

**2023 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO HARBOR CHICKENS  
WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD  
PERMIT YEAR 06/01/23 – 05/31/24**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ May 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMIT FEE \$25.00 DUE ON/BEFORE 6/1/23**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ AND INITIAL ALL AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT BEFORE 6/1/22:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ No person shall keep a chicken on property within the City of Norwood without a permit issued by the Health Department.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No more than seven (7) female chickens shall be permitted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chickens shall only be kept on single family or two family owner-occupied parcel(s).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chickens shall be provided with covered, predator-proof chicken house that is thoroughly ventilated; of sufficient size to allow free movement of the chicken; designed to be easily accessed, cleaned, and maintained by the owners; and be at least two (2) square feet per chicken in size.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No chicken house shall be visible from the public street on which such residential property fronts. Such structures shall be appropriately screened from abutting properties by a solid fence, wall, or landscaping at a height no less than four (4) feet and no greater than six (6) feet high.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The chickens shall be shut into the chicken house at night, from sunset to sunrise.
- \_\_\_\_\_ During daylight hours the adult chickens shall have access to the chicken house and, weather permitting, shall have access to an outdoor enclosure on the subject property, adequately fenced to contain chickens and to prevent access to the chickens by dogs or other predators.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stored feed must be kept in a rodent and predator proof container.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It is unlawful for the owner, custodian, or keeper of any chicken to allow the animal(s) to be a nuisance to any neighbors, including but not limited to: noxious odors from the animals or their enclosure; and noise of a loud and persistent and habitual nature. The Norwood Health Department shall be permitted to inspect the property to determine whether or not a nuisance exists. If the Norwood Health Department finds that a nuisance exists, the Norwood Health Department shall revoke the permit to allow for chickens on the property.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No person shall own, keep, or harbor any rooster in the City of Norwood.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No person shall slaughter any chicken upon a residential lot.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Annual registration fee of \$25.00 to be paid on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

I hereby attest that the information contained in this application is true and accurate. I understand that I have a continuing duty to supplement and/or correct any changes to this submission to the Health Commissioner of the Norwood Health Department throughout the term of this permit.

I understand that the listed property shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Health Commissioner or the duly appointed assistant or inspector(s) as often as he/she may deem to be reasonably proper.

I hereby attest that I have been given a copy of Ordinance No. 6, 2011 regarding these matters.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Signature of Health Commissioner

Date of Review by Health Department \_\_\_\_\_

Health Department comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Norwood City Board of Health

**Norwood Codified Ordinance 505.15 section 3**

(3) The prohibition on keeping chickens in this section does not apply to the keeping of up to seven (7) female chickens while the animals are kept in such a manner that the following standards are complied with:

A. No person shall keep a chicken on property within the City of Norwood without a permit issued by the Health Department.

B. Application for a permit required by this section shall be made in writing on a form provided by the Health Department on or before June 1st of each year. The permit fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25). Prior to issuing such permit, the Health Department shall inspect the property to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

C. Chickens shall only be kept on single-family or two-family owner-occupied parcel(s).

D. Chickens shall be provided with a covered, predator-proof chicken house that is thoroughly ventilated; of sufficient size to admit free movement of the chicken; designed to be easily accessed, cleaned, and maintained by the owners; and be at least two (2) square feet per chicken in size.

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