



Hardin Police Department

415 N. Center Avenue, Suite B

Hardin, Montana 59034

Phone: 406-665-9260 Ext. 114 – Fax: 406-665-3333



2025 - Chicken Hen Permit Application

A complete permit application must be submitted to the Police Dept (415 N. Center Ave, Suite B). Additional applications can be printed from our website at www.hardinmt.com/Permits-Forms.html, for more information contact Hardin Police Department at (406) 665-9268.

A \$50.00 licensing fee must be submitted to City Hall, 406 N. Cheyenne Ave., Hardin, MT 59034 upon final approval of the application.

The licensing period shall be from January 1 until December 31 of each year. License renewal may be applied for within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date.

By signing this form, you acknowledge the rules and responsibilities provided to you with this form and will comply with City of Hardin Municipal Code Section § 6-2-8 (C), which you further attest you have been provided a copy of.

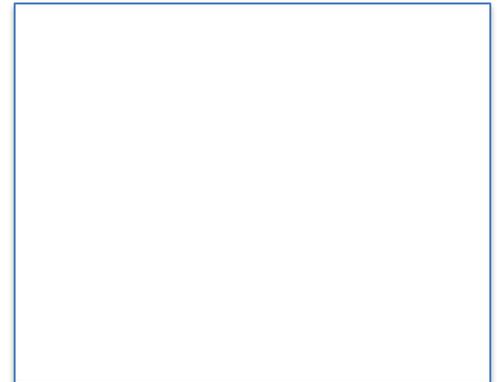
OWNER INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



City Seal

For Administrative Use Only:

_____ Application fee paid;

_____ The chicken hens must be kept on a single-family parcel, only. Chicken hens are prohibited on any multi-family dwelling parcels;

_____ The chicken hens shall be provided with a covered, predator-proof chicken house that is thoroughly ventilated, of sufficient size to admit free movement of the chicken hens, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owner(s);

_____ (2) square feet in size, per chicken hen and the coop and enclosure cannot be more than (12) feet at its peak in height;

_____ No hen house or enclosure closer then (10') to any public right-of-way, sidewalk, or neighboring property line;

_____ Stored feed must be kept in a rodent- and predator-proof container;

_____ No chicken house or chicken enclosure shall be located in a front yard.

_____ **Approved** _____ **Denied**; Reason: _____

OFFICER NAME, BADGE & SIGNATURE

INSPECTION DATE

Application Fee: Amount Paid: **\$50.00** Date: _____



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§ 6-2-8: ANIMALS IN THE CITY:

C. Chickens: Up to four (4) chicken hens (female *Gallus gallus domesticus*, or other similar domesticated species) may be kept on a premise subject to the following requirements and subject to all other applicable provisions of this Code:

1. The chicken hens must be kept on a single-family parcel, only. Chicken hens are prohibited on any multi-family dwelling parcels.
2. The owner must obtain an annual permit from the City of Hardin Animal Control Officer. The fee for this permit will be determined by City Council Resolution, and may be periodically adjusted.
3. The chicken hens shall be provided with a covered, predator-proof chicken house that is thoroughly ventilated, of sufficient size to admit free movement of the chicken hens, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owners, be at least two (2) square feet per chicken hen in size and the coop and enclosure cannot be more than twelve (12') feet at its peak in height.
4. No chicken house, outdoor chicken enclosure, or chicken hen shall at any time be located closer than ten (10') feet to any public right-of-way, sidewalk, or neighboring property line other than the chicken owner, custodian, or keeper.
5. The chicken hens shall be shut into the chicken house at night, from sunset to sunrise.
6. During daylight hours the adult chicken hens 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 the chicken hens and to prevent access to the chicken hens by predators.
7. Stored feed must be kept in a rodent- and predator-proof container.
8. It is unlawful for the owner, custodian, or keeper of any chicken hen(s) to allow the hen(s) to be a nuisance to any neighbors, including but not limited to: noxious odors from the animals or their enclosure (see sections [6-1-11](#) and [6-8-3](#)); and noise of a loud and persistent and habitual nature (see section [6-2-5\(D\)](#)).
9. No chicken hen(s) shall be allowed to run at large in the city. No owner or keeper shall allow or permit any chicken hen(s) to be at large off the owner's or keeper's property. Any chicken hen(s) found to be running at large in the city or on private property in violation of this section is a public nuisance and shall be impounded in the animal shelter, as if a dog or a cat, pursuant to section [6-2-6](#).
10. No chicken house or chicken enclosure shall be located in a front yard.
11. No chicken hens shall be slaughtered within view of adjacent property or the public.
12. Roosters are prohibited in the City limits. Pheasants, geese, ducks, peacocks, and any fowl-like creature or similar animal, other than domestic chicken hens, are prohibited in the City limits.
13. Changes to the standards contained in this section shall require any permit holder to comply with any new standard, regulation, or condition and no notice to a permit holder is required prior to enforcement of any new standard beyond that required for adoption of a new or revised ordinance.