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This registration form should be used to establish that proposed chicken coops and yards on residential properties meet the requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). This process is designed to maximize customer convenience. Lake County reserves the right to inspect any improvement performed whether permitted or registered.

Please complete the information below, attach a sketch site plan, and sign and send this form to the Central Permit Facility, Attention: CEP Staff, at the above address along with a check for \$30, payable to the "Lake County Treasurer" as a non-refundable registration fee. **UPON SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF THIS FORM, YOUR PROJECT WILL BE REGISTERED. CONSTRUCTION CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM THIS OFFICE THAT YOUR REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.** NOTE: By signing below you agree to comply with the requirements of the UDO § 151.113 (Q).

(Please complete and sign the form. See reverse for conditions)

PIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Proposed Project (Attach a sketch of coop and fencing location and description of coop): \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Size (sq. ft.): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Start Date of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Authorized Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Authorized Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Application #: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By:  Cash  Check #: \_\_\_\_\_  Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION COMPLETE** (You may now proceed with your project. Please save a copy of this completed Registration Form for your records)

## KEEPING CHICKENS

### Homeowner Association Covenants

- Before proceeding with registration, each applicant should determine whether his or her property is subject to homeowner's association covenants, conditions, or restrictions and whether such restrictions would allow chickens.
- **The number of hens** (female chickens) allowed on single family residential lots is based on the lot size, as follows:

Minimum Lot Size	Maximum Number of Hens Allowed
10,000 square feet	6
20,000 square feet	8
40,000 square feet	10
80,000 square feet	12
200,000 square feet	No Limit, if AG Exempt

- **Chicken Coop**
  - Maximum height 8 feet
  - Minimum 3 square feet per hen
- **Chicken Yard**
  - Chickens must have access to an enclosed chicken yard.
  - Wire mesh fencing materials must retain a flat and uniform plane.
- **Street Setbacks**
  - Chicken coops and yards may not be located between the dwelling and any improved road right-of-way or access easement.
- **Setbacks to Neighboring Structures**
  - Minimum 30 feet away from existing fixed structures on any adjoining parcel (not including storage structures such as garages or sheds)
- **Management Practices**
  - Roosters are NOT allowed on properties less than 200,000 square-feet in size.
  - Hens may be allowed to roam within a fenced back yard, but not outside of the fenced yard
  - Coops must be covered with uniform materials and be maintained intact with all parts secure.
  - [Healthy Families and Flocks](#) – A CDC Brochure outlying best management practices for preventing exposure to salmonella.

Per the Illinois Department of Agriculture, those wishing to keep hens on their premises are advised to complete a Livestock Premises Registration. Visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Pages/Premises-Registration.aspx> for more information.