



# BACKYARD CHICKEN LICENSE APPLICATION

LICENSE PERIOD: JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS

111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ROOM 114

TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

410-887-3630

REQUEST TYPE:  New  Renewal

LICENSE FEE \$33.00 CHECKS PAYABLE TO "BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND"  
50% Penalty Fee after July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Attach the following to the application:

An engineered scaled site plan showing coop and either a run or free-range area, including fences and lot boundaries. Coop must be fully fenced and be located entirely in rear yard, no higher than 8 feet, 25 feet from any neighboring residence, and set back at least 10 feet from a side and rear property line.

A written statement addressing (1) how proper litter management will be provided, (2) how potable water and proper feed will be provided, (3) how all feed will be stored and in what type of container, and (4) what kind of material will be used to construct the coop.

NOTE: The number of hens may not be increased and the minimum land area may not be reduced through a zoning variance. No roosters.

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Property Tax Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Owner-Occupied Address on which the hens will be kept \_\_\_\_\_

Is property registered with the State Department of Agriculture? Yes  No  Date registered \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

([https://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Forms2/poultry\\_registration.pdf](https://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Forms2/poultry_registration.pdf)). This state program helps protect the Maryland domestic poultry industries from the spread of diseases such as avian influenza and Salmonella.

Does property have a single-family detached dwelling? Yes  No

Is property owner-occupied? Yes  No

Is the property part of a rat eradication program? Contact Code Enforcement at 410-887-3351 for more info Yes  No

Will coop be at least 8 inches above the ground? Yes  No

Does the coop provide a minimum of 3 sq. ft. to each hen? Yes  No

Do the hens have adequate access to a run or free-range area that is a minimum size of 4 sq. ft. per hen? Yes  No

The number of hens allowed depends on the property size.

- 10,000 square feet: 4 hens allowed
- 20,000 square feet: 6 hens allowed
- 30,000 square feet: 8 hens allowed
- 40,000 square feet: 10 hens allowed

Number of hens on property \_\_\_\_\_

Lot size of the property \_\_\_\_\_

What is the size of the coop? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the size of the run or free-range area? \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Hens

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Hens

6 \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I will be responsible for the care of the hens and comply with all requirements of Baltimore County Code Sections 12-2-401 through 12-2-407 and Section 100.6 and 418 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Signature of Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one) (Reviewer's Signature) (Date Signed)

If disapproved, state reason(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Data Entered \_\_\_\_\_ CC Health Department \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_