

## Backyard Chicken/Fowl Permits



Chickens and other fowl are now allowed, with restrictions, in the City of Holland.

**PET:** The City of Holland will allow for **ONE** (1) domesticated pet chicken (hens only -- **roosters are prohibited**), duck, goose or similar fowl in a pen or confinement coop which is at least 25 feet from any neighboring dwelling unit. Further, a maximum of ten (10) chicks under the age of five (5) weeks are permitted. **NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED.**

**Chickens:** Keeping chickens as a locally grown food source for the consumption of eggs or meat is allowed with up to six (6) chickens depending on the size of property and following all conditions outlined in the City Ordinance. Please click here to read the ordinance: [Holland Backyard Chicken/Fowl Ordinance](#) - sections 4-3 d and e (or see PDF below with highlighted area.)

Three year permits are available for \$25.00. For more information, please see the application below.

These provisions take effect on April 23, 2014.

For any questions about keeping chickens in the City of Holland, please contact

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### Supporting Documents

 [Backyard Chicken Application](#)

 [Ordinance 1624 - see highlighted area for chicken information](#)

### Web Links

[Holland Backyard Chicken License and Registration Application](#)[Backyard Chicken Ordinance 1624](#)

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