

Registration Form – Chicken Coops/Yards

Use this registration form to establish chicken coops and yards on residential properties located in Unincorporated Lake County that meet the requirements of the Chapter 151 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances (LCCO). Lake County reserves the right to inspect any improvement performed whether permitted or registered.

Please sign and complete the information below and return this form to the Central Permit Facility. These documents and a non-refundable registration fee must be submitted to the Central Permit Facility in order to register your project. A fee schedule can be found at lakecountyil.gov/3678/Fee-Schedule. **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 LCCO Section: “Chickens” 151.113 (S).**

(Please complete the form and sign, 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 (*Please attach a site plan showing the coop and chicken yard location with measurements from other buildings and property lines, the number of hens, and a sketch of the coop with dimensions including height*): _____

_____ 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:

- Floodplain
 Floodway
 Wetland
 30' from Water's Edge
 Drainage Easement
 Utility Easement
 Recorded Access Easement
 Deed Restricted Open Space

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
None	4
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 (unless integrated into an accessory structure)
 - 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.
 - Chicken coops and yards may not be located in floodways, drainage easements, deed restricted open space, recorded access easements or unbuilt rights-of-way.
- **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 outlining 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 <http://www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid/> for more information.