



## How to Obtain a City of Madison Chicken License

1. Notify others as required that you will be keeping chickens on the property.
  - If the property is an owner occupied single family home, no notification is required.
  - If the property is a single family home that is not owner occupied, notify the property owner and all residents of your dwelling unit.
  - If the property is a two, three, or four family home, notify the property owner and all residents of the property in all dwelling units.
  - If the property is a museum, school or day care center, the applicant for the license must notify the owner or operator of the property if the applicant is not the owner or operator.

The attached notice form may be used for this purpose. Please keep copies of notice that you send, as you may later need to prove that notification was completed.

*Note: Notification is not required for annual renewals of a license to keep chickens.*

2. Register with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. This registration is free. Go to:  
[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx) Either complete the form online, or print it and fill it out. Once registered, you will be given a registration number.
3. Complete the “Application for Chicken License” and submit the application, a copy of your Livestock Premises Registration, and \$10 to the City Treasurer. The City Treasurer’s Office is located in Room 107 of the City County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

*Note: Chicken licenses must be obtained annually, prior to January 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring chickens. The license year begins January 1 and ends on the following December 31.*



## Application for Chicken License City of Madison, Wisconsin



Read and initial each item, then sign and print your name and fill in your address.

\_\_\_\_\_ If required to do so, I have notified the property owner and all residents of the residential lot on which I will be keeping chickens. (See “How to Obtain a City of Madison Chicken License.”)

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\_\_\_\_\_ I have completed the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection “Livestock Premises Registration Application.” My registration number is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read, and I understand, the conditions under which I may keep chickens. I agree to abide by these conditions, which are as follows:

- a) Keeping of up to eight (8) chickens is allowed as an accessory use on lots with up to four (4) dwelling units.
- b) Keeping of up to eight (8) chickens is allowed as an accessory use to a museum or school or day care center.)
- c) Keeping of roosters is prohibited.
- d) Slaughter of chickens is prohibited on site.
- e) The chickens shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure at all times.
- f) The enclosure shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from any residential structure on an adjacent lot.
- g) The owner, operator or tenant must obtain a license under Sec. 9.52, MGO.
- h) The applicant for the license must notify all residents of the property and the owner or operator of the property if the applicant is not the owner or operator. Notification is not required for renewal of a license.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Zoning Administrator may revoke my license to keep chickens if, in any six-month period, I accumulate three or more violations of any ordinance regulating the keeping of chickens.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed name of applicant**

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**Address of applicant**

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**Date submitted to Treasurer**