



# Young-Williams Animal Center



CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## Application for Permit to Keep Domesticated Hens

State of Tennessee

County of Knox

**For Staff Use:**

Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$25.00 Fee Submitted:**

Yes       No

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby make application for a permit to keep domesticated hens within the City of Knoxville under the provisions of City Animals Ordinance Chapter 5, Article IV, Section 5-107 and base my application upon answers to the following questions:*

**1) Full Name of Applicant:**

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Does the Applicant?**

- Own the property where the hens will be located?
- Lease (or occupy as other than an owner in fee) the property where the hens will be located?

**IF the Applicant leases (or occupies as other than an owner in fee) the property where the hens will be located, please provide the following information:**

Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3) The following information will be used to locate and contact the Applicant in case of an emergency:**

Emergency Contact: (local friend, relative, neighbor, etc.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Veterinarian Information (\*REQUIRED\*):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**5) Prior applications for permits or licenses:**

Has the Applicant:

Been denied any type of license by the City of Knoxville?  Yes  No

Had any type of license revoked in the City of Knoxville?  Yes  No

Been charged with a violation of any animal law or code?  Yes  No

***If the answer to any of the preceding questions is Yes, please explain below using a separate sheet of paper if necessary.***

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Has the Applicant acquired and held a permit for a pre-existing coup?  Yes  No

**6) Educational exemption:**

Is the applicant applying for an education exemption?  Yes  No

**7) Measurements of coop and run area:** (Please give measurements in feet and inches)

What are the measurements of the chicken coop?

LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

WIDTH: \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

What are the measurements of the chicken run area?

LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

WIDTH: \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

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***You must attach at least (1) picture of the chicken coop and one (1) picture of the chicken run area to this application. Failure to include chicken coop and chicken run dimensions and pictures may cause your application to be denied or delay the processing of your permit.***

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***By signing below and on page six (6) of this application, I, the Applicant:***

- 1) state that all of the information provided above is accurate as of the date below;***
- 2) that I will provide current accurate information if any of the information above becomes inaccurate;***
- 3) that I have read, understood, and agree to each and every term, condition and waiver listed below; and***
- 4) that I agree to comply with all applicable zoning ordinances, rules and regulations, as they pertain to the keeping of hens;***

***I understand that all references to the 'permittee' in this application and in the 'Domesticated Chickens' ordinance refers to me, the Applicant.***

***I further understand that failure to comply with the terms of the permit will result in immediate termination of the permit granted pursuant to this application.***

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms, Conditions and Waivers

- (1) Only one (1) annual permit to keep hens is allowed per permittee and that permit is personal to the permittee and may not be transferred or reassigned.**
- (2) The annual permit to keep hens authorizes the keeping of hens only on the property described in the permit and the permittee must occupy that property as a primary residence.**
- (3) The permittee must get the approval of the property owner if the permittee does not own the property on which the hens are to be kept.**
- (4) In the event the permittee is absent from the property for longer than thirty (30) days, the permit shall automatically terminate and become void.**
- (5) The issuance of a permit does not create a vested right of renewal of the permit beyond the stated term thereof.**
- (6) The fee for an annual permit to keep domesticated hens is twenty- five dollars (\$25.00).**
- (7) The permit shall extend from the date of issuance through December 31. Thereafter, the permit must be renewed annually. The renewal shall extend from January 1 through December 31.**
- (8) Up to six (6) hens may be allowed. The provisions of this section apply to all lots regardless of how many dwelling units are on the lot. In the case of multifamily residential complexes without individually owned back yards, the maximum number of hens allowed is six (6) per complex.**
- (9) A permittee who has been granted an education exemption may have an additional thirteen (13) hens for a maximum period of six months within a 12-month period as long as the permittee meets the requirements of subsection (o) of the Domesticated Chickens ordinance.**
- (10) Only female hens are allowed. There is no restriction on domestic chicken breeds. However, fowl and poultry other than chickens are not allowed.**
- (11) Hens shall be kept for personal use only; no person shall sell eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes. The slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.**
- (12) Hens must be kept in a fenced enclosure at all times. The fenced enclosure must be either: (i) covered, or (ii) at least forty-two (42) inches high, in which case, all hens must be wing-clipped to prevent escape. Hens shall be secured within the henhouse during non-daylight hours.**
- (13) In addition to the fenced enclosure, hens shall be provided with a covered, predator-resistant henhouse.**

**(14) A minimum of two (2) square feet per hen shall be provided for inside henhouses and six (6) square feet per hen for chicken run area. The henhouse may not cover an area larger than one hundred (100) square feet.**

