

Initial Application Fee: \$10.00
Annual Renewal Fee: \$5.00

**APPLICATION AND PERMIT
TO KEEP CHICKENS (HENS ONLY)**

1. Name of Applicant: _____
2. Mailing Address: _____
3. Applicant's Phone No.: (Home) _____ (Work) _____
4. Address of Use: _____
5. Assessor's Parcel No.: _____
6. Size of Property (square footage or acreage): _____ Zoning District: _____
7. Total size of proposed coop (includes structure and enclosure): _____
(No more than 200 square feet is allowed; based on 10 or 20 square feet per hen, in accordance with applicable standards).
8. Please provide a detailed site plan on 8½ x 11 paper or on the reverse side of this application form.

(a) I hereby request permission to keep _____ hens, as proposed above (maximum of 10 hens permitted).

(b) Justification (Please explain what characteristics of the proposal justify granting the request):

Date of Application

Signature of Applicant

For Office Use Only:

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DATE OF APPLICATION REVIEW: _____

APPROVED: _____

PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE: _____

____ Applicant was given a copy of the "Keeping of Chickens Information Sheet" with applicable standards.

REMARKS: _____

DENIED: _____

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City of Colville, WA
Regulations for the Keeping of Chickens

Chickens are allowed to be kept within the residential districts, within the Colville city limits, as outlined below:

- A. In the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban) District, as described in Chapter 17.64.180:
A maximum of 50 fowl may be kept, which includes chickens or other types of fowl, provided they are housed in a coop or other shelter which is further enclosed by a fence.
- B. In the R-1 (Single Family Residential), R-2 (Multi-Family Residential), R-3 (General Residential) Districts, and where single-family residential uses are situated within the C-3 (General Commercial) District, there is a \$10.00 initial permit fee and \$5.00 annual renewal fee, plus:
1. Only hens will be permitted, no roosters.
 2. The maximum number of hens permitted will be ten (10); to be determined based on maximum allowable lot coverage (see below).
 3. There will be no restrictions on the species of chicken.
 4. Hens must be kept within a wholly enclosed coop at all times; no free-roaming hens will be permitted. The hens may be allowed to temporarily forage during the daytime within a wholly enclosed yard, if they are kept within a covered, mobile tractor (intended for this purpose) or within a separate garden area that is wholly enclosed with screening sufficient to prevent escape. The hens must be placed back into their coop at night.
 5. If a chicken dies, it must be disposed of promptly in a sanitary manner.
 6. The maximum area for the chicken structure and enclosure (referred to as “coop”) will be 200 square feet and no more than six (6) feet in height.
 - a) The size of the coop will be required to be 20 square feet per hen if they are to be contained solely within the coop or 10 square feet per hen if they will be allowed to forage within a covered, mobile chicken tractor or within a wholly enclosed, separate garden area.
 - b) The coop must be kept outside of the front and side yard setbacks for the applicable district and must be obscured from view from the street.
 - c) The structure must be within applicable lot coverage requirements for the district. The size of the coop and number of hens may be reduced if the allowable lot coverage restricts the size of the coop.
 - d) Enclosures must be well maintained; kept clean, dry, and odor free; in a neat and sanitary condition at all times; in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor, or other adverse impact.
 - e) The coop must provide adequate ventilation, sun, and shade and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds, and predators, including cats and dogs. It shall be designed to provide a safe and healthy living condition while minimizing adverse impacts to other residents in the neighborhood.
 - f) The structure must be enclosed on all sides and must have a roof and doors. Access doors must be able to be locked at night. Open windows and vents must be covered with predator- and bird-proof wire with less than one-inch openings. Pens must be covered with wire, aviary netting, or solid roofing.
 - g) There will be an annual application and permit fee to inspect coop for compliance with these standards.
 - h) Violations of these standards are subject to a monetary penalty of up to \$250, in accordance with Chapter 1.10, Civil Penalties. If a violation is validated and the situation is not brought into compliance to the satisfaction of the City of Colville, then the permit will be revoked. The hens, coop, and enclosure must be removed. Any approved reinstallation of a coop and hens will be subject to a one-year probationary period. If violations continue to occur, future applications may be denied.

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Please feel free to contact the Building & Planning Department if you need more information.
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