



# Chicken & Beehive Permit Application

## Community Development Department

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Including street number, street name, and unit number, city, state zip)

Number of Chickens \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Beehives 2 in R1 1 in R2 & R3 4 in R7

Distance to lot line: Front \_\_\_\_\_ Sides \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Rear \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the chicken housing plan \_\_\_ Fence \_\_\_ Shed \_\_\_ Inside

Identify and describe:  Chicken + Coop  Chicken + Fence  Chickens Only

Beehives: \_\_\_ 6' Fence Required \_\_\_ Warning Signage \_\_\_ Insurance Certificate \_\_\_ State Registration

Required Submittal:  Plat of Survey

A Plat of Survey of the property must accompany the permit application. This will not be returned to the property owner; however, our office would be happy to make a copy. Draw the structure on the plat in its exact location including dimensions to all lot lines and other structures. Indicate on the plan all existing structures located on the property.

I hereby certify that I have the legal authority to make this application, and all information provided in this application and any other information provided by me in support of this application, is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read, do understand, and shall comply with all applicable terms and conditions required for this application.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**OTHER SIDE PLEASE ⇨**

Office Use Only

Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIPT HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED AND PERMIT HEREBY AUTHORIZED**

Building Portion Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning Portion Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Residential Chicken Check List

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Pet chickens and outdoor chicken shelters on residential lots. In order to maintain pet chickens and outdoor chicken shelters, the following regulations shall be followed:

**Please initial on each line**

- No person shall keep or harbor any rooster.
  
- No person shall keep or harbor more than four (4) chickens on any residential lot. A permit form must be filled out with the Building Department for the chickens. The resident will indicate on the permit form the number of chickens they will keep or harbor. By signing the form, this allows the city to go on the property at any time to inspect the outside enclosure that the chickens live in.
  
- Chickens shall be kept in a covered outside enclosure or inside a residence or a garage when left unattended. The shelter regulations are described below.
  
- Chickens shall not be permitted to run at large in the city.
  
- Chickens may be allowed outside in a fenced rear yard area or other permanently fenced area or temporarily fenced area while in the presence of their owners or keepers.
  
- There shall be no slaughtering of any poultry outdoors on any residential lot.
  
- Chicken shelter regulations:
  - a. An outdoor shelter shall be located only in the rear yard of a lot and no closer than ten feet (10') of either side yard lot line and no closer than five feet (5') from any rear yard lot line and must be twenty five feet (25') from any neighboring house.
  - b. The interior area of any shelter and the rear yard area shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.
  - c. Outdoor shelters shall be designated to be architecturally compatible with the principal residence or any existing accessory structure or the principal residence's rear yard landscape theme and shall be constructed of quality, durable building materials. Outdoor shelters shall be constructed and maintained to be weatherproof in order to withstand inclement and extreme weather and to be secure from predators. A professional predator protection system approved by the Community Development Department shall be installed on any outdoor shelter.

**Accessory Structure:** Please note: Zoning codes have changed over the years. If you are replacing an existing structure, it must comply with the new codes.

The maximum size of any accessory structure is 720 sq. ft. (1,500 sq.ft. in R-7) or 40% of the rear yard (2.76% of the total lot in R-7). There may be a total of three accessory structures which combined don't exceed the individual maximum values. If there is a swimming pool, the combined area of all accessory structures and the pool must not exceed 25% of the rear yard.

Accessory structures must not be closer than ten feet to any structure other than a fence and shall not exceed 15 feet in height. They shall maintain a side yard setback of three feet in R-3, fifteen feet in R-7 and five feet elsewhere. The minimum rear yard setback is 50 feet in R-7 and five feet elsewhere. **Corner lots have special requirements concerning two front yard setbacks.**

**Residential Fences:** The maximum height allowed for all fences in the rear yard is six feet. The post holes must be set in at least three feet of concrete. All connections in wood fences must be secured with screws and not nails. Fences may be constructed with wood or metal. Note: slats of any kind are prohibited in chain link fences. Corner lots have special requirements concerning two front yard setbacks. It is best to bring in the Plat of Survey to discuss fencing allowed on these lots.



## Bee Keeping Check List

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The following are keep points of the keeping of bee hives on either residential or commercial properties. Ordinance 17-39-O should be referenced for a complete requirement listing or contact the Building Department at 708-354-1860.

