

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BACKYARD CHICKEN PERMITS

Is My Property Zoned for Backyard Chickens?

All single family properties in the City of Taylorsville over 5,000 square feet qualify for a Backyard Chicken Permit subject to the provisions stated in this form.

How Many Chickens Can I Have?

The maximum number of chickens you may have is based on the lot size and the size of your chicken coop. Please see the table below to determine the maximum number of chickens allowed on your property:

LOT SIZE IN SQ. FT.	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHICKENS	LOT SIZE IN SQ. FT.	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHICKENS
Less than 5000	0	8,000 - 8,999	5
5,000 - 5,999	2	9,000 - 9,999	6
6,000 - 6,999	3	10,000 - 11,999	8
7,000 - 7,999	4	More than 12,000	10

Permit Fees

Application Fee: \$60.00
Annual Inspection Fee: \$25.00 (collected by West Valley City Animal Services)

Step by Step Process for Obtaining a Backyard Chicken Permit

1. Prior to submitting an application for a *Backyard Chicken Permit* it is advisable to contact a Taylorsville City Planner regarding your request. To schedule an appointment with a member of the Planning staff please call (801) 963-5400.
2. Submit a completed *Backyard Chicken Permit Application* and all the following materials to the Taylorsville Community Development Department (**incomplete applications will not be accepted**):
 - Application fee [see above].
 - A dimensioned site plan showing the exact location of the coop and enclosure [see illustration 2 on page 2].
 - Photo(s) and/or illustration(s) of the coop that demonstrate compliance with all standards and requirements .
3. The application will be reviewed by City staff to determine compliance with City standards once the complete application, submittal materials, and application fee have been submitted.
4. A signed approval letter from the City will be sent upon approval.
5. Present the official City approval letter to West Valley City Animal Services to arrange an inspection and obtain the permit [see contact information on page 2].

NOTE: *Backyard Chicken Permits* may be reviewed and revoked based on substantiated complaints and unresolved violations.

General Standards

The following requirements apply to all Backyard Chicken Permits:

- The coop and enclosure must be kept clean; all droppings must be removed at least weekly and any dead chickens or rotting eggs must be removed within 24 hours.
- The chickens may not create a nuisance to others, including (but not limited to) noise and odors.
- Chickens may not be slaughtered on the property.
- Chickens must have access to food and water at all times in an area protected from predators (such as inside the coop). Any stored food must be kept in a rodent and predator proof container.
- Chickens and their product are for personal use only. Selling of eggs or fertilizer and the breeding of chickens for commercial use is not allowed.
- No roosters or other species of birds are allowed. Only female chickens are permitted.
- The coop and enclosure are subject to inspection by a City Code Enforcement Officer or West Valley City Animal Services before the permit is issued or upon receiving a complaint.

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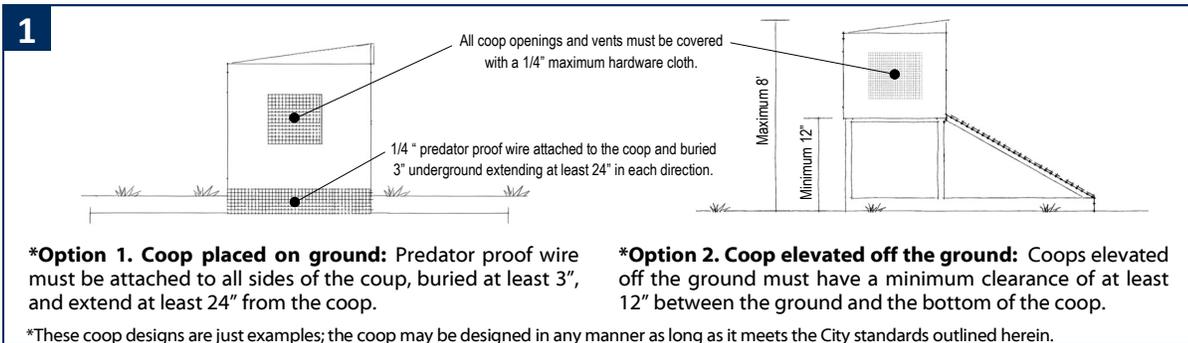


Coop and Enclosure Standards:

The following chicken coop and enclosure standards are established in Taylorsville City Code in order prevent backyard chickens from running at large as well as to protect them from predators and rodents.

