

CONDITIONS

REGISTRATION OF HORSES OF THE COMMONS

A Requirements of registration

1 Section 15 of the City of Lincoln Council Act states:

(1) An inhabitant householder of the city shall enjoy a right to graze or pasture 1 horse upon the Commons subject to the restrictions specified in subsection 2 below and any requirements or prohibitions imposed by the Council in the exercise of their powers under sub-section (5) below

(2) A person shall not graze or pasture on the Commons any horse which is –
a) not registered under this section; or
b) used for commercial purposes

2 Section 17 of the City of Lincoln Council Act states:

(1) The Council may seize or impound any horse which is
a) on the Commons contrary to the provision of section 15..

3 A copy of this Act is available on request.

B Proof of City Householder status

1. An individual must provide proof of identification and residence in the city. This will be in the form of 2 types of identification as follows, one from each of the following groups:

Group 1

Passport
Driving Licence (with photograph)
Proof of Age Card with photograph
Work ID or Student ID
Travel Pass with photograph
Other membership card with photograph
Birth Certificate

Group 2

Utility Bill less than three months old
Current Council Tax Bill
Current Bank or Building Society statement
Pension Book
Poll Card
HMRC Tax document

A photocopy of these forms of ID will be taken and kept on the Council's file.

C Proof of Ownership of Horse

The Council can accept the following as evidence of bona-fide ownership:

a) A horse passport issued under the provisions of the Horse Passports Regulations 2009 (In the name of the owner) together with a micro-chip serial number as identified in the Veterinary check]
or
b) A loan agreement where an individual is the carer and keeper of the horse provided that this Agreement is made with a charity or a recognised organisation which is associated with equine welfare issues

A photocopy of either a) or b) above will be taken and kept on the Council's file.

D Statutory Declaration

- 1 An applicant seeking to register a horse on the common must therefore make a Statutory Declaration that he or she is:-
 - a) an inhabitant householder in the City
 - b) that that householder owns that horse
 - c) that the horse will not be used for commercial purposes
- 2 A Statutory Declaration must be made in front of a Solicitor or a Commissioner of Oaths.
- 3 A false declaration could lead to an individual being liable to prosecution and the horse itself will be liable to be removed from the Commons pursuant to section 17 of the Lincoln City Council Act 1985.

E Identification of a horse

1. Each horse must have a micro-chip serial code linked to a passport in order to be registered on the common.
2. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that this micro-chip is implanted prior to the veterinary check required by the Council
3. The fee for this micro-chip is payable by the owner directly to the veterinary surgeon.

F Indemnity

1. The Owner fully indemnifies the Council against all claims made by a third party, for damage to property or injury or other liability, claimed to be caused by the actions of the Owner's Horse on the Commons. Owners are advised to ensure that they have insurance in place in respect of the horse being put to pasture on the commons.

G Responsibilities of Owners regarding the horse

1. It is the Owner's responsibility to obtain and submit to the Licensing Officer for approval, a signed and stamped certificate issued by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon which certifies the following:
 - a) The vet has examined the horse referred to in this application and to the best of their knowledge and ability have found it to be free from disease.
 - b) The horse has been treated for worms to the vet's satisfaction and the Owner is aware that worming must take place at least 5 days prior to releasing the horse onto the Common
2. It is the Owner's responsibility to ensure that their horse remains healthy and free from pests and diseases. The Owner must, therefore, regularly check that their horse is healthy. If the Council considers that an Owner has been negligent towards the health of the horse, it will refer the matter to the appropriate agencies and may refuse to allow the Owner to pasture a horse on the Commons.
- 3 Infected horses should be removed from the Commons immediately and the Council's Contractor informed.
- 4 It is the Owner's responsibility to ensure that the horse has sufficient food.
- 5 No horse shall be tethered on the Commons.
- 6 No horse shall be placed on the Commons unless it is over one year of age.
- 7 The Owner shall not permit a mare to give birth on the Commons. To ensure the welfare of the mare and the foal, the mare shall not be allowed to return to the Commons until 6 months after giving birth.

8 If the Council incurs any veterinary bills or other expenses in relation to the horse, these may be recharged to the Owner.

If any of these Conditions are not complied with, the Owner's horse may be impounded and the expenses incurred in keep and removal will be charged to the Owner.

In addition your right to graze horses on the commons in the future may be affected.

