

## **OBTAINING A LICENSE TO KEEP CHICKENS**

1. Any person who keeps chickens in the City of Carlton other than an area zoned R-3 shall obtain a license prior to acquiring the chickens and shall update the license annually. Only one license shall be allowed per one-family dwelling or two-family dwelling. The license year commences on January 1 and ends of the following December 31. Applications shall be made to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall collect the license fee.
2. Fees to be charged for the issuance of a license to keep chickens shall be set in the annual fee schedule.
3. The City may refuse to grant or may revoke a license if the chickens become a nuisance.
4. The City may refuse to grant or may revoke a license to a person convicted of cruelty to animals under a code, ordinance or statute from his State, or a code, ordinance or statute from another State.

## **KEEPING OF CHICKENS**

1. Each person holding a license to keep chickens with the City of Carlton shall comply with the following:
  - a. The principle use of the property where the chickens are to be kept is a single family dwelling used for residential purposes
  - b. No person shall keep more than five (5) chickens.
  - c. No person shall keep a rooster.
  - d. No person shall keep any chickens inside a dwelling unit.
  - e. No person shall slaughter any chickens with the City of Carlton
  - f. Chickens shall be provided a secure and well ventilated roofed structure in compliance with current zoning and building codes.
    - Building permits are not required for accessory buildings 120 square feet or less, but setback requirements do apply
      - Setback from rear property line – four (4) feet minimum
      - Setback from side property line – four (4) feet minimum
    - Building permits are required for any structure over 120 square feet.
    - An electrical permit is required for branch wiring to an accessory building. This can be obtained from the State Electrical Inspector.
  - g. The roofed structure shall be fully enclosed, wind proof, and have one (1) square foot of window to fifteen (15) square feet of floor space and have a heat source to maintain an adequate indoor temperature during extreme cold conditions.
  - h. The floors and walls of the roofed structure shall be kept in a clean, sanitary and healthy condition with all dropping and body excretions collected and placed in a fire-proof covered container until applied as fertilizer, composted or transported off the premises.
  - i. Chickens shall be kept in the roofed structure or any attached fenced yard enclosure at all times
  - j. The fence around the yard enclosure shall be securely constructed with a mesh type material and shall have a protective overhead netting to keep the chickens separated from other animals.

- k. The fenced yard enclosure shall be well drained so there is no accumulation of moisture.
- l. A floor area or combination of the floor and fenced yard area for keeping chickens shall not be less than ten (10) square feet of floor space per chicken
- m. No roofed structure or fenced yard enclosure shall be located closer than 25 feet to any residential dwelling on the adjacent lots.
- n. Applicant must obtain written approval from adjoining neighbors.