Chicken Coops:

- Chicken coops must be freestanding, well ventilated, and be easily accessible for cleaning and maintenance.
- Coops must provide at least three square feet of floor space for each chicken.
- Coops shall be constructed of durable exterior grade materials. No chicken coop may exceed eight feet in height.
- All openings and vents shall be covered with predator and rodent proof wire with a maximum opening of ¼ inch. All doors on the coop must be able to be shut and locked.
- Coops may be placed on the ground or elevated off the ground [see illustration 1]. Elevated coops must be constructed at least twelve inches above the ground surface. Coops that are placed on the ground must have ¼ inch predator proof wire attached to all sides that is buried at least three inches deep and extend at least 24 inches away from the coop.
- Coops shall be located within or adjacent to an enclosure [see *Enclosures* below].

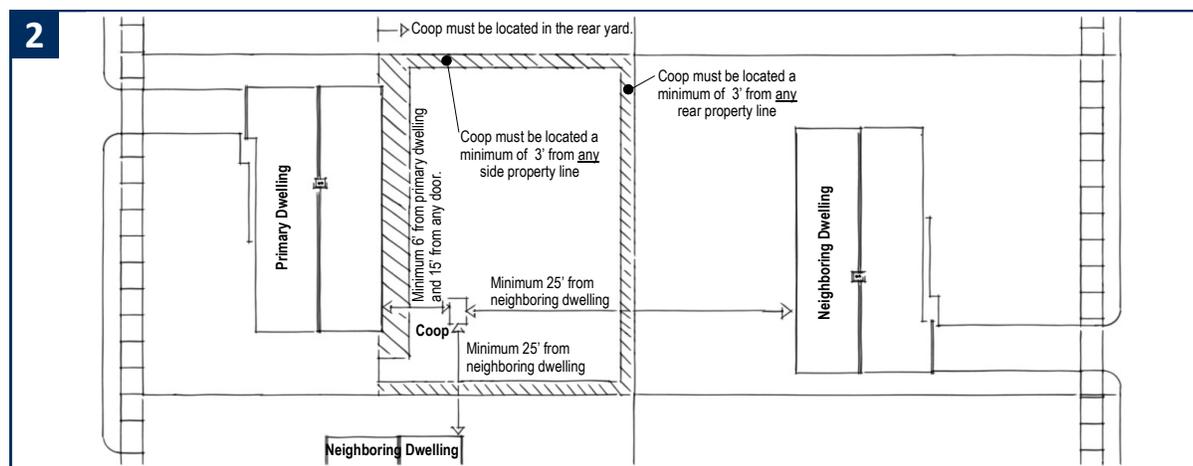


Enclosures:

- Chickens must be contained within an enclosure or fenced area at all times.
- Enclosures must be contained entirely in the rear yard. No enclosures are permitted within a front or side yard.
- All enclosures shall have a maximum opening of 2½ inches (i.e. typical chain link fence).
- Any access to the enclosure must be fully gated. Gates must be constructed utilizing materials with a maximum opening of 2½ inches.
- An enclosure may be the entire backyard provided that all standards referenced above are maintained.

Setback Standards:

- Coops must be setback at least three feet from any rear or side property line.
- Coops must be located at least 6 feet from the primary dwelling.
- Coops must be located at least 15 feet from an entrance to any home.
- Coops must be placed at least 25 feet from any home on a neighboring property.
- Coops may be moved within the backyard from time to time provided all setbacks referenced above are maintained [see illustration 2].



Animal Control Contact Information

The City of Taylorsville contracts with West Valley City Animal Services for all pet licensing and animal control services. Contact: West Valley City Animal Services, 4522 West 3500 South, West Valley City, Utah 84120 (801) 965-5800

Applicable City Code

Title 8 - Animals: Section 8.12.140 Backyard Chicken Permit