

Backyard Hens Permit Requirements



How can I submit a permit application?

Required paperwork shown below can be dropped off at Village Hall (500 S Fish Lake Rd, Volo, IL 60073) Monday-Friday from 8am until 4pm. After hours they can be submitted via our utility payment drop-box located outside of Village Hall. Applications can also be submitted electronically via email to building@villageofvolo.com

What do I need to obtain a Backyard Hens Permit?

- [Village of Volo Building Permit Application](#)
- HOA Approval Letter
- Plat of Survey with Coop Detail and Fence Drawn On
- Registration with the Illinois Department of Agriculture Livestock Management Program (Copy of Registration)

Backyard Hens code regulations to keep in mind:

- Hens (but not roosters or other poultry) may be kept only on lots and in zoning districts where the keeping of hens is permitted by the village zoning regulations and all other applicable ordinances.
- No more than six hens shall be kept on any zoning lot.
- All hens must be kept in a roofed coop that provides a minimum of six square feet per hen. No hen coop shall exceed eight (8) feet in height.
- When kept on zoning lots that are one half-acre or less, the backyard shall be fully fenced. When kept on zoning lots that are more than one half-acre, the coop shall be within a fully fenced enclosure.
- Hens may only be kept, and hen coops, enclosures, and related structures may only be placed, in rear yards behind the principal structure on the lot. Hen coops shall be set back a minimum of eight (8) feet from all interior side and rear property lines and a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the principal single-family detached dwelling or Duplex on the same lot.
- Any individual keeping hens must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances including registration with the Illinois Department of Agriculture Livestock Management Program and all applicable federal, state, and local licensing and permitting requirements.
- On-site sale of eggs and slaughtering of hens is prohibited.
- Hen feed shall be securely stored in sealed, rodent-proof containers.
- Hens must be adequately sheltered and fed, and proper sanitation must be maintained at all times. All fencing, coops, and related structures shall be well maintained, cleaned regularly, and kept in a neat and sanitary condition.
- All hens, fencing, coops, and related structures and activities shall comply with all Village nuisance regulations, including, but not limited to, those regulations set forth in this Chapter and Title 5, Chapter 1 of the Volo Village Code and all other Village ordinances and regulations directed at noise, odor, pests, cleanliness, and unsightliness.

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