

Backyard Chickens Pilot Program – Application

For information or assistance completing this application, please contact the Licensing Department at 519.360.1998 or by email at CKlicensing@chatham-kent.ca . You may email your completed application, mail it to the above address, or submitted at any Municipal Office.

IMPORTANT: Completion of this application does not guarantee approval of the application. The issuance of a permit will be subject to approvals (zoning and on-site inspection).

Office Use Only		Hen Permit no. _____	
Fee Owning: \$ 400 Payment Received <input type="checkbox"/>		Receipt Number: _____ Site Plan: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Zoning: <input type="checkbox"/> Email Sent: _____		Zoning Designation _____ Ward _____	
Animal Control: <input type="checkbox"/> Email Sent: _____			
Hen Owner Information			
First Name:		Last Name:	
Street Address (where hens will be kept):			
City/ Town:		Province: ON	Postal Code:
Phone Number:		Alternate Phone Number:	
Email Address:			
Terms and Conditions of Pilot Program			
I confirm that I reside at the above address and plan to keep no more than ten (10) hens at that address. I confirm this property is in the permitted zones of the Backyard Chickens Pilot Program. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
I confirm that I have read and agree to abide by the Backyard Chickens Pilot Program Terms and Conditions and as required have signed it. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Property Owner Permission			
Tenants/occupants must obtain written permission from the property owner to keep hens on the owner's property.			
Letter of permission obtained: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, applicant is the owner			
Notice with Respect to Collection of Personal Information			
Personal information on this form is collected and disclosed according to Section 29(1) and 32 of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. I acknowledge that the information requested on this form and any attachments are collected under the authority of the Municipal Act. The information is collected for the purposes of administering the registration process, monitor, regulate and investigate for the Backyard Chickens Pilot Program and for the future communication including surveys. Questions regarding the collection of information can be made to the Manager of Licensing Services, 315 King Street West, Chatham, ON N7M 5K8, (519) 360-1998.			
I declare the information given in this application and any supporting documents is true, correct, and complete in every respect and understand that false statements could result in the revocation of the license, if granted.			
Signature:		Date:	

Site Plan

Site plan depicting all buildings and structures including:

- a) lot dimensions and proposed location of the hen coop and outdoor run on the lot;
- b) dimensions of the hen coop and outdoor run;
- c) setbacks from lot lines, as well as from any other structures/buildings on the lot (including the distance between the dwelling and coop/outdoor run); and
- d) setbacks from any dwelling located on any lot sharing a lot line with the lot subject to the application.

Educational Materials

Please ensure you have reviewed the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's Backyard Chickens Pilot Program Educational Package and if you agree to participate in the pilot to complete the required signature on page 4 of this application.

- [Biosecurity Recommendations for Small Flock Poultry Owners](#) (OMAFRA);
- [Keeping Your Birds Healthy](#) (OMAFRA);
- [Keeping your family healthy with backyard poultry, including chicks and ducklings](#) (Ministry of Health).
- [Raise Healthy Small Flock Poultry](#) (OMAFRA)
- [Rodent Control in Livestock and Poultry Facilities](#) (OMAFRA)
- [How to Prevent and Detect Disease in Small Flocks and Pet Birds](#) Government of Canada
- [Bird Health Basics Video](#) – Government of Canada – Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- [Keep your Birds Safe](#) - Government of Canada – Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Poster
- [Reducing Health Risks Associated with Backyard Chickens](#) – Public Health Ontario

According to [Small Flock Ontario](#) “Bird owners are legally responsible to notify authorities if they suspect their flock is infected with a reportable or notifiable disease. Reportable diseases in poultry include any strain of H5 or H7 Avian Influenza A virus (HPAI) Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) and others. Contact a veterinarian if you suspect your flock has a disease. They will assist you in reporting it to the Canada Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).”

Terms and Conditions

Please ensure you have read the Backyard Chickens Pilot Program Terms and Conditions and if you agree to participate in the pilot to complete the required signature on page 4 of this application

- No more than ten hens at any property
- No roosters permitted
- Property owner permission required (written consent) if tenant
- No person shall sell or offer for sale any part of a hen or its eggs or manure or engage in hen breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.
- No person shall give or provide a hen, a part of a hen, eggs, or manure to any other person or entity, save and except a person residing in the same household as the owner of hens.
- One coop and run per premise.
- Coop to be fully enclosed

Refer to Backyard Chickens By-law for further details.

Setbacks for coop and run:

- Not in front yard or side yard
- 2 metres from rear property line
- 2 metres from any exterior side lot line
- 15 metres from any point of a school
- 7.5 metres from any point of a church or business
- 3 metres from any sewage works
- Coop not to exceed 2 metres in heights

Indemnity

The Owner shall save and hold harmless the Municipality, its servants, agents, successors or assigns, and ensure the same shall not be held liable for any injury, loss or damage, however caused, arising out of the granting of the permissions in these terms and conditions. The Owner further agrees that it will from time to time, and at all times hereafter, truly save, keep harmless and fully indemnify the Municipality, its servants, agents, successors and assigns from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands whatsoever which may be brought against or made upon the Municipality, its servants, agents, successors and assigns and against all loss, liability, judgements, costs or expenses which the Municipality its servants, agents, successors or assigns may sustain, incur or be put to resulting from or arising out of any act or omission on the part of the Owner, its servants, agents, successors or assigns which was done, or purported to have been done, in relation to the granting of the permission to keep hens or the keeping of hens by the Owner.

Non-Compliance with Terms and Conditions

Any violation of the provisions of these terms and conditions shall be grounds for a notice by the Poundkeeper revoking permission for the Owner to keep the hens and ordering the Owner to remove the hens from the property to a location that is permitted to keep hens. Continued keeping of hens after the date of such a notice will be an offence under the Municipality’s Responsible Animal Ownership By-law and any amendments thereto.

Pilot Duration

The pilot is for a period of two (2) years, commencing November 4, 2024 and ending on November 4, 2026. If the pilot is not continued beyond the two year term, the Owner agrees to take all necessary steps to remove the hens from their property. The Owner understands and agrees that upon notice, the Municipality may revoke the permission to keep hens in the Municipality during the pilot period, and continued keeping of hens after the date of such a notice shall be an offence under By-Law No. 141/2024.

I have read and understand the educational materials noted above.

I have read and understand and agree to comply with the terms and conditions noted above.

Signature:	Date:
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