

Chicken Permit Application

Date Submitted: _____



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Applicant

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

(check one): ☐ Owner ☐ Renter

Property Owner Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

GPIN: _____ Zoning: _____

Sketch/Diagram

Please supply a sketch of the property, showing the area where the chickens will be housed, including the type(s) and size(s) of enclosures in which the chickens will be kept. Include the property dimensions and setbacks from all property lines.

Inspection Notes:

Completed by Zoning Administrator

Approval: _____ Date: _____

"Sec. 21-282. - Keeping chickens.

- a. **General standards.** The keeping of chickens is permitted as an accessory use in residentially zoned districts, subject to the following conditions:
1. Chickens are defined as domestic female laying hens. Roosters are prohibited.
 2. No more than six (6) chickens shall be allowed.
 3. Chickens shall not be allowed to roam outside of the property on which they are being kept. Chickens shall be provided a secure, enclosed coop. The materials used for coops shall be uniform and maintained in good condition. All areas associated with the keeping of chickens shall be cleaned and kept free of waste on a regular basis. Waste associated with the keeping of chickens shall be disposed of in an appropriate waste disposal container that is periodically removed from the site.
 4. The property owner shall ensure that no odor is discernable on any neighboring property.
 5. All coops shall be deemed accessory structures and shall be at five (5) feet from any rear or side property line. Coops shall not be permitted in front yards.
- b. **Administration & Enforcement.** The requirements of this section shall be enforced by the zoning administrator. Violations of this section shall constitute a class 3 misdemeanor. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense."
1. Persons wishing to keep chickens must file an application with the Department of Planning and Community Development. The application shall include a sketch of the property, showing the area where the chickens will be housed, including the type(s) and size(s) of enclosures in which the chickens will be kept. The sketch must show property dimensions and setbacks from all property lines. Upon receipt of the application, an inspection of the property will be scheduled with the applicant. Once the site and enclosures have been inspected and approved by the zoning administrator, a permit will be issued. The zoning administrator shall inspect the site prior to the approval of the application and may on an annual basis thereafter.
 2. Violations of this section may subject the owner to revocation of the permit; failure to obtain and maintain a permit shall constitute a zoning violation.
 3. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Zoning Administrator.
 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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Signature of applicant _____