

**Urban Agriculture Permit
For the Keeping of Chickens and Bees**
Fee: \$50 per permit application



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Instructions:

- Complete this application form.
- Attach a site plan showing the location of all existing and proposed structures, including coops, enclosures, hives, and flyway barriers. An aerial image of your property may be found at www.sedonaaz.gov/gis.
 - Include the distances of these site improvements from all surrounding property lines and existing structures.
 - Include information on the height, color, and material of these structures.
- Review and sign the attached standards of LDC 3.4.D and City Code 6.05 All applicable code standards shall be met by the applicant.

Applicant Name:		Application for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chickens <input type="checkbox"/> Bees
Is the Applicant the Property Owner:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Written owner approval must be provided)	Site Plan:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached
Property Address:		Number of:	Chickens: Hives:
Parcel Number:		Permit Number:	
Phone:		Date Rec'd:	
Email Address:		Fee Rec'd:	

COOP/ENCLOSURE COLOR *(if applicable)*

FLYWAY BARRIER COLOR *(if applicable)*

Paint manufacturer:		Paint manufacturer:	
Paint name:		Paint name:	

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I certify that I have read this application and declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained herein is correct and complete. I agree to comply with all city and county ordinances and state laws relating to building construction and hereby authorize representatives of this city to enter upon the above mentioned property for inspection purposes. I am either the owner of the property on this permit application, or I represent the owner as signified above and am acting with the owner's full knowledge or consent.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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(Initial) By making this application, the applicant avows that he/she has reviewed the following standards of LDC 3.4.D and City Code 6.05, and agrees to comply with all applicable regulations at all times.

General Standards

- The keeping or raising of chickens or bees shall be allowed as an accessory use subject to City permitting requirements. In residential districts, it shall be allowed only on lots with an occupied dwelling unit.
- It is unlawful to keep backyard chickens and/or bees without a permit pursuant to City Code.
- For the keeping of chickens and/or bees as an accessory use, permits may only be issued to properties with dedicated rear yards; shared outdoor spaces for single-family attached or multifamily dwellings shall not be eligible for permits.

Standards for Keeping of Chickens

- **Number and Type of Chickens Allowed:**
 - The maximum number of chickens allowed is as follows:
 - Lots with an area less than or equal to 20,000 square feet: Up to four chickens
 - Lots with an area greater than 20,000 square feet: Up to six chickens
 - Roosters shall be prohibited.
- **Chicken Coop Standards** (A coop is a physical structure providing protection and shelter to chickens. Coops shall comply with the following):
 - Chickens shall be kept in a coop from dusk until dawn.
 - No chickens shall be kept in any part of any dwelling or building used for human occupation.
 - The coop size shall not exceed 120 square feet and shall provide at least four square feet of space per chicken.
 - The coop height shall not exceed six feet in height.
 - The coop shall be located in the rear yard and shall be a minimum of 15 feet from side and rear property lines and a minimum of 25 feet from adjacent dwellings. No chicken coop shall be built or maintained on marshy ground or land subject to overflow (including all FEMA and City of Sedona-designed floodways) or within 150 feet of Oak Creek, or within 25 feet of any designated watercourse or other source of water supply.
 - The coop shall be designed to be resistant to predators.
 - The coop shall be kept clean and free from offensive odors.
 - Feed shall be stored within a structure in a rodent-proof, fastened container.
- **Waste Management and Impacts:**
 - All animal keeping facilities must be designed in a manner such that water runoff does not become a health hazard or nuisance to uses on other properties and is contained and disposed of and does not contribute to the pollution of local groundwater or the flooding of adjacent properties.
 - Waste shall either be composted using best management practices with carbonaceous material such as hay, bedding, or leaves or stored in a sealed container until it is removed from the property. Manure and droppings shall be removed from the property and disposed of properly, in accordance with state and local laws, at least once a month.
 - Any manure and dropping storage area shall be contained and protected from rainfall and irrigation so that runoff does not carry pollutants and/or bacteria into watercourses.
 - Impervious surfaces on the property must use runoff control devices/structures to divert excess runoff around or away from the animal confinement area.
- **Ranging Standards:**
 - If a chicken run or other enclosure is used, a minimum of 20 square feet of permeable surface per chicken shall be provided within the enclosure, and access to bare earth shall also be provided.

- Chickens are allowed to range in the rear yard up to the side and rear property line, provided a fence around such yard is a minimum of four feet in height and adequate for containing animals.
- Slaughtering Prohibited:
 - Slaughtering shall be prohibited within the Sedona City limits.

Standards for the Keeping of Bees

- Number of Hives:
 - No more than two hives shall be allowed on a lot.
- Hive Location:
 - Hives shall be located in the rear yard and setback from the side and rear property lines a minimum of five feet.
- Flyway Barrier (A flyway barrier made of common building materials or natural vegetation shall be provided to adjust the flight path of honey bees causing them to fly above where they would otherwise have human contact. The flyway barrier shall):
 - Be six feet in height;
 - Be a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation, or a combination of those materials that will not allow bees to pass through. Non-vegetative barriers shall comply with the color standards of this Code;
 - Be located within five feet of the hive's egress; and
 - Extend 10 feet beyond the colony in each direction.
- Water:
 - Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of fresh water is available at all times to the honey bees so they are discouraged from congregating at swimming pools, pet water bowls, birdbaths, or other water sources where they may cause human or domestic pet contact.
- Aggressive Bees and Swarms:
 - Initial hives shall contain a queen selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics. If a colony becomes aggressive or swarms, the beekeeper shall re-queen the colony with a queen selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics.
- Maintenance of Hives:
 - Any honey bee colony not residing in a structure intended for beekeeping or any swarm of bees or colony residing in a standard or homemade hive that, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the beekeeper, is unlawful and shall be deemed a public nuisance.
 - The hive may be summarily destroyed or removed from the City by an appropriate designee. The beekeeper shall have 30 days from the time of the complaint to bring the hive/hives into compliance.
- Public Notification:
 - Public notification shall be mailed to properties within 100 feet of the subject property, 15 days prior to issuing a permit for the keeping of bees.