

## Residential Hennery Regulations

Effective January 1, 2013

The following changes to the Animal and Hennery Regulations are focused only on the hennery portion of the regulation.

Anyone owning or having fowl (**HENS ONLY**), within the City of North Adams limits, ranging from one (1) to nine (9), **NO ROOSTERS** permitted, must obtain a permit through the North Adams Health Department and must follow the updated regulations.

1. All fowl must be maintained in a healthy condition, free of infection and germs and must have documentation from a licensed Veterinarian.
2. All fowl must be confined (fenced) to the property. The number of fowl will be determined by the amount of square footage available per coop. For 9 fowl the square footage would be 45 feet. (May require a Building Permit). The run area minimum would be 25 square feet per bird. The area must be kept clean as to not create a danger to the health and safety of the general public.
3. Coop shall be sized according to the number of fowl and kept clean, free of infestation, and a deterrent from other rodents or pests, and heated in the winter.
4. Food shall be kept in a dry sanitary condition. Water shall be kept clean and readily available.
5. Anyone renting an apartment and not the owner of the property will not be allowed to have a permit for fowl.
6. Any complaints from neighbors/neighborhoods will result in a warning for the first offence, \$50.00 fine for a second offence, and loss of the permit and removal of all fowl and equipment within a seventy-two (72) hour period for a third offence.
7. All disposal of fecal matter will be done in an appropriate manner, not causing sickness or endangering the health and safety of the general public.
8. Anyone having ten (10) or more fowl shall be required to abide by the Animal and Hennery regulation which requires zoning and acreage coverage.
9. All permitted henneries shall be inspected by an agent of the Board of Health or His or Her designee for a fee of \$15.00.
10. No one shall have or keep on their premises any fowl without a permit issued by the North Adams Board of Health.