



Urban Chickens & Ducks

Reference:

City of Marion Code of Ordinances, Chapter 117, Article II Urban Chickens and Ducks

Permit requirements:

A permit is required to keep hens or ducks. A permit application can be obtained from the City's website: www.cityofmarion.org. Go to Community Development – Planning & Development – Permit & Project Applications.

Before submitting an Urban Chickens & Ducks Permit application, the applicant is required to complete an urban chicken training workshop.

If the enclosure will have a square footage amount greater than 120 square feet, then a building permit is required.

If you plan on having electricity run to the enclosure an electrical permit is required.

It is not permitted to run an extension cord from a primary or accessory structure to the enclosure.

Building and electrical permits may be obtained from the Building Division, 319-743-6330.

Site Plan requirements:

A standard site plan includes the following:

- An outline of the property with dimensions
- All existing structures located on the property and adjacent residential dwellings
- The proposed location and size of coop and run
- Distances of coop and run from property lines

How many chickens or ducks are allowed?

A maximum number of six (6) hens or ducks are allowed per parcel of land; however, the square footage requirement of the enclosure must be met.

Each chicken or duck must have a leg band with the provided permit number.

Chicken and ducks must have their wings appropriately clipped to prevent them from flying.

Enclosure Requirements:

The following list of enclosure requirements is not a comprehensive list. Refer to Chapter 117-30 of the Marion Municipal Code for a comprehensive list.

- A minimum of four (4) square feet per bird is required.
- An enclosure and pen shall only be located in the rear or side yard as defined by Chapter 340-2.1 of the Marion Municipal Code. At no time are enclosures allowed in the front or corner side yard of a parcel.
- The enclosure, including pen/run, shall be a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from a property line and twenty-five (25) feet from an adjacent residential dwelling, place of worship, school, or place of business.

What is not permitted?

The following list is not a comprehensive list.

- Chickens and ducks are not to be kept inside of a single-family or multi-family dwelling unit.
- Butchering and slaughtering is not allowed within city limits.
- Roosters are not allowed per Chapter 117-36 of the Marion Municipal Code.
- Chicken and ducks are not allowed to be kept on a vacant or uninhabited parcel of land.

If you are planning to sell any of your chickens/ducks and/or any eggs you may be subject to Chapter 340-9.11, Home Occupations or Chapter 340-9.33, Urban Agriculture of the Marion Municipal Code.

Contact: Planning Division at 319-743-6320 or planning@cityofmarion.org