**SQUARE FOOTAGE CHART**

<b>HENS</b>	<b>COOP SQUARE FT</b>	<b>HEN RUN SQUARE FT</b>
<b>1 HEN</b>	<b>2 SQFT</b>	<b>6 SQFT</b>
<b>2 HENS</b>	<b>4 SQFT</b>	<b>12 SQFT</b>
<b>3 HENS</b>	<b>6 SQFT</b>	<b>18 SQFT</b>
<b>4 HENS</b>	<b>8 SQFT</b>	<b>24 SQFT</b>
<b>5 HENS</b>	<b>10 SQFT</b>	<b>30 SQFT</b>
<b>6 HENS</b>	<b>12 SQFT</b>	<b>36 SQFT</b>

**(15) Fenced enclosures and henhouses must be properly ventilated, clean, dry, and odor-free; kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times; and kept in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor or other adverse impact.**

**(16) The henhouse and fenced enclosure must provide adequate ventilation; adequate sun and shade; and must be constructed in a manner to resist access by rodents, wild birds, and predators, including dogs and cats.**

**(17) Henhouses shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and doors. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator- and bird-resistant wire of less than one (1) inch openings.**

**(18) The materials used in making the henhouse and fence shall be uniform for each element of the structure such that the walls are made of the same material, the roof has the same shingles or other covering, and any windows or openings are constructed using the same materials. The henhouse shall be well-maintained.**

**(19) Henhouses shall be located in compliance with the City of Knoxville Code of Ordinances, appendix B, zoning regulations.**

**(20) Neither the henhouse nor the fenced enclosure may be located less than ten (10) feet from any abutting property line.**

**(21) Henhouses and enclosures shall not be permitted in front yards.**

**(22) All stored food for the hens must be kept either indoors or in a weather-resistant container designed to prevent access by animals. Uneaten food shall be removed daily.**

**(23) Provision must be made for the storage and removal of chicken manure. All manure for composting or fertilizing shall be contained in a well-aerated garden compost pile. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed. In addition, the henhouse and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings.**

**(24) In addition to the standards set forth in this ordinance, the permittee must follow all other applicable rules for the keeping of animals included in this code.**

**(25) Every applicant for a permit to keep domesticated hens shall complete and file an application on a form prescribed by the animal services unit and deposit the prescribed permit fee with the animal services administrative office at the time the application is filed. Any material misstatement or omission shall be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of the permit.**

**(26) Young-Williams Animal Center Animal Services Department shall deny a permit if the applicant has not demonstrated compliance with all provisions of this section. A permit to keep domesticated hens may be suspended or revoked by Young-Williams Animal Services where there is a risk to public health or safety or for any violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section or with the provisions of any other applicable ordinance or law. Any denial, revocation or suspension of a permit shall be in writing and shall include notification of the right to and procedure for appeal.**

**(27) In addition to any other enforcement action which the city may take, violation of any provision of this section shall be a civil violation and a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be imposed. Each day that a violation continues will be treated as a separate offense.**

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*I understand that, should my application be accepted, I am waiving my Fourth Amendment Rights as provided by the United States Constitution with regard to hens allowed by this permit but I am not waiving my Fourth Amendment Rights with regard to anything else. I understand that I am being granted a privilege, not a right. I acquire no vested interest in continuing to keep domesticated hens within the City of Knoxville beyond the stated terms of this permit. I understand that neither the City of Knoxville nor any of its instrumentalities, agents, or employees makes any representations as to continued rights to keep domesticated hens within the City of Knoxville or to extend the duration of the permit or grant additional permits in the future. I absolve the City of Knoxville of all liability flowing from any damage or harm that I or another granted authority under this permit might cause, by negligence or otherwise, in the enjoyment of the privileges granted therein. I assert that I have read and understand the relevant provisions of the Animal Ordinances in Chapter 5 of the City of Knoxville Code and agree to comply with all relevant provisions of those ordinances governing the treatment, sale, transport, and care of the animals in question and understand the criminal and civil consequences of violating those ordinances. I further understand that, in the event of a public health or safety emergency, I agree to immediate compliance with directions of public health officials and Young-Williams Animal Services and agree to allow those officials to enter, seize control, and/or close my operations if a situation threatening the public health and/or safety develops or is discovered.*

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Witnessing Officer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge/ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit this form along with the \$25.00 application fee (make checks payable to Young-Williams Animal Center) to the following address:**

Young-Williams Animal Center  
ATTN: Animal Services Admin - Permits  
3201 Division Street  
Knoxville, TN 37919

If you have questions relating to this application, please contact Young-Williams Animal Services by emailing [animalservices@young-williams.org](mailto:animalservices@young-williams.org) or call (865) 407-2229.

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**To Be Completed By Young-Williams Animal Services:**

Inspection Performed?      **Yes**      **No**

Date of Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Approved?      **Yes**      **No**

Animal Services Officer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge/ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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