



BACKYARD HENS

Summary of Regulations

Residents of Smithville may keep up to 10 hens in their backyards, as long as they are kept in accordance with the following provisions.

- A permit application must be completed and approved.
 - Prior to housing your future fowl, you will need to submit an application for a permit. A completed permit application will include:
 - Photographs of a premade coop or plans for a homemade coop.
 - A site plan of the back yard which clearly outlines property lines and any existing and proposed structures (proposed coop, run, existing house, etc.).
 - All coops must be at least 50 feet from any neighboring residence.
- Permits are issued for a 1-year period with a fee of \$30.00 and must be renewed annually.

- Roosters are prohibited.



- Coops shall be kept in good repair
 - Coops and animals shall be kept in a manner that won't disturb neighbors.
 - Absorbent ground cover should be provided, and should be replaced as often as necessary to suppress odor
 - Adequate lighting and ventilation should be provided
- Keep feed and other items associated with the keeping of hens clean and sanitary at all times to prevent the infestation of rats, mice and other rodents.



DISCLOSURES

- * Private restrictions by HOA's or similar organizations on the use of property shall remain enforceable and may prohibit the keeping of chickens.
- * If these requirements are not fully complied with, the city may revoke any permit granted under this section and/or initiate prosecution for civil infraction violation.



**CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI
PERMIT TO KEEP BACKYARD HENS**

Please submit permit application to:

City of Smithville
Community Development Department
107 West Main Street
Smithville, MO 64089

Applicant Name:_____

Property Address:_____

Phone Number_____ **E-mail Address:**_____

Please attach the appropriate required documentation to this application and check the box that you understand and have complied with the terms of this ordinance requirement.

☐ Photograph (premade coop) or copy of plans (homemade coop) for the chicken coop and run.

☐ A site plan of the back yard which clearly outlines property lines, any existing and proposed structures (proposed coop, run, existing house, etc.). All coops must be at least fifty (50) feet from any neighboring residence.

☐ **I understand the restrictions on the permit and am submitting this application in compliance with Section 240.010 of the Smithville Code of Ordinances. A copy of the code is included.**

Applicant Signature_____ **Date**_____

Office Use Only

Received:_____

Approved/Denied:_____

Expiration Date:_____

Comments: _____

*This permit must be kept by the owner and presented upon demand by any city official. Permits are non-transferable and may not be sold or assigned. Renewal permits require full re-submittal.