

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO ALLOW THE KEEPING OR MAINTAINING OF HENS  
WITHIN THE YREKA CITY LIMITS:

Applicants name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby submit this application to the Yreka City Clerk for a permit to keep hens within the City limits. I understand that the keeping of hens within the Yreka City Limits is only allowed in **property zoned R-A and or R-1.**

I further understand that, if approved, the permit is subject to revocation upon violation of the terms and conditions set forth herein.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

A total of not more than **six (6) chicken hens** may be kept and maintained in the zones permitted in Yreka Municipal Code Title 16. **Title 16 allows the keeping of hens in Zone RA – Residential Agriculture, and Zone R-1 – Single Family Residential.**

No hen shall be kept or maintained under this provision except in a clean and sanitary pen or structure; no part of any pen or structure shall be located **within the front yard or in the rear or side yard setbacks** in the zones where permitted; odors from the animals or the manure or feed shall not be perceptible at the property boundaries and, provided further, that the keeping of such animal shall not create a health or nuisance problem.

**Minimum Setbacks from property line required:**

Zone R-A: Front: 20 feet, Side: 10 feet, and Rear: 5 feet

Zone R-1: Front: 20 feet, Side 10 feet (5 feet may be allowed if applicant can demonstrate that they have 10 feet on the other side yard), and Rear: 5 feet.

The condition of the pen or structure and/or odors from the animals, manure or feed shall not cause discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area. The pen or structure for the keeping of such animals shall not be closer to a neighboring dwelling than the dwelling occupied by the person owning or keeping such animals. No slaughter of hens is permitted in any yard area of the property.

**If the property upon which the hens will be kept is a rental property, landlord consent is required for the keeping of the hens. No commercial sales of such animals or eggs is permitted.**

Any person keeping or maintaining hens under this section shall immediately obtain a permit, which shall provide their name, address and phone number to the City Clerk along with the address of the

location of the hens being kept and acknowledges notice of these provisions. The permit is non-transferrable and indefinite, but is subject to withdrawal or rescission. The permit is subject to revocation only upon violation, in which event no hens shall be allowed on the subject property.

(d) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

“Chicken” consists of any animal within the scientifically classified subspecies of Gallus gallus domesticus; “rooster” is any chicken of the male gender; “hen” is any chicken of the female gender; “keep” or “kept” means to own, possess, maintain or control; “keeper” means owner or person keeping the animal; “setback” is the area described in Yreka Municipal Code Title 16 wherein construction of a structure is not permitted.

**(e) It is unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or maintain any rooster within the city, or permit to be kept, maintained or harbored any rooster within the city.**

**(f) Roaming of chickens is prohibited.** No owner or keeper of a chicken shall allow or permit such chicken to roam within the city in or upon any public place or premises, or in or upon any private place or premises other than those of the owner or keeper, as provided in Section (c), except with the consent of the person in charge of the private place or premises.

(g) A violation of this section shall constitute an infraction and be subject to all of the civil and criminal remedies set forth in Title 1 of this Code.

I agree to abide by the above described terms and conditions, and all of the ordinances of the City of Yreka, state law, and federal law; and I authorize city representatives to enter upon the above mentioned property for inspection purposes, and to record any notice of code violation pursuant to the Yreka Municipal Code.

**Application process, 4 steps:**

1- Verify Zoning is R-A or R-1,

2 – Submit application with items 1 & 2 shown below,

3 - Wait for verification from City staff that the application has been accepted as complete. Once the application has been verified and accepted by City staff, the applicant can proceed with the placement of the “pen or structure”.

And 4 – After the pen has been completed, contact City staff for an inspection [finance@ci.yreka.ca.us](mailto:finance@ci.yreka.ca.us) (841-2386), to verify the setbacks are met and to issue the final permit.

I have verified with the City that the property for which this application is submitted is zoned:

R-A       R-1

As part of this application, I submit the following:

1.  A site plan depicting boundary lines of the property; existing structures; and proposed placement of “pen or structure” demonstrating compliance with required set back requirements.
2.  Site Photographs showing existing and adjacent structures to the proposed site of the “pen or structure”.

Submit application form to the Yreka City Clerk 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA 96097. If applicant is not the property owner, the property owner must sign authorizing the application before it can be submitted.

I certify that I have read this application and state that the above information is correct. I agree to comply with any terms or conditions of any entitlement issued or permitted by the City pursuant to this application.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE: (REQUIRED)

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the City of Yreka Zoning Map can be viewed on the City's Website at [www.ci.yreka.ca.us](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us) go to City Government, then Planning. The RA Zone is shown as a pale yellow, and R-1 is shown as bright yellow. The Zoning map is also available at City Hall.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact City staff at 530-841-2386 or [finance@ci.yreka.ca.us](mailto:finance@ci.yreka.ca.us).

For City use only - Application accepted pending completion of structure - Date \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permit to keep up to six (6) Hens  Granted  Denied

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

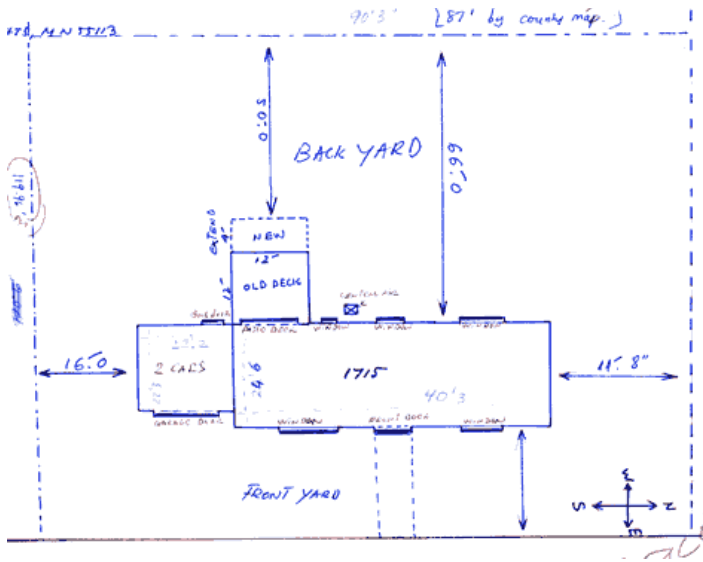
(Authorized City Staff Signature)

This permit must remain on the premises and made accessible to City Official if requested.

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel Number \_\_\_\_\_

## SAMPLE SITE PLAN:



Site plan must depict boundary lines of property; existing structures; and proposed placement of “Hen, pen or structure” demonstrating compliance with front, rear, and side setback requirements.

Please provide a site plan specific to your application in the space provided below:

Site Plan for – Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Yreka, Ca.