

Application to Keep Poultry for Noncommercial Purposes

Applications can be submitted by mail or drop-off at the Zoning Department along with the \$25 annual fee made payable by check to the Borough of Madison or in person with exact cash. Conditional approval from the Borough Zoning Department is required prior to Borough Health Department review.

Applicant

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Property Location

Address: _____

Certification

No permit to keep poultry shall be transferable. Permits may be suspended or revoked by the Madison Board of Health or by order of the Health Officer upon violation of the purpose, intent, and provisions of the Board of Health ordinance, other ordinances of the municipality, and statutory laws of the State of New Jersey relating to the conduct of such activity. Permits granted shall expire on December 31 of the year of issue and must be renewed annually.

I certify that I will abide by the ordinance and laws governing the Managed Care of Chickens (Chapter 203, Article II), including Chapter 218 Section 2 of the Borough of Madison Bicentennial Code, the conditions listed below, and any additional guidelines provided annually by the Department of Health.

Signature of Owner _____

Date _____

Conditions of Permit

- ☐ Permission granted hereby is at all times subject to the authority of the Borough of Madison to restrict or prohibit the keeping of chickens by force of its own legislation. Permit approval or renewal is not guaranteed.
- ☐ The Application shall include a current (less than 10 years old) property survey with the proposed location of the coop and run depicted on it. A survey more than 10 years old can be used if submitted with a Certification in Lieu of Oath. The submission shall also include details of the proposed coop and enclosure. Moving the chicken coop and run after Zoning Approval will require a new permit application.
- ☐ There will be a maximum of six (6) mature hens/chickens for each permit issued. Roosters are strictly prohibited.
- ☐ Coops and Runs
 - ☐ The coop shall not exceed 36 square feet in size. The entire accessor run and coop structure combined shall not exceed 100 square feet.
 - ☐ No coop or run shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any property line or within fifty (50) feet of any adjacent dwelling, whichever is greater.
 - ☐ No coop or run shall be placed where people congregate, or within two hundred (200) feet of a food establishment.
 - ☐ The coop shall be dry and well ventilated, with windows so placed, if possible, as to admit sunlight.
 - ☐ The coop shall have a floor impervious to moisture and be waterproof.
 - ☐ The coop walls shall be kept clean either by having them whitewashed or painted therein or affixing an impermeable barrier to the walls to allow for cleaning.
 - ☐ The coop, including perches and nests, shall be cleaned regularly for the health and safety of the chickens and as a precaution against offensive odors. All food must be stored in airtight containers.



- ☐ Drinking receptacles in the area where the coop is located shall be cleaned and supplied at all times with clean water, free from stagnation. The owner is responsible for properly feeding the chickens daily in accordance with USDA guidelines.
- ☐ The yard in the area where the coop is located shall be clear and free from odors.
- ☐ The coop and run shall be constructed with such materials as to prevent predators (coyotes, foxes, bears, racoons, and/or rodents, etc.) from entering therein.
- ☐ Chicken manure must be bagged and disposed of with household garbage or composted on the site. All stored manure must be completely contained in a waterproof container. Any compost using chicken manure is required to be produced in an enclosed backyard composter.
- ☐ No person shall keep or maintain any live poultry, without obtaining formal approval from the Borough Health Department and being issued a permit for same by the Borough Health Department.
- ☐ Only one permit will be issued for any separate resident. The application fee is hereby fixed at \$25.00. This fee includes a health department inspection. If the health department needs to do a reinspection, the fee for each reinspection is hereby established in the amount of \$50.00.

