



Requirements for a Live Poultry Market in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island

The following procedures apply to Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island:

1. For a new live poultry market, the location must be outside of a 1,500 foot radius of any residential dwelling.
2. The location must be surveyed by a licensed contractor or surveyor who can provide the applicant with a document on the company letterhead attesting that the location is outside of a 1,500 foot radius of any residential dwelling.
3. If the location has been verified by a licensed contractor or surveyor, the applicant must visit the NYC Buildings Department and request that the location be zoned for a slaughterhouse operation.
4. If there is an existing building on the location, the applicant must also request from the Buildings Department a Certificate of Occupancy stating that the building's use is for a slaughterhouse.
5. After the applicant has the document from the licensed contractor or surveyor attesting that the location is outside of a 1,500 foot radius of a residential dwelling, the zoning permit and the Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant must complete the applicant checklist and a hand drawing or blueprint of the proposed slaughterhouse, which depicts all of the required facilities (equipment, sinks, drainage etc.).
6. After obtaining the required documentation, the applicant must then contact the Brooklyn Regional Office at 718-722-2876 and request an appointment with the Chief Inspector for the borough that the proposed live poultry market will be located to review the documents for approval.
7. The applicant is advised that the NYC Buildings Department may provide the applicant with a zoning permit and Certificate of Occupancy for a slaughterhouse. However, if the location does not meet the requirement of being outside of a 1,500 foot radius of any residential dwelling, the Department of Agriculture and Markets cannot issue a license to operate a live poultry market in any of the 5 boroughs of New York City. It is recommended that applicant not enter any lease agreement or purchase any property to be used as a live poultry market until the required documents listed in item 5 have been reviewed and approved by the Chief Inspector.
8. The applicant is advised not to begin construction or renovations of an existing building until the drawing or blueprint has been approved by the Chief Inspector.
9. The Chief Inspector will verify whether documents are in order or whether corrections need to be made to the blueprint or drawing and will contact the applicant if adjustments need to be made or if there are questions.