



BACKYARD CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Attach the following:

- ☐ Diagram of the parcel on which the chickens will be kept (A copy of a survey will suffice.), including location of the structure to house the chickens and fenced enclosure relative to the back lot line and side lot lines. *Please ensure your diagram complies with ordinance 62-331 (h).* See attached.

**Must be 10 feet from any property line and 40 feet from any adjacent residential structures (unless separated by a public street).*

- ☐ Written acknowledgement signed by each adjacent property owner within 40 feet of a structure approving of the location of the structure housing the chickens. (See second page)

- ☐ \$35 administration fee (cash, check, or card)

I certify that the information submitted, and the accompanying attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Office Use Only:

Zoning Administrator or Code Enforcement Inspection Date _____

- ☐ Location of structure housing chickens follows policy.
- ☐ Structure is adequate to house _____ (number of) chickens (No roosters.)
- ☐ Fenced enclosure is sufficient for _____ chickens (10 sq. ft. per chicken)
- ☐ Food container adequate to prevent rodent infiltration.
- ☐ Waste container adequate to contain waste and odor.

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Conditions (attached)

Zoning Admin./Code Enforcement Signature

_____ Date _____

Village Manager

_____ Date _____

Signatures are required from property owners of any adjacent property, agreeing to location of the structure housing the chickens.

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION/AFFIDAVIT

I do hereby certify that I am the owner of the property herein described and that I agree to the location of the structure housing the chickens.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Signature of Property Owner _____ Date _____

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Ordinance Sec. 62-311 (h)

(1) Keeping of Chickens. Consistent with the Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices (GAAMP) for the care of farm animals as promulgated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDARD) under the authority of the Michigan Right-to-Farm Act (PA 93 of 1981, MCL 286.471 et seq.), all persons wishing to keep chickens within the Village shall adhere to the following:

a. Complete an application for a Permit to Keep Backyard Chickens, including:

1. Submission of a diagram of the applicant's property showing the location of the structure to house the chickens relative to the applicant's residence and adjacent residences.
2. Obtaining written permission of adjacent residents that reside within 40 feet of the structure housing the chickens, excluding any that may be separated from the structure by a street or non-residential structure.

b. Allow inspection by the zoning administrator and/or code enforcement official prior to receiving approval of the permit.

c. No person shall keep more than eight chickens at any time on any village parcel or contiguous parcels owned or leased by the applicant.

d. No person shall keep roosters within the village.

e. Structures for keeping chickens must meet the following requirements:

1. Be located in the backyard of the applicant's property, defined as an imaginary line even with the rear wall of the residential structure extending away from the structure.
2. Be located a minimum of ten feet from any property line.
3. Be located a minimum of 40 feet from any adjacent residential structures unless written permission has been obtained or if separated by a public street.

f. Covered structures for keeping chickens must meet the following guidelines:

1. Be constructed in a way that prevents entry by predators or rodents.
2. Provide a minimum of two square feet of floor space per chicken.
3. Provide a minimum of one nesting box for each three chickens.
4. Provide a minimum roosting bar length of eight inches per chicken.
5. Provide continuous ventilation.
6. Provide a source of natural and artificial light to allow chickens to find food and water and permit daily inspection by the applicant.

g. Provide a minimum of ten square feet of fenced enclosure space per chicken.

h. Provide a container that protects feed from entry by rodents.

i. Provide a container in which waste materials are collected that prevents entry by flies. Proper disposal of waste materials is required on a weekly basis.

j. Provide the minimum care of animals by:

Cleaning the structure in which chickens are kept on a regular basis.

Injured or sick animals will be attended to properly.

Animals may not be euthanized or slaughtered within the village.

Dead animals must be disposed of in accordance with the Michigan Bodies of Dead Animal Act (PA 239 of 1982, MCL 286.471 et seq.).