



APPLICATION FOR OWNING CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

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DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
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HOW MANY CHICKENS WILL BE KEPT ON PROPERTY: (maximum of 6 hens) _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Please read the following Chicken Regulations

Permits will be granted only for tracts of land of at least one acre and located in residential (R1) districts as identified on the current Zoning Map on file with the Village of Mt. Zion. Non-Commercial use only.

A chicken coop and chicken run shall be required. Henhouses and chicken pens shall only be located in the rear yard or side yard and within the required setbacks as required by the Zoning Code. Henhouses and chicken pens must be located at least 10 feet from the property line and at least 25 feet from any adjacent residential dwelling, church, school or place of business.

Free-range chickens and roosters are prohibited. Chickens shall be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times. Chickens shall be secured within a henhouse during non-daylight hours. Opening windows and vents must be covered with a predator and bird proof wire with less than a 1 inch opening.

Enclosures must be kept in a clean, dry, odor-free, neat and sanitary condition at all times. Henhouses and chicken pens must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including dogs and cats. Henhouses shall be designed to provide a safe and healthy living condition for the chickens with a minimum of 4 feet per bird while minimizing adverse impacts to other residents in the neighborhood.

The applicant must provide notice to the residents of all immediately adjacent dwellings of the applicant's intent to obtain a permit.

The permittee shall not allow the permittee's chickens to roam off the permitted tract of land. No dog or cat or other domesticated animal which kills a chick off the permitted tract of land will, for that reason alone, not be considered a dangerous or aggressive animal or the Village's responsibility to enforce its animal control provisions.

A Site Plan is required showing hen structure, hen run and other structures on your property. Include measurements on site plan showing the size of the hen structure and distance from any adjoining property lines.