



Spring Lake Township
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KEEPING OF CHICKENS PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

OWNER'S NAME _____

TELEPHONE # _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS _____

OWNER'S EMAIL ADDRESS _____

REQUIREMENTS

- Site Plan Drawing** of the lot showing all buildings lot lines and the location of the street or streets and where the chicken coop will be installed shall be submitted with this application. Site plans larger than 11" x 17" must **also** be submitted in a PDF electronic format.
- Permit** will be issued only after receipt of all required paperwork and after a proper plan review is completed by the Zoning official.
- Permit fee: \$40.00**

By signing below, applicant agrees to perform the described work in accordance with all applicable sections of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances.

SIGNATURE _____

Office Use Only

Permit #: _____ Date Received: _____ Fee: _____

Date of Approval: _____ Date of Denial: _____ Approved by: _____

Keeping of chickens shall require a Zoning Permit issued by the Zoning Administrator and shall comply with the following regulations and requirements:

KEEPING OF CHICKENS REQUIREMENTS

(Section 303 of the Spring Lake Township Zoning Ordinance)

C. Keeping of Chickens (Hens).

1. **Mitigation**: The keeping of hens shall be done in a manner to mitigate any potential adverse impacts on surrounding properties.
2. **Maximum**: A maximum of four (4) hens may be kept per Lot if the Lot is at least twelve thousand (12,000) square feet. One (1) hen per one-tenth (.10) acre may be added with a maximum of ten (10) hens.
3. **Roosters**: Roosters are prohibited.
4. **Enclosure**: Hens shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or an adjoining fenced enclosure in the Side Yard or Rear Yard at all times.
5. **Enclosure Location**: All covered enclosures or fenced enclosures shall be located in the Rear Yard, shall be no closer than five (5) feet to any Lot line, and shall be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any Dwelling on an adjacent Lot.
6. **Enclosure Site**: The total square footage of any covered enclosure shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet and shall be a maximum of eight (8) feet in height. This square footage shall not count against the total allowable Accessory Building square footage or number of allowable Accessory Buildings per Section 306 of this Ordinance.
7. **Protection**: All feed and other items associated with the keeping of hens that attract rats, mice, or other rodents or vermin shall be secured and protected in sealed containers.
8. **State Compliance**: Hens shall be kept in compliance with all applicable Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices, as established by the State from time to time.
9. **Application**: Applications for original and renewal permits may be submitted to, and permits shall be issued by, the Township. Permits shall be issued within a reasonable time frame if the applicant demonstrates that all conditions of this section have been met.
10. **Fees**: The applicant shall pay the fee established by the Township Board from time to time.
11. **Duration**: An initial permit shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. A renewal permit shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of issuance.