



BACKYARD CHICKEN HEN LICENSE APPLICATION

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PRIOR TO MAKING APPLICATION FOR A BACKYARD CHICKEN HEN LICENSE, THE TOWN RECOMMENDS APPLICANTS CONTACT, IF APPLICABLE, THEIR RESPECTIVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKEN HENS ARE PERMISSIBLE UNDER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS OR COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Applicant/Owner(s) Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

MUNICIPAL CODE – TITLE 10 - CHAPTER 3.3.G.5 BACKYARD CHICKEN HENS

The keeping of backyard chicken hens shall not be conducted until a Backyard Chicken License has been reviewed and approved and a license has been issued by the Community Development Director. Said license shall cite the conditions of the approval, if any. The following materials are required for review of a backyard chicken license application:

- Completed Backyard Chicken License Application.** *[All applicants must sign back page of application agreeing to abide by all Town of Erie Municipal Ordinances and Regulations and conditions set by Town of Erie].*
- \$25.00 Non-refundable application fee payable to the Town of Erie.**
- Scaled Site Plan of the property showing setbacks from property lines to the chicken coop and run.**

Backyard Chicken Hens may be an allowable permitted accessory use to single-family detached dwelling units on lots greater than 5,000 square feet in lot area that meet the following requirements and governed by the following regulations:

- a. No more than 6 backyard chicken hens are permitted per dwelling unit.
- b. Roosters are prohibited.
- c. Backyard chicken hens are required to be located within a designated chicken coop and chicken run that meet the following standards:
 - i. The chicken coop and chicken run shall be located in the rear yard of a property.
 - ii. The chicken coop and chicken run, nor any part thereof, shall be located between the rear of the principle structure and the front yard lot line.
 - iii. The chicken coop and chicken run shall have a minimum 5 foot setback from any side or rear property line.
 - iv. The chicken coop shall not be located within any utility easement.
 - v. The chicken coop shall be predator resistant with a solid covered roof.
 - vi. Water shall be provided onsite and be accessible at all times.
 - vii. During daylight hours, chicken hens shall have access to a chicken run that is adequately fenced and protected from predators and shall also have access to the chicken coop.
 - viii. From dusk to dawn, chicken hens shall be protected from predators by being enclosed within a chicken coop.
 - ix. The maximum chicken coop is 100 square feet in area.
 - x. A minimum of 4 square feet of area per chicken hen shall be provided in both the coop and run.
 - xi. The maximum height of the chicken coop shall be no more than 7 feet at the highest point of the roof.
- d. The chicken coop and run shall be maintained and shall regularly be cleaned to control dust, odor and waste and not constitute a nuisance, safety hazard or health problem to surrounding properties.
- e. No onsite slaughtering is permitted.
- f. Chicken feed shall be stored in metal re-sealable, airtight, predator proof containers.
- g. Chicken waste shall be stored in metal re-sealable, airtight, predator proof containers.

Applicant agrees to abide to the Town of Erie Municipal Code, and all Ordinances and Regulations:

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

STAFF USE ONLY

Community Development Department

Zoning of Property: _____

Legal Description: Block _____ Lot(s) _____ Subdivision _____

Approved: Yes: _____ No: _____ By: _____ Date: _____

Conditions/Comments:

