

PERMIT TO HOUSE CHICKENS WITHIN THE
CITY OF HENDERSON MUNICIPAL LIMITS

No person shall own, keep or harbor any chickens or erect any chicken coop, house, yard or other building or structure to keep or harbor chickens without first obtaining a permit from the City of Henderson.

Permit Period:

The term of a permit commences on January 1 and ends December 31. Residents must obtain a new permit each year. Permits are not prorated.

Annual Permit Fee: \$30

How to apply:

Applications shall be made in writing on the form prescribed by law and be submitted to the City Clerk for approval by the zoning administrator. The application must contain a scale drawing showing property lot lines, dimensions of coop and enclosures and distance from the property lines and residential structures.

In the event a complaint has been filed in writing with the city prior to renewal of said permit within the calendar year, the applicant must receive written approval from not less than 50% of neighboring property owners whose property is within 100' before permit is renewed.

Conditions for approval of permit:

Conditions for approval of the permit are described in the Henderson Municipal Codebook, Chapter 6, Section 6-21 Section

Inspection:

A designated city official shall have access to the pen to inspect the pen and number of chickens during normal business hours or by appointment.

City of Henderson
 1044 N Main Street, PO Box 189
 Henderson, NE 68371
 Phone: 402-723-5782/Fax: 402-723-5785
 Zoning Administrator: 402-362-9268
 Email: henderson@mainstaycomm.net

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Permit #	
Type	___ Initial ___ Renewal
Approved:	
	Zoning Administrator Signature _____ Date _____

PERMIT TO HOUSE HEN CHICKENS

I. Applicant Information

Date:	Applicant Name:

II. Property Information

Property Address:	
	Phone: _____
Mailing Address:	

III. Description of Chicken(s)

Type/Color of Chicken(s):	Number of Chickens (Max: 6):

IV. Description of Chicken Housing

Description of Pen/Confinement:	
Distance from Property Lines:	Distance from Neighboring Residence(s):

V. Signature of Applicant allows inspection of City Official during normal business hours or by appointment.

Applicant's Signature:	
Date of Application:	

DRAWING OF CHICKEN PEN/HOUSING/CONFINEMENT ON LOT

Draw to scale and identify all buildings on lot

Identify construction of pen/housing/confinement

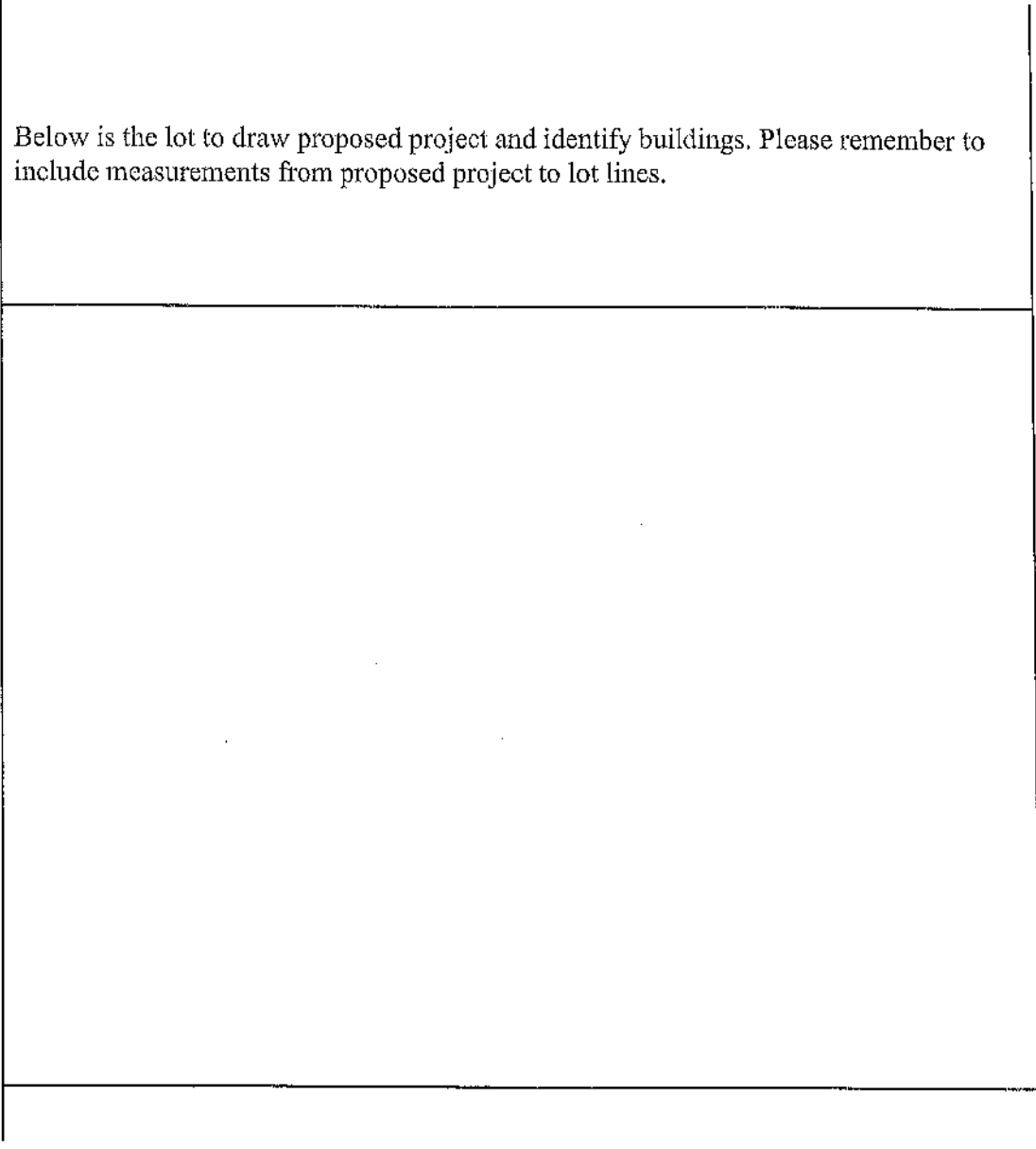
Identify footage from lot lines (lot line verification responsibility of property owner)

