

Town of La Plata

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APPLICATION FOR BACKYARD CHICKEN PERMIT (Town Code 67-3)

Important: This application must be completed in full. Incomplete applications will be returned.

67-3 - Prohibited Animals.

No person shall keep or maintain any horse, goat, donkey, mule, cow, calf, cattle, sheep, swine, hoofed mammal, rooster, or poultry within the Town except under the following circumstances:

B. Female chickens may be maintained with a permit issued by the Chief Executive Officer or designee under the following circumstances:

1. No more than six (6) female chickens shall be allowed for each residential property;
2. Chickens shall not be permitted on multi-family dwelling property or properties having a residence sharing a common wall with another residence;
3. Chickens housed outdoors shall be provided with a covered, predator-proof coop or cage that is well-ventilated and designed to be easily accessed for cleaning. The coop shall allow at least two (2) square feet per chicken. Chickens shall have access to an outdoor enclosure that is adequately fenced to contain the birds on the property and to prevent predators from access to the birds;
4. Coops or cages housing chickens shall be located at least ten (10) feet from the property line and at least fifty (50) feet from any residential structure on each adjacent property at the time it is constructed. Coops and cages shall not be located in a front yard or side yard;
5. The coop and outdoor enclosure must be kept in a sanitary condition and free from offensive odors. The coop and outdoor enclosure must be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent the accumulation of waste. Manure and droppings shall be disposed of in such manner to prevent unsanitary conditions and the cause of a nuisance such as odor or unsightly matter; and
6. Chickens shall not be slaughtered at a residential property.

SECTION 1 – PROPERTY INFORMATION

Date of Application: _____

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Day: _____ Phone Cell: _____

Email: _____

SECTION 2 – CHICKEN AND COOP INFORMATION

Number of Chickens: _____

Generally describe the location of the coop and how it will be constructed: _____

On a separate sheet (if needed) please include a simple site plan showing the location of the coop on the property, manure disposal, coop distance to the property line, coop distance to neighboring residential structures, and the dimensions of the coop.

List any other information helpful to this application: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR TOWN USE ONLY

_____ **Approved**

Fee paid \$ _____

_____ **Disapproved**

Town Manager's Signature

Date