

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A
PERMIT IS REQUIRED

BEFORE

OBTAINING YOUR CHICKS OR
CHICKENS!

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL
883-8208

FEED AND WATER

A chicken will only grow and perform to the extent to which it receives proper nutrition. Feed and water must be kept as fresh as possible and should be accessible within the coop or run. Ensure the feed does not become stale or moldy. Vegetable & fruit scraps, bread, & bugs are great treats for your chickens and are an alternative way of disposing your food scraps. If you are relying on your chickens to be egg layers, meat products, or 4-H exhibits you may want to do your own research and/or contact the Lake County MSU Extension office at (406) 676-4271. It is important that you have a safe and effective way to keep the water from freezing in the winter.



CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

Chicken coops, runs, and detached utility buildings must be kept neat and sanitary at all times. This isn't just a good idea, it's a condition of your permit to keep chickens in the city. Coop cleaning should be done regularly and waste should be disposed of properly in the garbage or in an effective compost. Chicken manure is a great fertilizer for flower beds and gardens but needs to be composted with other yard waste, like leaves and lawn clippings. Composting will create an environment that kills harmful bacteria in the manure and reduces the nitrogen content to a more plant friendly level.

Keeping a clean coop is not just important for your chickens, but also for the health of your family. Be aware that anyone handling chickens, eggs, and manure are at risk for being exposed to Salmonella bacteria, which is naturally found in chickens, but can cause disease in humans.

Teaching children proper handling and cleaning techniques is very important. A simple strategy of always washing hands and checking clothes and shoes after being in the coop will go a long way in the prevention of illness.



Domestic Chickens

A GUIDE TO KEEPING
CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY
LIMITS OF POLSON



CITY OF POLSON CODE COMPLIANCE

106 FIRST STREET EAST, POLSON, MT 59860

(406) 883-8208



Application for Chicken Permit

Name of applicant _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

Address of coop _____

Geocode of coop _____

**The maximum number of chickens to be maintained is six adult (aged over 6 months)
NO ROOSTERS are permitted.**

Process for obtaining a chicken permit.

- **Application:** Complete all lines of the application, applicant's failure to properly complete application may constitute cause to deny the application or revoke the chicken permit.
- **Inspection:** The intended facilities must be inspected by the animal control officer, such inspections to include physical facilities.
- **Recommendation:** If, during any inspection, the animal control officer determines changes are to be made to the enclosure, run, or require mitigation for the impact to adjacent properties, such as fencing or other screening, the applicant/permit holder shall comply with the order of the animal control officer.
- **Fee:** The applicant must pay an annual chicken permit fee. The amount will be listed under the schedule of fees.

All chicken permits will expire December 31st unless sooner revoked. An agent from the city will investigate any complaints and may recommend revocation of the permits if it is deemed necessary.

Permits must be renewed within 30 days of the expiration date or the application will be treated as a new application. It is the applicant's responsibility to renew kennel license prior to the expiration of said license. Failure to obtain a chicken permit prior to opening and/or operating any facility covered in this section shall result in a fine of \$100.00.

The applicant should provide each residence adjacent to the applicant's property, notice that the applicant intends to keep chickens in the manner described in the application.

No chicken enclosure or detached utility building shall be placed closer than 30 feet to any structure inhabited by someone other than the chicken owner, custodian, or keeper, and not closer than 10-feet to any property line, nor located within any setbacks of the property. Detached utility building may be movable but must comply with all standards of the ordinance.

For more information, please visit our website at: www.cityofpolson.com.

A site visit is required, prior to the issuance of permit to ensure the detached utility building is not located within any prohibited area(s) and that it provides adequate protection for the fowl. Site visits are scheduled after the application is deemed complete and will require attendance by a household member.



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Name of Applicant _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

Geocode _____

Description of subject property _____

Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Please submit the following with your application:

- Sketch or site plan of proposed facility
- Completed sign-off sheets
- Fee

Approval from City of Polson Planning Official _____
Date

Approval from City of Polson Code Compliance Officer _____
Date

Approval from City of Polson Building Official _____
Date

PERMIT # _____ Issued _____
Date Clerk