



CITY OF AFTON

**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS  
FOR KEEPING CHICKENS ON LESS THAN 5 ACRES**

- A. **PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall, on any lot less than 5 acres anywhere in the city keep, harbor, or maintain care, custody, or control over any chicken, without obtaining a permit issued by Afton City Hall.
- B. **PERMIT FEE.** A one-time fee of \$50 will be charged for each permit and the fee may be amended by resolution.
- C. **NUMBER ALLOWED.** For parcels that are less than one-half (1/2) acre the maximum number of chickens is five (5). For every additional one-half (1/2) acre of land an additional five (5) chickens can be kept. On parcels greater than four and one-half (4 ½) acres and less than five (5) acres, up to 45 chickens are allowed.
- D. **CONFINEMENT STANDARDS.** Every person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors hen chickens by permit must keep them confined on the premises at all times. If confinement is in a chicken coop or chicken run the following standards apply:
1. Where more than three chickens are being kept, the coop and run shall be at least 25 feet from any residential structure, wells, and any other premises or wells on any adjacent lots.
  2. All chicken coops and runs must be located within the rear yard, subject to the required setbacks for the principal building.
  3. Chicken feed must be kept in metal, predator-proof containers.
- E. **CONDITIONS AND INSPECTION.** No person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors hen chickens shall permit the premises where the hen chickens are kept to be or remain in an unhealthy, unsanitary or noxious condition or to permit the premises to be in such condition that noxious odors are carried to adjacent public or private property.
- F. **PROHIBITED USES.** The following uses are not allowed as they pertain to Section 12-230:
1. Roosters;
  2. Breeding, raising or slaughtering of chickens for a commercial purpose;
  3. Odors, solid matter or noise of such quality or quantity as to be reasonably objectionable at any point beyond the lot line of the site on which the use is located.
- G. **PUBLIC NUISANCE.** Failure to comply with this ordinance constitutes a public nuisance and is subject to the revocation of the permit, issuance of fines and assessment of costs related to ensure compliance with this section.