



DOMESTICATED HEN LICENSE APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name *(Must be an individual)*

Driver's License/State ID # - State Issued
(Copy of Driver's License/State ID required)

CENTER LINE, MI

48015

Address of Applicant *(Required)*

City

State

Zip Code

Applicant Phone # *(Required)*

Applicant Email *(Required)*

Are you the owner of the property in which the domesticated hen(s) will be located?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Property Owner Name *(Required)*
(If different than applicant name)

Property Owner Phone # *(Required)*
(If different than applicant phone)

Property Owner Mailing Address *(Required)* *(If different than applicant address)*

Property Owner Email Address *(If different than applicant)*

Number of Hens to be permitted: *(Max. allowed/property - 3)* - _____

I, _____, confirm that the address provided on this license application is a single-family residence; and, understand that approved domesticated hens will be housed in a enclosure in accordance with the regulations set forth by the City of Center Line ordinance, and approved by the Building Director or his/her designee; and, understand that domesticated hens will not be free range; and, that I will feed and care for the domesticated hen(s) in accordance with humane health and safety standards, and in accordance with City of Center Line ordinances and regulations; and, that I will not cause or allow the domesticated hens to cause a nuisance to adjacent or other properties or persons; and, that I will use a secure feeding container, and not ground feed the domesticated hen(s); and, that I will not possess or allow possession of roosters/male chickens on the property for any reason; and, I will not sell domesticated hens, its eggs to others; and, I will not slaughter domesticated hens for consumption on the property, nor in the City of Center Line.

Signature of the Applicant

Date

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I, _____, hereby declare that the information provided on this license application is true and correct. I understand that any false statements made on this permit application may result in the denial or revocation of a domesticated hen permit.

Signature of the Applicant

Date

The license fee for Domesticated Hens is \$75.00, which was approved on 10/6/2025 by City Council.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

	# of Hens	FEE	PAID
Licence	_____	_____	_____

Inspection Completed ☐

License Approved Yes ☐ No ☐

License Issued Date: _____

Inspector: _____

An ordinance to amend sections of the Code of Ordinances regarding domesticated hens (residential).

The City of Center Line ordains:

Sec. 10-2 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-2. - Animals prohibited; exceptions.

Unless expressly authorized in this chapter, no person shall keep or house any animals within the city except dogs cats, birds, or animals commonly classified as pets. No horse, cow, calf, swine, sheep, goat, domesticated hens, geese or ducks shall be kept except as authorized by section 10-1 or 10-2. This offense is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or \$500.00 fine.

(a) Exception; domesticated hens (educational institutions). A public, charter, or parochial school may apply for a permit to keep up to 12 domesticated hens for educational purposes. A domesticated hen shall mean a female domesticated hen. A domesticated hen does not include any other type of fowl or a male domesticated hen.

(1) *License required.* An educational institution serving wishing to keep up to 12 domesticated hens shall obtain a license from the city and pay the required license fee, as established by city council. This license shall be valid for three-years and subject to renewal each September 1st. Only one license and fee per educational institution shall be required for all domesticated hens allowed under this section.

(2) *Adequate shelter, care and control required.* Any educational institution license to keep domesticated hens under this section shall comply with all of the provisions and definitions of this Code regarding care, shelter, sanitation, health, rodent control, cruelty, neglect, noise, reasonable control and any other requirements pertaining to the adequate care and control of animals in the city.

(3) *Inspection required.* Any educational institution wishing or permit to keep hens under this section shall submit to a physical inspection by the chief building inspector prior to the issuance or renewal of said license to ensure compliance with this section.

(4) *No ground feeding.* Ground feeding shall be prohibited. A feeding container shall be used for feeding and all unused or unconsumed food shall be adequately secured and stored after every feeding as to prevent access by other animals or rodents. All feeding shall be conducted in a manner as to prevent unconsumed food to be left open or accessible by other animals or rodents.

(5) *Further prohibitions.* Educational institutions may not keep any domesticated hens within 50 feet of any dwelling, street, alley or public place; permit any domesticated hens owned by it or in its possession or control to run at large in any street, alley or public place, or upon the premises of another.

(b) Exception: domesticated hens (residential). A single-family residence shall be allowed to keep up to three domesticated hens. A domesticated hen shall mean a female domesticated

hens kept as a pet with the added benefit of the possibility of an egg for consumption but not for sale by the resident or owner. Roosters or male domesticated hens are strictly prohibited. A domesticated hen does not include any other type of fowl.

(1) *License, inspection required.* A person wishing to keep up to three domesticated hens shall obtain a license from the building department and pay the required license fee established by the city council by resolution. The applicant shall provide all documentation required by the City of Center Line. Approved license holders shall schedule an inspection within thirty (30) days of license issuance. Failure to schedule an inspection shall result in an automatic revocation of the license. If an inspection identifies noncompliance with any of the requirements set forth in this ordinance or the Center Line Code of Ordinances, the license holder shall have thirty (30) days to achieve compliance with the requirements or the department may revoke the license or seek prosecution of the violation under the Center Line Code of Ordinances.

(2) *Adequate shelter, care and control required.* Any person licensed to keep domesticated hens under this section shall comply with all of the provisions and definitions of this Code regarding care, shelter, sanitation, health, rodent control, cruelty, neglect, noise, reasonable control and any other requirements pertaining to the adequate care and control of animals in the City. In addition, it shall be unlawful to slaughter a domestic hen for human consumption or other food source.

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(4) *Enclosure.* Domesticated hens shall be maintained in a fully enclosed structure or a fenced enclosure and shall be kept in the enclosed structure or fenced enclosure at all times. Fenced enclosures are subject to all fence provisions and restrictions in the Center Line Code of Ordinances. Enclosed structure shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be properly maintained in accordance with the property maintenance code adopted by the city. Domesticated hens shall not be kept in any location on the property other than in the backyard. No enclosed structure shall be located within any side or rear yard setback area. enclosed structure or fenced enclosure shall not be located closer than ten feet to any residential structure on adjacent property.