

## Brighton Township

### Application for Keeping of Chickens

The keeping of chickens shall be allowed only as an accessory use incidental to the permitted principal use in residential districts [R-1, R-2, SC-1, UD], subject to the requirements of the Zoning Code.

#### **Permits required:**

Application - Application for Chickens and Chicken Coop permit shall be made to the Zoning Officer on a form provided by the Township and shall be accompanied by the prevailing filing fee as established by Resolution by the Township Board of Supervisors. The Zoning Officer will make a decision and notify the applicant in writing within 15 calendar days of the date the application is received.

Scope - In cases where the Zoning Officer considers the application not within the scope of the permit requirements or Zoning Code, the application will be denied.

Time Limit - The Chicken and Chicken Coop permit shall be valid for a period of one year from initial date of approval.

Voiding of Permit - The Zoning Officer may void any permit for noncompliance with the requirements set forth in the permit or Zoning Code. Revocation may take place at any time prior to the expiration date of the permit. If the permit is revoked or is not renewed, it becomes null and void, and the use shall be terminated.

Inspection - Applicants shall permit a reasonable inspection of the premises by the Zoning Officer to determine compliance with the application, permit and the Zoning Code.

Renewal - Chickens and Chicken Coop permits may be renewed annually provided there has not been any violation of the provisions of this permit or the Zoning Code. Requests for renewals shall be submitted to the Zoning Officer in writing, accompanied by the prevailing renewal fee, as established by Resolution by the Township Board of Supervisors, one month prior to expiration of the permit.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot Size (acreage): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Chickens Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

Size / Dimensions of Coop (Length X Width): \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = SF \_\_\_\_\_

Size / Dimensions of Outside Run (Length X Width): \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = SF \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant shall comply with the minimum lot size and chicken maximum number of chickens requirements per Zoning Code:

Acreage	Maximum No. Chickens
1/2	3
1	4
3	6
5	8
10+	12

**Sanitary Requirements for Housing of Chickens:**

- (1) Any owner or owners of chickens are required to house chickens at all times under sanitary conditions so that the keeping of chickens shall not become either a public or private nuisance;
- (2) All chicken feces accumulated on private property shall be removed by using the approved sanitary method of double-bagging and placing in the trash for collection; and
- (3) Chicken feces on private property shall not be allowed to accumulate to the degree that it becomes a public health nuisance or hazard. In cases where chicken feces do accumulate on private property, the Code Enforcement Officer may conduct an investigation, after which the accumulation may be declared a public health hazard or nuisance and the owners shall be ordered to remove and dispose of the accumulated feces in an approved manner.
- (4) Coops shall be regularly cleaned and maintained, and kept in good appearance.
- (5) Proper storage of feed. All feed, water and other items associated with the keeping of chickens shall be protected and secured in a way that prevents infestation by rats, mice, or other rodents or vectors.

Do you comply with the following criteria established by Zoning Code for the Keeping of Chickens and Chicken Coop?

	<b>Criteria for Compliance</b>	Yes	No
1	I have read and comply, and will continue to comply, with the Sanitary Conditions for the Housing of Chickens as set forth in this application and Zoning Code.		
2	Only one chicken coop is permitted on the property. All chickens shall be housed in a chicken coop that is either stationary or mobile, secured, and enclosed in a way that prevents the escape of chickens and the entry of predators. Floors, walls, and ceiling or roof areas are required. The minimum size of the coop shall be four square feet per chicken. The maximum height of the coop shall be eight feet.		
	A chicken coop shall be located and maintained only in the back yard of the property; the chicken coop is prohibited from being located in the front or side yard of any property.		
3	The chicken coop shall be setback a minimum of 30 feet from any lot line; and a minimum of 100 feet from any dwelling other than the property owner's dwelling.		
4	An outside run is permitted when attached to the chicken coop, and only in the rear yard. Chickens are not be permitted to run at large. If an outside run is provided, it shall be no bigger than 20 square feet per chicken and shall be enclosed in such a way that contains the chickens as provided above in Criteria 2. The outside run setbacks shall be the same as the coop as provided above in Criteria 3. Any chicken not contained within an approved coop or run shall be deemed "at large" and in violation of Code.		
5	Chickens shall be kept for personal use only. The selling of chickens, or chicken manure, or the breeding of chickens for commercial purposes is prohibited.		
6	The keeping of roosters, and ducks and other fowl is prohibited.		
7	Composting. It shall be unlawful for any person to spread or cause to spread or deposit upon any ground or premises any chicken manure.		
8	Coops shall be regularly cleaned and maintained, and kept in good appearance.		
9	Proper storage of feed. All feed, water and other items associated with the keeping of chickens shall be protected and secured in a way that prevents infestation by rats, mice, or other rodents or vectors.		
10	The keeping of chickens does not violate any private plan restrictions or plan covenants that apply to the plan of lots in which the property is located.		
11	I have attached a site plan demonstrating compliance showing the location of the coop and outside run area, where applicable, to demonstrate compliance with the setback criteria established by the Zoning Code.		

\$25 Fee Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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This permit is valid for a period of one year from the date of approval and may be reissued on an annual basis provided the applicant can demonstrate compliance with the permit and Zoning Code.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_