\_\_\_ All bee colonies must be kept in a hive with removable combs and kept in good repair and usable condition

\_\_\_ Colony Density: R-1 Zoning = 2 beehives, R2 & R3 Zoning = 1 beehive, R7 Zoning = 4

\_\_\_ Yard Setback Requirements:

- Rear Yard Only: Apiaries shall be located in the rear yard only in Single Family and Commercial Zoning Districts
- Interior side Yard: Apiaries shall be located a minimum of 5' from the abutting interior lot line
- Rear Yard: Apiaries shall be located a minimum of 5' from the abutting rear yard lot line
- Right-of-Way: Apiaries shall be located a minimum of 15' from a property line that abuts a street right-of-way, private road, alley; or park
- Rooftops or Balconies: Apiaries shall **not** be permitted on balconies. In commercially zoned districts only, apiaries may be located on rooftops
- Schools & Public Pools: Apiaries are prohibited for any property that abuts these uses with the following exceptions: a) Schools or Parks may have apiaries when used in conjunction with an education curriculum at a school, b) A golf course is not considered a park in this application.

\_\_\_ Fencing: All hives shall be enclosed by fencing of a minimum of 6' in height, solid fence with a secure gate and prominent signage warning of the presence of a hive.

- *A building permit will be required to erect the fencing.*
- *The post holes must be set in at least three feet of concrete.*
- *All connections in wood fences must be secured with screws and not nails.*

\_\_\_ Non-Commercial Use: No commercial use of retail sale of bees, honey, honey comb or other bee products or beekeeping products shall be permitted from any residential property.

\_\_\_ Submit a signed Beekeeping Hold Harmless / Indemnification Agreement form to the City.



## **BEEKEEPING HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby file this application for a beekeeping permit with the City of Countryside and agree to pay any and all fees imposed by the City of Countryside Code and City Council Ordinance(s) and Resolution(s), as they may be amended from time to time. In the event the property owner is different from the applicant, the property owner must sign to indicate her/his/its consent to the filing and agreement to be liable with the applicant for the payment of processing fees. In the event the City is required to take legal action to enforce any of the terms and conditions of this application, applicant and property owners agree to pay to City reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in such action. I/We, the owner and the applicant, will defend, indemnify, and hold the City, its agents, officers, and employees harmless from any claim, action or proceeding concerning the Applicant/Property Owner keeping bees on the property in the City of Countryside, as long as the City promptly notifies the applicant of any such claim, action, or proceedings and the City cooperates fully in the defense.

I/We agree hold harmless the City of Countryside, the Mayor and City Council, officers, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all liability for any and all loss, liability, actions, causes of action, negligence, debts, claims or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever including but not limited to, negligence, debts, claims or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever including, but not limited to, claims for negligence, recklessness, bodily injury, property damage or any form of action for which a release may legally be given (including attorneys fees and costs) that I/We or any person may sustain as a result of my participation in the Beekeeping activities including, but not limited to, arising from any bee stings, trips, falls, medical care and any medical treatment

I/We hereby waive, release and hold harmless the City of Countryside, the Mayor and City Council, officers, employees, representatives, and agents from, and I agree to pay, all expenses relating to any medical care and treatment resulting from Beekeeping activities.

I hereby waive, release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify and defend the City of Countryside, the Mayor and City Council, officers, employees, representatives and agents from and against any and all claims that any other person may have and assert against any of them for any losses, damages or injuries arising out of, or in connection with Applicant's participation in the Beekeeping activities.

COMPLETE AGREEMENT. I/We have read this Liability Release, Indemnity and Waiver Agreement and I understand it. If any provision of this Liability Release, Indemnity and Waiver Agreement is held to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, such provision shall be modified so as to make the provision enforceable, and the remaining provisions of this Liability Release, Indemnity and Waiver Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. If such modification is not possible, only then shall such invalid or otherwise unenforceable provision be stricken, but only to the extent unenforceable, and the remaining provisions of this Liability Release, Indemnity

and Waiver Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. This Liability Release, Indemnity and Waiver Agreement is my/our complete and only agreement regarding the subjects covered. In signing this Liability Release, Indemnity and Waiver Agreement, I/We am/are not relying on any representation, statement or promise, oral or written, beyond what is expressly stated in this Liability Release, Indemnity and Waiver Agreement of the City of Countryside, the Mayor and City Council, officers, employees, representatives or agents, or any person associated with any of them. This Indemnity, Release and Waiver shall remain in effect for the entire time bees are being kept on the property. I hereby certify that I voluntarily sign this document, and intend to be legally bound by the terms of this document. I have read all of its provisions, and fully understand their significance.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Property Owner)