



# CITY OF WINOOSKI

## URBAN CHICKENS

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- Winooski regulates animals within the City (ordinance excerpt on the back of this sheet).
- For animals other than domestic cats a license from the City Council is required.
- The application process is relatively simple, though, it may take 4 to 6 weeks before final approval is granted by the Council. Attendance at a City Council meeting is required.
- A zoning permit may be required for construction projects associated with the application.
- An annual registration fee is required.

If you desire to raise chickens in an urban environment, please provide written responses to the following:

1. Number of chickens proposed? Roosters?
2. What is the source of the chickens?
3. Provide a health certificate for the chickens.
4. Describe how the chickens will be contained and secured (keeping chickens “in” and predators “out”)? Please provide a sketch of the property noting:
  - a) lot lines,
  - b) location of the house,
  - c) location of the chicken pen and/or coop, location of fencing,
  - d) location of neighboring homes with distances indicated.

Supplement with photographs of the property and visible neighboring properties.

5. How will the chickens be sheltered? Please provide sketch(es), photos. Will electricity be provided to the shelter/coop?
6. What is proposed for manure disposal?
7. How will nuisances such as noise and insects be controlled?

In the past decades hundreds of cases of animal rabies have been reported throughout Vermont. Please familiarize yourself with the signs of rabies and how to protect yourself from rabies. Information is available from the Vermont Department of Health.

## **WINOOSKI ORDINANCE REFERENCE**

### ***Section 4-13 License--Required; fees; inspection by health officer; referral to zoning administrator***

*(a) No domestic quadrupeds, poultry, bees or exotic wild animals or indigenous wild animals shall be kept within the city, unless the owner or keeper thereof has been granted a license by the Council to keep such animals in or on specifically defined premises.*

*The license fee shall be twenty-five cents (\$0.25) annually for each animal in the case of poultry, five dollars (\$5.00) annually for each beehive, and one dollar (\$1.00) annually for each ten (10) pounds of weight, but not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) for each animal in the case of a domestic quadruped or wild animal.*

*(b) A license to keep an animal under the preceding subsection shall not be granted until the health officer, or a member of the board of health designated by him, has inspected the premises in or on which the animal is to be kept, and he has determined that such keeping will not constitute a nuisance and will not be detrimental to the health or peace of the inhabitants living nearby. The application shall also be referred to the zoning administrator to determine whether the proposed use is permitted under the zoning ordinances of the city.*

*(c) It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor an animal required to be licensed under provisions of this chapter, unless it has been licensed in accordance with such provisions, such license is valid and in effect and, where applicable, the animal has received its anti rabies serum.*

*(d) It shall be unlawful to keep any animal on any premises in the city, for which a license or permit to keep animals is required, unless such license or permit has been procured, is valid and in effect.*

*(4-13, Added, 05/24/2004, Adopted 8-13-03)*