

Town of Westport

Zoning Guide for Domestic Fowl

The standards below apply in single family residential, multiple family residential, and rural community zoning districts.

To ensure that the keeping of domestic fowl is done in a responsible manner that protects the public health, safety, and welfare and avoids conflicts with neighboring uses, the Town of Westport enforces the following requirements:

- ✓ If the lot is less than 2 acres in area, the number of poultry kept shall not exceed 6 per lot on the same lot as the dwelling. If the lot is 2 acres or more, the number of poultry kept shall not exceed 12 per lot on the same lot as the dwelling.
- ✓ A description of the poultry coop shall be provided with the zoning permit application. Coops may be part of an accessory structure, but may not be a part of a dwelling.
- ✓ Roosters and crowing cockerels shall not be kept.
- ✓ Poultry shall be kept in fenced areas to prevent poultry from trespassing onto neighboring properties.
- ✓ Poultry related structure setback varies 10-25 feet from any side/rear yard.
- ✓ If the structures associated with poultry and egg production are less than or equal to 120 square feet and the number of poultry is less than 6 per lot, no zoning permit shall be required provided the standards of the zoning code are met.
- ✓ All manure shall be stored in a manner which prevents the generation of odors or runoff from the property. Manure may not be disposed of in domestic waste systems.

Town of Westport Zoning permits are required prior to placing covered residential chicken enclosures on properties. The table below provides the requirements for such structures:

Standards for Domestic Fowl Covered Enclosure Permit - Standard see 10-9-1.0630, Town Code	
Zoning Permit required	Yes (above 120 square feet)
Zoning district(s)	Single and Mult. Family Residential, Rural Community
Residence required	Yes
Location	Within Rear and/or Side Yards
Maximum size	Footprint of Principal Structure
Maximum height	12 feet
Setback to any property line	Varies 10-25 feet
Setback to any adjoining lot's residential structure	25 feet
Setback to water of any lake, river, or stream	75 feet
Permit fee	\$50.00

- The application form for a domestic fowl enclosure is provided on the second page of this handout. The application must be accompanied by a **site plan**, drawn to a measurable scale, which includes all lot lines, all existing structures, the location of the domestic fowl structure, and the distance of the domestic fowl enclosure to the lot lines. Accepted forms of payment include **credit card or check** payable to Town of Westport.
- A Zoning permit for a domestic fowl enclosure may be obtained by either coming into our office directly or by mailing in all appropriate information and fees to Town of Westport, 5387 Mary Lake Road, Waunakee, WI 53597. Please call our office at (608) 849-4372 with any questions.
- Westport is a multi-jurisdictional community. Please contact the Town of Westport office at (608) 849-4372 or email the reception@townofwestport.org to double check standards before requesting a permit.

DOMESTIC FOWL ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

PERMIT #:	_____	
Permit Fee: \$	_____	Fee Paid: <input type="checkbox"/>
Approved By:	_____	
Approval Date:	____ / ____ / ____	

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OWNER	AGENT (Contractor, Coordinator, Other)
NAME	CONTACT NAME
BUSINESS NAME or CO-OWNER'S NAME (if applicable)	BUSINESS NAME (if applicable)
MAILING ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP	CITY, STATE, ZIP
DAYTIME PHONE #	DAYTIME PHONE #
EMAIL	EMAIL

SITE INFORMATION
Project Description: Please provide a brief description of the project. _____
Area (square feet): _____ Height (feet): _____
Site Address: _____
Zoning District: _____ Distance to Neighbor's Residence (feet): _____
Check Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreland <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands
Parcel #: _____

GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan Drawn to Scale <input type="checkbox"/> Elevation Drawing
<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Permit fee of \$50, credit card or check made payable to Town of Westport

1. I, the undersigned, hereby make application for a zoning permit only for the location and the work described herein and certify to the accuracy of that information. I further certify that I am the property owner, or a duly authorized representative, and may sign this permit application on behalf of the owner(s) of said property, and I have read and understand all of the conditions of this permit and will construct the project in compliance with those conditions. I understand that failure to provide accurate information or to comply with any provisions of the permit renders it null and void and may result in an enforcement action.
2. I, the undersigned, hereby consent to the entry on the permitted premises by zoning inspectors of the Town of Westport to determine compliance with the Town's zoning ordinances. This consent is valid for the period commencing with issuance of this zoning permit and terminating with issuance of a certificate of compliance or until earlier revoked in writing by the owner of the property.

PRINT (Owner/Agent): _____

SIGNATURE (Owner/Agent): _____ Date: _____