



APPLICATION TO KEEP CHICKENS

Applicant _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Property Owner (*if different*) _____

Zoning District in Which the Property is Located _____

A site plan of the property showing the location of the chicken coop and exercise yard, distances from property lines and any other pertinent site information must be attached to the application.

Rules Pertaining to the Keeping of Chickens:

- A. Chickens may only be kept within areas of the city zoned to permit single-family dwellings.
- B. No more than six hens shall be housed or kept on any one residential lot.
- C. Roosters and chicken breeding are prohibited. Cockerels must be culled from broods when identified.
- D. A coop and a reasonably satisfactory exercise yard is required to house chickens. Chicken facilities must be constructed and maintained to meet the following minimum standards:
 - 1) Located in the rear or side yard.
 - 2) The setback required for the coop and exercise yard is three feet from the rear and side property lines.
 - 3) Coop construction and materials must be adequate to prevent access by rodents.
 - 4) The coop and exercise yard must be maintained in good repair.
 - 5) Coop and exercise yard areas may not occupy more than 30% of the rear yard.
 - 6) Coop and exercise yard areas shall be enclosed with escape-proof fencing and/or netting.
 - 7) Chicken feces and waste shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner and be kept separate from other household waste or garbage.
 - 8) Manure storage shall be kept a minimum of 20 feet from streams, tributaries, ditches, storm water management facilities, drop inlets, or other storm drainage areas that would allow fecal matter to enter any city storm drainage system or stream. Dumping animal waste into the city storm drainage system is prohibited.
 - 9) Chickens must not be housed in a residential house or an attached or detached garage, except for brooding purposes only.

10) All premises on which chickens are kept or maintained shall be kept clean from filth, garbage, and any substances which attract rodents. The coop and its surrounding areas must be cleaned frequently enough to control odor.

- E. Chickens shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance to the occupants of adjacent properties.
- F. Dead chickens shall be disposed of within 48 hours after death. Legal forms of chicken carcass disposal include burial and off-site incineration or rendering.
- G. All grain and food stored for the use of the chickens shall be kept in rodent proof containers.
- H. Chickens shall be kept so that visibility is substantially obstructed at a height of five feet above ground level to the traveling public or surrounding property owners.

I have read and understand the rules pertaining to the keeping of chickens in the City of Harrisburg. I understand that a violation of these rules may result in the loss of this permit and therefore the permitted chickens must be removed from the permitted property.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Signature of Property Owner *(if different)* _____

Date _____