

# Urban Livestock Permit Information



The City of Knoxville has adopted a zoning code to determine what types of uses are allowed within the City of Knoxville. Currently, the only type of livestock that is allowed is female chickens or hens – also known as permitted fowl – and a permit is required.

When a property owner, or tenant with owner approval, applies for an urban livestock permit, he/she is responsible for following all rules & regulations for maintaining the permitted fowl. Currently, an ordinance allows for permitted fowl within the City of Knoxville but the Code provision for permitted fowl sunsets in October 2014. At that time, the Knoxville City Council will determine whether or not to continue allowing permitted fowl beyond that time.

Urban Livestock permits are required for anyone owning and/or raising permitted fowl within the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville. Information can be submitted to Knoxville City Hall, 305 S. Third Street, Knoxville, Iowa 50138.

- 1) All property owners who wish to own, raise or harbor chickens must first obtain an “Urban Livestock Permit,” which must be submitted to the City of Knoxville.
- 2) It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow any domesticated fowl to run at large within the corporate limits of the city. To prevent fowl at-large, fowl should be contained in a coop that includes a cover and may have clipped wings.
- 3) Only single-family dwellings in districts that are zoned R-1, R-2 or R-3 are allowed to have permitted fowl.
- 4) There shall be no more than five (5) permitted fowl allowed for each single-family dwelling. No permitted fowl shall be allowed in multi-family complexes including duplexes.
- 5) Feed for permitted fowl must be stored in rat-proof containers.
- 6) Roosters shall not be allowed.
- 7) There shall be no outside slaughtering of permitted fowl within the City limits.
- 8) Property owners are required to maintain coops, roosts and laying boxes for each permitted fowl.
- 9) The annual permit fee for urban livestock is \$25.
- 10) All persons who own, raise and/or maintain permitted fowl must have an annual inspection and must present a copy of the Urban Livestock Permit to the inspector upon request.

# Urban Livestock Permit Application



Property Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant status to the property which will harbor permitted fowl**

- Property Owner
- Tenant (must have affidavit signed by property owner to allow urban chickens)

**Property Owner/Tenant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner (if different than above):** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**I, as the applicant, in making application with the City of Knoxville, Iowa, for an Urban Livestock Permit, shall comply with the requirements of all ordinances and provisions related to owning and harboring permitted fowl. I shall pay the required fee(s) and allow the City of Knoxville to inspect quarters of permitted fowl as required by Knoxville Municipal Code. I also understand that my signature acknowledges my responsibility for this project until final approval by the City.**

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

# Site Plan – Required

All applicants must show the following –

The proposed alteration or addition.

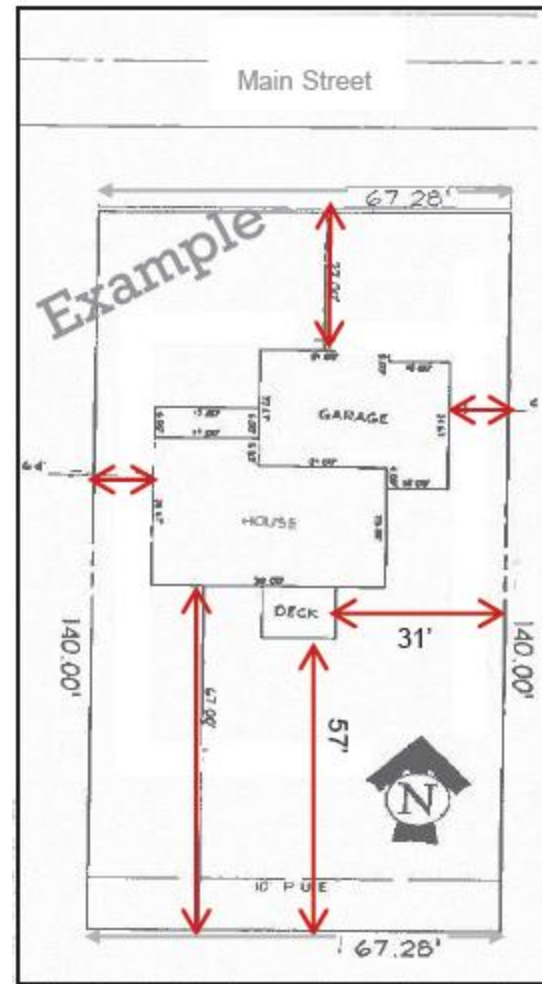
Address including street names.

Property lines and dimensions.

Setbacks: the distance from the property lines to the proposed alterations or additional structures.

North directional arrow.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_.



# Urban Livestock Permit Inspection Form



<b>Property Address</b>			
<b>Zoning District</b>	<b>R-1</b>	<b>R-2</b>	<b>R-3</b>

<b>Number of Chickens</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
				<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Are there roosters present (roosters are prohibited)</b>					
<b>Feed Storage Location (in rat-proof container)</b>					
<b>Are fowl slaughtered? (outdoor slaughtering is prohibited).</b>					

<b>Coop Requirements</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Screened or Walled</b>		
<b>Min. 25' from neighbor's residence</b>		
<b>Meets Accessory Structure Requirements</b>		
<b>Min. 3 ft<sup>2</sup> per fowl w/ inside run, or min. 10 ft<sup>2</sup> w/ outside run</b>		
<b>Clean and Sanitary Conditions</b>		
<b>Min. of 1 roost (8 in.<sup>2</sup>) per fowl</b>		
<b>Min. of 1 laying box per 3 chickens (min. 1 ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>		

**CITY OF KNOXVILLE OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Urban Livestock Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Permit Received/Scanned: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Amount Paid (\$25.00): \_\_\_\_\_

Permit: • Approved • Denied

City of Knoxville Zoning Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Re-Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_