



Backyard Chickens

Special Animal Permit Application

Any person wishing to keep chickens in the City must obtain a Special Animal Permit from the City Clerk prior to acquiring chickens.

Permit

- New permits cost \$90 and renewals cost \$45
- Permits are good for one year
- Maximum of 10 chickens of any age
- Roosters are not allowed
- Guidelines for the placement, size and appearance of Chicken Coops, Tractors and Runs
- Coop and property must be inspected/approved by a Community Service Officer prior to obtaining chickens
- Chickens must be kept in the back yard and must be confined at all times
- Neighbors within 200' will be notified
- The property must be occupied by the person requesting the permit



Revocation of Special Animal Permits

Special Animal Permit could be revoked for any of the following violations:

- Keeping chickens improperly;
- Allowing a chicken to be a public nuisance;
- Not providing humane standards of care;
- Violating zoning regulations;
- Failing to properly confine chickens;
- Subjecting chickens to cruelty; or
- Providing false information on the Special Animal Permit application.



Enforcement

- Lack of care, illness issues, abuse and noise complaints will be handled through the Community Service Officers.
- If you have a Home's Association, please check to be certain that there are no deed restrictions limiting the number or type of animals allowed at your residence.

Definitions:

- “Chicken Run” means an enclosed area in which chickens are allowed to walk and run about.
- “Chicken Tractor” means a moveable chicken run.
- “Coop” means a structure for housing chickens.

Questions? Contact the City Clerk's office at cityclerk@cityofshawnee.org or call (913) 742-6014. A complete list of regulations can be found in Title 6 of the Shawnee Municipal Code.

Coops and Enclosures

1. Chickens must be kept in a clean, safe, and healthy enclosure. Enclosures shall consist of a Coop, Run or Tractor.
2. Coops, Runs, and Tractors must be built with a minimum of 2 square feet per chicken, and may not to exceed 100 square feet total.
3. They shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and doors. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked. Openings, windows, and vents must be covered with predator and bird proof wire of less than one-inch openings.
4. They shall be designed to be easily maintained and must be constructed with durable materials that will hold up to the weather and environment.
5. The use of scrap, waste board, sheet metal or similar materials is prohibited.
6. Coops, Runs, and Tractors must be located in the rear yard and must be at least ten (10) feet from the property line and at least forty (40) feet from any adjacent residential dwelling, church, school, or place of business.

