



New Application
Renewal

Annual Registration Keeping of Chickens (Updated 1-2023)

An individual must register their chickens with the City of Stoughton prior to chicken keeping on their property. This registration expires on December 31 each year, and must be renewed by March 31st each subsequent year or the registration will be subject to a \$25 late fee. You may register by completing and mailing the registration form below.

Registration Process

Pay Online: Point and Pay

Provide Information
Registration Date: _____ Number of hen chickens to be kept: _____
Registrant Name: _____
Street Address where the chickens will be housed: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone (day time): _____
New Applicants
New applicants must submit a site plan showing coop/run size and location from lot lines and all dimensions. Provide copy of Livestock Registration from <u>DATCP</u>
Submitting this form
Sign and mail this form to the City of Stoughton, 207 S. Forrest St., along with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A self-addressed, stamped envelope or email address• For NEW registrations: \$25 check made payable to the City of Stoughton• There is no fee for registration renewals

Your signature acknowledges that you have read and accept the following standards for keeping chickens in the City of Stoughton:

1. You will abide by the regulations set forth in zoning code section 78-206(8)(y).
(Attached).

2. You agree to allow Planning Department and Police Department staff to enter on your property to inspect the chicken keeping operations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date Registered: _____

For Office Use Only: New Application Approval by Planning Department:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sec. 78-206(8)(y) Keeping of chickens

Description: A maximum of six hen chickens (no roosters) are allowed by right on residentially zoned property with a single-family, duplex or twin home residential unit. Additionally, the keeping of chickens shall be allowed for Group Daycares, Schools and Church uses within the Planned Business and Institutional zoning districts. The following requirements shall also apply to the keeping of chickens:

1. Regulations:

- a. No chicken coop or run area shall be closer than 25 feet to any residential home on an adjacent lot and the coop and run area shall only be located within the rear yard and/or side yard.
- b. Chicken coops that are less than 65 square feet in area are exempt from a zoning permit and fee.
- c. Chicken coops must conform to the accessory structure requirements of the specific zoning district where located.
- d. Any electrical work requires an electrical permit through the department of planning and development.
- e. Chickens shall be kept within the coop or run area at all times. The run area shall include an area fenced with materials to sufficiently contain chickens. A zoning permit and fee is required for fencing an area over 100 square feet. Fencing shall meet all zoning requirements.
- f. Selling of eggs is prohibited.
- g. Slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.
- h. The noise standards in section 6-5 of the Stoughton Code of Ordinances must be adhered to.
- i. The public nuisances - noxious odors standards specified in section 58-8 of the Stoughton Code of Ordinances must be adhered to.
- j. Proof of livestock premises registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, if necessary, must be provided upon request.
- k. Chickens shall be provided a covered enclosure for protection.
- l. Coops shall be a minimum of 3 square feet in area per hen chicken and run areas shall be a minimum of 10 square feet in area per hen chicken.