



KEEPING OF CHICKENS FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

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Owner's Name: _____ Phone & Email: _____
Address of Structure: _____
Installer of Structure: _____ Phone & Email: _____
Dimensions of Structure (LWH): _____ Lot size: _____

Required Site Plan Information. Attach Site Plan to Application

1. All legal property boundaries and dimensions.
 2. Location of the proposed structure and all existing structures from lot lines, building lines, and other structures.
 3. Property owner name and address of site.
 4. Flood plain information (portable/moveable buildings may be excluded from this requirement).
 5. Standard scale used.
 6. Calculation of the proposed building area or impervious surface, whichever is applicable.
 7. The site plan must be clearly legible and drawn with a straight edge.
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Code of Ordinances – Sec. 4-73. – Keeping of Chickens

- (a) The minimum lot size of the property is ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
- (b) The principal use of the property is a single-family dwelling.
- (c) The number of chickens does not exceed:
 - (1) Four (4) on lots ten thousand (10,000) square feet to nineteen thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (19,999) square feet.
 - (2) Six (6) on lots twenty thousand (20,000) square feet to twenty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (29,999) square feet.
 - (3) Ten (10) on lots thirty thousand (30,000) square feet or greater.
- (d) The chickens are kept in an enclosure or fenced area, such as a hen house, chicken coop, chicken tractor, etc., at all times.
- (e) The chicken enclosure or fenced area is a minimum of six (6) square feet per chicken.
- (f) The chickens are not kept on any location on the property other than in the backyard (the rear yard of the principal structure).
- (g) The covered enclosure or fenced area is a minimum of ten (10) feet to any property line of an adjacent property and fifty (50) feet from the neighboring dwellings, church, school or place of business.
- (h) The enclosures are kept in a clean, dry, odor-free, neat and sanitary condition at all times.
- (i) The chicken owner takes necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation of insects and parasites.
- (j) The keeping or harboring of male chickens or roosters is prohibited.
- (k) The premises upon which chickens are kept must be the property owner's primary residential dwelling.
- (l) No person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors chickens shall permit the premises where the chickens are kept to be or remain in an unhealthy, unsanitary or noxious condition, or to permit the premises to be in such condition that noxious odors are carried to adjacent public or private property. The chicken enclosure or chicken run authorized by this section may be inspected at any reasonable time by the animal control officer.
- (m) The slaughter and breeding of chickens on any premises in the city is prohibited.
- (n) No person shall maintain a chicken enclosure, coop and/or chicken run unless granted a permit by the director. Prior to the construction of the chicken enclosure, a site plan shall be reviewed and approved by the director.

APPROVAL & SIGNATURES

I, the undersigned Owner/authorized agent for installation of the structure addressed above hereby agree, understand and accept all requirements listed on this application and the attached site plan as being true and correct. I further understand that approval is based on this application and plans submitted and to all ordinances pertaining to chickens and structures specified herein or not. I understand that no one should use chickens or a coop structure within a residential district for any type of commercial operation whether permanent, part-time or as part of a home occupation. I understand that Environmental Services Department approval is required for this application. *I understand this approval does not override other covenants, deed restrictions, and/or homeowner's association requirements.*

Signature of Applicant/property owner

Print Name

Date

Comments/Notes:

Planning Department

Date

Reviewed & Approved

Comments/Notes:

Environmental Services

Date

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