



Licensing Agent - Kitsap Humane Society  
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This form is to apply for a backyard chicken hen license. Backyard chicken hen licenses are required before one can legally own and keep chicken hens in the City of Bremerton. Chicken hen licenses are to be renewed yearly, are revocable and subject to sunset on June 30, 2012. License holders may keep licensed chickens unless ordered otherwise pursuant to Title 7 of the Bremerton Municipal Code (BMC) until the chickens expire or are removed by the owner. In no event shall any owner be allowed to add to the number of chickens kept after the sunset occurs.

Applicant Information	
Name:	
Address:	
Mailing Address (if different):	
Phone:	
Email:	Fax:
Licensing Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12.50 - For Up To Four (4) Chicken Hens - Annual Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12.50 - Senior Permanent License

Official Use Only	
\$12.50 Fee Received	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
LICENSE #:	
Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>
Approval Signature	Date

Regulations for Keeping Backyard Chicken Hens	
1.	No more than four (4) hens, including chickens and chicks, may be kept per single family residential lot pursuant to BMC 7.06.010(n)( In no event shall the four (4) allowed hens, including chickens or chicks count toward the accumulative total of four (4) household pets pursuant to BMC 7.06.010.
2.	No roosters are allowed.
3.	Chickens, except for chicks, shall not be kept inside any permitted dwelling.
4.	Henhouses, coops and chicken tractors must be set-back at least ten (10) feet from all property lines.
5.	Henhouses, coops and chicken tractors shall be kept at least five (5) feet from any other structure including decks.
6.	Henhouses, coops and chicken tractors shall provide for adequate shelter, be kept clean and maintained so that dust, manure and odors are not detectable beyond any property line.
7.	Henhouses, coops and chicken tractors including chicken runs shall not exceed two hundred (200) square feet in size and shall not exceed seven (7) feet in height at the structure's highest point.
8.	Henhouses and coops shall provide at least six (6) square feet of space per chicken.
9.	Chicken tractors shall provide at least four (4) square feet of space per chicken.
10.	Henhouses, coops and chicken tractors shall be restricted to the backyard area of a single family residential lot.

11.	Henhouses, coops and chicken tractors shall be set back from any body of water in compliance with the City of Bremerton's shoreline master plan and critical areas ordinance as each are currently enacted or hereinafter amended.
12.	Henhouses, coops and chicken tractors shall be set back one hundred (100) feet from any public or private well.
13.	Chickens shall not be allowed to run at-large and shall be enclosed within a henhouse, coop or chicken tractor at all times.
14.	Chickens shall be allowed only on single family residential lots containing a maximum of one residence.(o) Chicken manures shall be managed so as not to create a nuisance or be in violation of BMC 9.16 as currently enacted or hereinafter amended.
15.	Chickens shall not be slaughtered.
16.	All Chicken feed or food set aside for Chickens shall be stored in rodent proof containers and feeders.
17.	All structures used to house or care for Chickens, including henhouses, coops and chicken tractors shall be rodent proof.
18.	Any Rodent activity in the vicinity of any chicken structure or enclosure shall require the licensed owner of the Chickens to eradicate the rodents in compliance with local, state and federal laws.
19.	A single license to keep up to four (4) chickens per single family residential lot shall be obtained annually by the owner or within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the owner acquires the chicken(s) or brings chickens into the City of Bremerton.
20.	A chicken license shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.
21.	Licenses not renewed by the designated renewal date shall be assessed an additional license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00); provided, there shall be no additional license fee where: (A) The applicant has owned the chicken(s) for less than thirty (30) calendar days; or (B) The applicant has resided in the City for less than thirty (30) calendar days.
22.	The following are exempt from license fees: (A) Chickens in the temporary custody of a veterinarian or animal welfare organization whose owners are unknown; or (B) Chickens owned, and available for retail sale, by the owner or operator of a licensed commercial pet facility.

**Backyard chicken hens are licensed on a trial basis. Licenses may be rescinded by the City Council at the end of the trial period which concludes on June 30, 2012.**

**Many Home Owner Association Bylaws do not allow chickens or poultry of any kind. Applicants should check their HOA bylaws to confirm that chicken hens are allowed.**

Applicant Certification	
I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In submitting the application I knowledge and agree that the application is subject to all the terms and conditions for a Backyard Chicken Hen License found in Title 7.06 of the Bremerton Municipal Code. I understand that any false statements or omissions may result in denial or revocation of this license. I further acknowledge that I have read the applicable regulations attached to this license application and agree to fully comply with the regulations set forth by the City of Bremerton and any terms and conditions imposed by the City Council as they relate to the Backyard Chicken Hen License.	
Applicant Signature:	Date: