



City of Harlem
Community Development Department
320 N. Louisville Street
PO Box 99
Harlem, GA 30814

2023 Application for Backyard Residential Chickens / Ducks

Address _____ Parcel: _____

Applicant _____

Do you own or rent the property? _____

The following standards shall be met and will be inspected by city staff before issuance of a permit:

1. Chickens/Ducks shall be limited to no more than six per lot. Roosters are not permitted.
2. Coops housing chickens/ducks shall be required and provide a minimum of four (4) square feet of space per chicken and/or duck. Construction of coops shall follow accessory building guidelines set forth in § 108-128, Keeping of Animals in Residential Zones and shall have both a roof and walls, and shall be adequately ventilated. Coops shall be maintained in a clean manner and free of vermin. Runs are permitted, but must be fully enclosed with poultry netting or a similar material. Runs shall not count towards the square footage requirement.
3. Coops and runs shall not be placed less than twenty-five feet from any property line and shall be in the rear yard.
4. The area housing the coop and run shall be fenced in to prevent chickens leaving the lot.
5. If a permittee is found to be in violation of this section or adopted nuisance codes and fails to address the issue in the allotted timeframe, the Department shall pursue revocation of the issued permit.
6. Keeping of ducks requires the installation of a 'kiddie pool' or similar water resource.
7. The department shall have 30 business days to issue or deny the permit. A notification of issuance or denial of the permit shall be delivered by hand delivery or by mailing such notice to the applicant's address on or before the thirtieth business day. If denied, the notice shall state the reasons for denial.

8. The applicant may appeal the decision of the Department to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the City Clerk no later than ten days after the denial or revocation of the permit. The City Council shall hear the appeal at the next regularly scheduled meeting that is at least fourteen days after the notice of appeal has been filed. A final written decision on the appeal shall be rendered by the City Council no more than 30 days from the date the appeal was heard.
9. Subdivision covenants may restrict the owning of chickens/ducks. Please review your covenants carefully. The City of Harlem does not enforce covenants.
10. Once issued, permits do not need to be renewed.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Date Received: _____ Received by: _____

Decision due Date: _____

Inspection Performed by: _____ Inspection Date: _____

Comments:

Permit Approved: _____ Date _____

Permit Denied: _____ Date _____

Design Requirements for Keeping of Chickens and/or Ducks

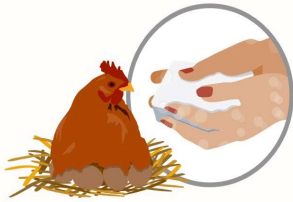
Animal	Chicken	Ducks
Unit	1 horse	1 duck
Zoning District	R-1A, R-1B, PUD	R-1A, R-1B, PUD
Residential Structure Required	Yes	Yes
Minimum Parcel Size	10,000 square feet	10,000 square feet
Maximum Number of Animals per Family	6 hens	6 ducks
Limits on Animal Production	Eggs	Eggs
Exercise Yard Area / Animal	10 square feet, with top enclosure with netting	10 square feet, with top enclosure with netting
Enclosed Housing Area per Animal	4 square feet per chicken	4 square feet per duck
Type of Housing	Enclosed coop with roof and ventilation	Enclosed coop with roof and ventilation
Animal Housing Set-back from Property Line	25 feet	25 feet
Minimum Pasture Area / Animal	N/A	N/A
Fencing to Maintain Animals on the Lot	Chicken wire to enclose the	Chicken wire
Fencing Design Criteria	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Location of Animal Housing,	Back Yard	Back Yard

Exercise Yard, and Pasture		
Special Housing Needs		Kiddie Pool which size shall not Count Towards Exercise Yard Area
Special Feeding Requirements		

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND FLOCKS

Live poultry, such as chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys, often carry harmful germs such as *Salmonella*. While it usually doesn't make the birds sick, *Salmonella* can cause serious illness when it is passed to people.

HANDWASHING PROTECTS YOU FROM GERMS



- Always wash your hands with soap and water right after touching live poultry or anything in the area where they live and roam.
- Adults should supervise handwashing for young children.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

HANDLE BIRDS SAFELY



- Children younger than 5 years, adults older than 65 years, and people with weakened immune systems should not handle or touch chicks, ducklings, or other live poultry.
- Do not bring chicks, ducklings and other live poultry to schools, childcare centers, or nursing homes.
- Do not snuggle or kiss the birds, touch your mouth, or eat or drink around live poultry.

SAFELY CLEAN COOPS

- Clean any equipment used to care for live poultry outside, such as cages or feed or water containers.
- Set aside a pair of shoes to wear while taking care of poultry and keep those shoes outside of the house.



POULTRY BELONG OUTSIDE

- Do not let live poultry inside the house, especially in kitchens.
- Do not let live poultry in areas where food or drink is prepared, served, or stored.



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for more information

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