



Village of Woodridge

Community Development Department • Five Plaza Drive • Woodridge, IL 60517 • (630) 719-4750

Application for Residential Chicken Keeping Pilot Program

Submittal Requirements

All submittal items must be included in one package and must be delivered in person to the Community Development Department.

- Page 2 of this application signed and returned.
- Provide two copies of the plat of survey (11"x17") showing proposed location of chicken coop, including dimensions of the coop and distances to adjacent lot lines.
- Provide type and description of coop. Include manufacturer's plans if you are purchasing it.
- The permit fee is \$50, due when the permit is approved and picked up.

Regulations

Chicken Coops are subject to the maintenance standards of accessory structures listed in Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

- A building permit is required for construction or siting a hen coop and must demonstrate the following:
 - Hen coops shall contain a minimum of five square feet per hen, and shall not exceed 50 square feet.
 - Hen coops shall not exceed seven feet in height.
 - All feed must be kept in enclosed containers.
 - Hen coops must be regularly cleaned to maintain a healthful environment for the hens.
- As a condition of the permit, the homeowner wishing to maintain a hen coop must agree to allow access to the property to the village for routine inspection purposes.
- Yard location: Hen coops are only permitted on properties used and zoned for single-family residential uses.
 - Hen coops must be a minimum 10 feet from the rear and side yard property lines.
 - Hen coops shall be located at least 20 feet from a neighboring dwelling unit.
 - Hen coops may only be located in the rear yard.
- Hens permitted:
 - No more than six hens are allowed per property.
 - No more than one hen coop is allowed per property.
 - Roosters are not permitted.
- If a coop is permitted, the home must also have an approved fence. Fence permits are separate from a coop permit.

Enforcement

Applications for the pilot program will be available on April 5, 2024, and the program is scheduled to end on October 5, 2025. There is no maximum number of participants or deadline to participate in the pilot program. An inspection of the coop is required before chickens may occupy the space. Enforcement practices for chicken coop related code violations will follow the Village's existing program, listed in Title 1 of the Municipal Code.

Prior to expiration of the pilot program, the Village Board will determine if keeping chickens will continue to be allowed in the Village. If the program is continued, permittees would be required to register annually. There would be an annual inspection, and a fee of \$50. New coop permits would continue to be granted. If the pilot program is not continued, no additional chicken keeping permits would be granted, and existing permittees would be required to remove all chickens, coops, and associated items from their properties within an established timeframe. During the initial pilot program, permit holders are subject to the regulations listed herein. Any coop that is issued three or more code violations will be required to be removed and will not be allowed to continue in the program.



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Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Maximum number of chickens proposed: _____

Floor area of coop proposed: _____

Height of coop: _____

Briefly describe how you will enclose the feed: _____

Does your property have an existing fence? Describe the style, if it is a privacy fence, and the height:

Property Owner: _____

Property Owner Signature (if different from applicant): _____

By signing below, I authorize that I have read and understand the requirements on the reverse of this application, including the possibility that I will be required to remove my chickens and coop if the pilot program is not extended past October 5th, 2025.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Below is for office use only:

Permit # _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Issued by: _____ Date: _____

Inspected by: _____ Date: _____