Contact details

Email address:

licensing@lincoln.gov.uk

Further information:-

Lincoln Commons Horse Association:

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Communities and Environment



APPLICATION FORM

REGISTRATION OF HORSES ON THE CITY COMMONS

Full Name

Title (please circle) Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other (please specify).....

Address

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Contact Details:

Home telephone number

Mobile telephone number

Email address

Class of horse (please circle)¹ MARE GELDING PONY FILLY

OTHER (please specify).....

Name of Horse.....

Breed of Horse.....

Description including colour

Height (in hands)

Distinguishing features.....

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Horse Passport Number

¹ From 1st April 2014 Stallions and Colts are not permitted on the Commons or Cowpaddle.

Photographs

I enclose photographs of the horse (front and both sides)

Tick Box

Or,

I confirm I have emailed photographs to the licensing team of the front, and both sides of my horse for the Council's file (*licensing@lincoln.gov.uk*)

Tick Box

Or,

I confirm that the horse has not significantly changed in appearance from the 2021 / 2022 registration period and that the photographs already provided to the licensing team for this registration period will be sufficient for identification purposes if required. (Please note new photographs will be required at least every 5 years)

Tick Box

I understand that I may be photographed for identification purposes at the Council Offices

Tick Box

Owner's preference for the horse to be grazed on (please circle)

WEST COMMON

SOUTH COMMON

COW PADDLE

I have read and understood the Conditions attached to the Application Form.

Signed

Full name

Date

Note 1: The fee to register a horse on the Common is £68.00, and should accompany this application. The City of Lincoln Council can only accept ONLINE OR CARD PAYMENTS

Note 2: To make a false declaration in order to register a horse and obtain pasture rights may lead to a prosecution.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Application received on

Checked by

Certificate of Registration to be issued?

Date



STATUTORY DECLARATION

REGISTRATION OF HORSES ON THE CITY COMMONS

I (*full name*)

of (*address*).....

.....I

wish to make application to register a horse for grazing on the City Commons and do declare that: -

(1) I am an inhabitant householder of the City of Lincoln, within the meaning of Section 15 of the Lincoln City Council Act 1985, and the dwelling house mentioned above forms my permanent place of residence.

(2) The horse described below is my bona-fide property and no other person has any interest therein.

(3) The horse will not be used for commercial purposes.

(4) The horse has been checked by a fully qualified Veterinary Surgeon and certified with a clean bill of health accordingly.

(5) I am aware that it is my responsibility to ensure that the horse remains healthy and that I will promote the welfare of the horse and that it should be checked regularly for any problems.

(6) The horse will be micro-chipped at all times that it is kept on common land.

(7) I am aware that the Council recommends that I have in place insurance for my horse.

(8) I have read and understood the Conditions attached to the Application Form.

(9) If my horse is removed from the common, I will notify the Council's licensing team.

I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Important: Making a false declaration knowingly and wilfully is a criminal offence under Section 5 of the Perjury Act 1911 and you may be imprisoned for up to 2 years or fined or both.

DECLARED at

this day of 20

.....
(Applicant signature)

BEFORE

* Delete as appropriate
* (A Justice of the Peace for the City of Lincoln/Commissioner for Oaths/Solicitor).

.....
signature



(Name)
block capitals

(Address)
.....
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OFFICE STAMP
(Compulsory)



VETERINARY SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

REGISTRATION OF HORSES ON THE CITY COMMONS

Full Name (Block Capitals).....

Address of Practice.....

.....

.....Tel No.....

Detail of Horse Examined:

Name of Owner

Address of Owner

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Name of Horse

Description of Horse

Horse Passport Number

I, the undersigned, being a qualified Veterinary Surgeon, HEREBY CERTIFY the following:

1. I have examined the horse referred to above and can confirm that it is neither a Stallion nor a Colt.
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2. I have examined the horse referred to above and to the best of my knowledge and ability have found it to be free from disease.
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3. The horse has been treated for worms to my satisfaction and the owner is aware that worming must take place at least 5 days prior to releasing the horse onto the Common.
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4. I have checked for the micro-chip and confirm the following:-
 - a) The micro-chip serial code is
 - b) There is no micro-chip in the horse because

Veterinary Surgeon.....Date.....
(Signature)

**OFFICE STAMP
(Compulsory)**