Identify measurements of new construction

Regulations: Rear yard: 10 feet
 Side yard: 10 feet
 Height: 6 feet

Below is the lot to draw proposed project and identify buildings. Please remember to include measurements from proposed project to lot lines.

STREET



ORDINANCE NO. 412

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-215 OF THE HENDERSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON POSSESSION OF HEN CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HENDERSON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Chapter 6, Section 6-215 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

SECTION 6-215.


ANIMALS GENERALLY; PROHIBITION AGAINST KEEPING DESIGNATED ANIMALS.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep any cattle, hogs, horses, goats, rabbits, roosters, ducks, geese, turkeys, other fowl (with exception of hen chickens) or other animals in any pen, shed, or yard within the City and its territorial jurisdiction, and the keeping of any of the above-mentioned animals except where otherwise permitted by this Code, shall constitute a nuisance, and shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in this Code.

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

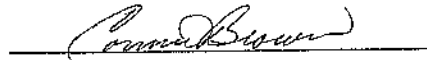
Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of January, 2018.



Michael Yoder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Brown, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 413

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 6-217 TO THE HENDERSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE POSSESSION OF HEN CHICKENS SUBJECT TO GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HENDERSON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 6-217 of the Henderson Municipal Code shall be enacted to provide as follows:

SECTION 6-217.

HEN CHICKENS; POSSESSION AUTHORIZED SUBJECT TO GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS; PERMIT REQUIRED.

Hen chickens may be kept within the City and its territorial jurisdiction subject to the following requirements:

1. No more than six (6) hen chickens may be kept on any single zoning lot.
2. Hen chickens may only be kept on lots within the single-family zoning district.
3. Hen chickens may not be kept on any vacant or uninhabited tract of land.
4. No roosters may be kept or possessed within the City or its territorial jurisdiction.
5. Hen chickens shall be kept within a covered enclosure during non-daylight hours. The covered enclosure or coop shall contain at least four (4) square feet of floor area per fenced chicken. Hen chickens shall be kept in either a covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure during all daylight hours. The fenced enclosure shall provide at least ten (10) square feet of open area per hen chicken. No coop shall exceed one hundred twenty (120) square feet of floor area, and no coop shall exceed six (6) feet in height.
6. Hen chickens must be kept on the rear yard of the property. Rear yard means that portion of the lot between the rear of the dwelling and the rear lot line.
7. The covered enclosure or fenced enclosure may not be located within ten (10) feet of the property line of any adjacent property. No covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall be located within forty (40) feet of any residential structure located on any other property.
8. All enclosures for keeping hen chickens shall be so constructed and maintained as to prevent rats, mice and other rodents from existing underneath or within the enclosure.
9. Any person who shall keep hen chickens shall be required to obtain an application for a permit to house hen chickens before hen chickens may be placed or brought upon any property. The application and a permit fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) may be filed at the office of the city clerk who shall refer the application to the Zoning Administrator for review. Upon review, if a building permit application is necessary, the building permit application and fee shall be filed according to Henderson Municipal Code, Chapter 9, Section 9-202 prior to the approval of the application for a permit to house hen chickens.

10. All feed and materials used to maintain the hen chickens shall be protected so as to prevent rats, mice and other rodents from gaining access with the feed and/or materials.

11. It shall be unlawful for any person who possesses, keeps or harbors hen chickens to allow hen chickens to run at large.

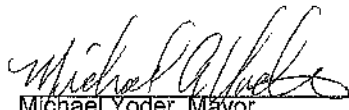
12. No hen chicken may be slaughtered outside of an enclosed structure.

Section 2. All violations of this Ordinance shall be punished as provided in this Code.

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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