fence" shall mean a continuous, solid fence used to prevent view across the fence line.
14. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in: (1) punishment by a fine of not more than \$1,000; (2) imprisonment not to exceed one year; (3) both such fine and imprisonment; (4) revocation of this permit; and/or (5) declaration of a public nuisance, all as further detailed in Section 6.14.030 of the Firestone Municipal Code.
15. The Town shall have the authority to seize, impound and dispose of any chicken hens found at large within the Town's limits. Such seizure, impoundment and disposal shall not require notice to any owner or keeper, nor any attempt to locate the owner thereof.
16. Town of Firestone peace officers and code enforcement officers or their designees shall have the right to inspect the chicken coop, fenced run area, and any property upon which chickens are kept when investigating complaints or compliance with this chapter.

**Many homeowner association bylaws do not allow chickens or poultry of any kind. Applicants should check their HOA bylaws to confirm that chicken hens are permitted prior to filling out a Town application.**

### **Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Permit Submittal Requirements**

1. \$30.00 permit fee (cash or check payable to "Town of Firestone").
2. Plot/sketch plan of property with setback dimension lines and coop size, location and construction materials, including details demonstrating applicant's proposed manner of compliance with the applicable regulations.
3. Written consent from property owner and/or all tenants that reside on the property.

### **Applicant Certification**

I hereby certify that the information and exhibits here with 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 Chapter 16.14 of the Town of Firestone 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 those set forth in Chapter 16.14 of the Firestone Municipal Code and agree to fully comply with such regulations and any terms and conditions imposed by the decision making body as they relate to the Backyard Chicken Hen Permit and further

acknowledge that my failure to do so may result in punishment as described in Section 6.14.030 of the Firestone Municipal Code.

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

<b>TOWN OF FIRESTONE USE ONLY</b>			
Permit fee received: _____	Permit Number: _____	Approved _____	Denied _____
Approval Signature: _____		Date: _____	