

PERMIT TO KEEP CHICKENS AS PETS

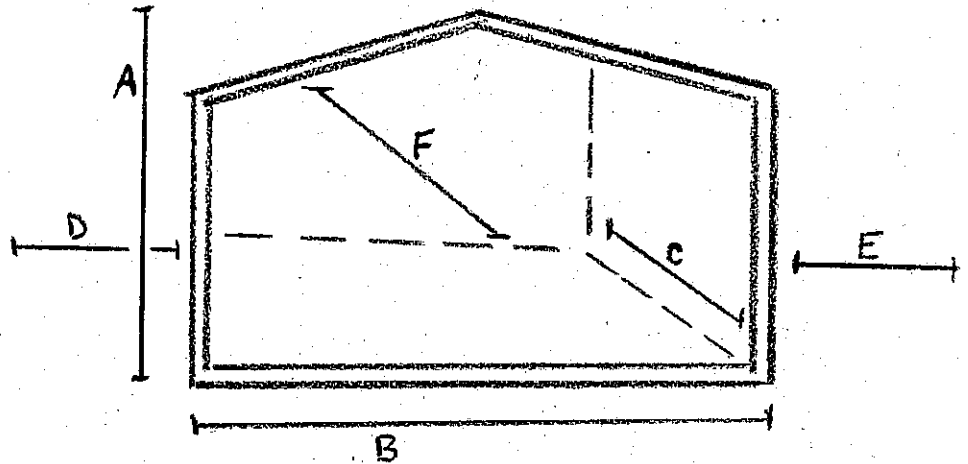
Please read the City of Parchment regulations regarding the keeping of chickens as pets on the back of this permit application. Applicant must meet all requirements of the ordinance as set out by the Parchment City Commission relative to coop and pen size/height, setbacks from property lines and neighboring residential structures and conditions to be maintained while chickens are present.

DATE: _____ \$65 FEE PAID: _____
NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please fill in all information regarding your chicken coop or pen:

A. Height: _____
B. Width: _____
C. Depth: _____
D. Setback from side lot line: _____
E. Setback from side lot line: _____
F. Setback from rear lot line: _____

Pen dimensions (if applicable): _____
Tot. Calculated area: _____



*The City of Parchment Zoning Ordinance requires chicken coops be no taller than 6 feet in height and a maximum of 80 square feet in total area for a coop/pen. A coop/pen must be located at least 10 feet from lot lines and 30 feet from the nearest adjacent residential structure.

**The City of Parchment Zoning Ordinance allows a maximum of three chickens to be kept on a residential property. Roosters are not allowed.

The City of Parchment may revoke this permit at any time if the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance are not met by the permit holder. Upon submission of this application for permit, the City Manager will review within 10 business days.

Approved: _____ Denied: _____

City Manager Date: _____

Completed applications should be turned in to the City of Parchment, Parchment City Hall, 650 S. Riverview Drive, Parchment, MI 49004.

ARTICLE IV

Appendix A – Zoning Ordinance, Article 5, R-A One-Family Residential District, is hereby amended to add a new Section 5.6, which shall hereafter read:

Sec. 5.6. Keeping of Chickens (Hens).

The purpose of this section is to provide standards and requirements for the keeping of chickens. Roosters are not permitted. It is intended to enable residents to keep up to three chickens on a non-commercial basis while limiting and mitigating any potential adverse impacts on surrounding properties and neighborhood. The keeping of up to three chickens that are utilized exclusively by the person(s) occupying a one-family dwelling as a locally grown food source for the consumption of eggs or meat, is permitted as accessory to the residential use only if all of the following are satisfied:

- a. Chickens shall be kept only in the rear yard secured within a coop and attached pen during non-daylight hours. During daylight hours, chickens may be allowed to roam outside of the coop and pen, if supervised, and only within an area completely enclosed by a fence with a minimum height of four feet.
- b. The coop and pen shall be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for chickens while minimizing adverse impacts on other residents and the neighborhood. The coop and pen shall meet the following requirements:
 1. The coop and pen shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from all property lines of adjacent property and be located a minimum of 30 feet from the nearest wall of any dwelling on an adjacent property. For the purposes of this section, a dwelling includes an attached garage but does not include an unattached garage. Public streets and public easements shall not be considered adjacent property lines for purposes of this section.
 2. The coop and pen shall be a maximum of six feet in height and shall not exceed a total of 80 square feet.
 3. The use of corrugated metal/fiberglass, sheet metal, plastic tarps, scrap lumber or similar materials is prohibited. The coop and pen must be completely enclosed with a top and/or cover.
 4. The coop and pen may be movable only if the dimensional/setback restrictions contained in this section are satisfied.
- c. All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens that are likely to attract or to become infested with or infected by rats, mice or other rodents shall be protected so as to prevent rats, mice or other rodents from gaining access or coming into contact with them.
- d. The outdoor slaughter of chickens is prohibited.
- e. The accessory use shall comply with all provisions of the Parchment City Code of Ordinances pertaining to noise, odors, dust, fumes, sanitation and health or other comparable nuisances to ensure the public health, safety and welfare.
- f. No person shall keep chickens without first securing a permit from the City on a form provided and paying a permit fee as prescribed by the Parchment City Commission by Resolution. The permit shall be issued by the City Manager or his/her designee. Such permit may be revoked by the City Manager or his/her designee if it is determined that any provision of this section has been violated.
- g. Establishment of an accessory use and/or accessory building under this section shall not confer a vested right in the provisions contained herein or a right to continue such use. Further, a permit granted under this section is personal to the applicant occupying the dwelling and is not transferable.
- h. All licenses required by the State of Michigan and Kalamazoo County, as well as all other statutes, ordinances and codes, shall be maintained at all times while there are chickens on the premises.
- i. No permit shall be issued by the City Manager or his/her designee without the written authorization from an owner of the property (if different from the applicant) consenting to the application on a form provided. Once authorization is obtained, it shall continue for as long as the applicant is in possession of the property.

ARTICLE V

Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a municipal civil infraction. Each day a violation of this Ordinance occurs shall constitute a separate offense.