



TOWN OF CARMEL
 Town Hall - 60 McAlpin Avenue
 Mahopac, NY 10541
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PERMIT APPLICATION TO HOUSE CHICKENS

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name and Address of Owner of Premises*: _____

Tax Map Number: _____ Lot Size: _____ Number of chickens: _____

The housing of chickens in the Town of Carmel is subject to the following conditions and requirements:

1. A coop for housing chickens and an attached run shall be permitted as an accessory use. The combined square footage of the coop/run area should allow at least four square feet for each chicken being kept in the area. Roosters are prohibited.
2. No coop or run for housing of chickens shall be located on a lot comprised of less than forty-thousand (40,000) square feet of lot area. A lot may only house a **maximum of six chickens for every forty-thousand (40,000) square feet** of lot area comprising such lot. **No lot may house more than 18 (eighteen) chickens in total.**
3. Coops and runs may not be located in any front yard as defined in this chapter. Coops and runs shall be situated completely in a side or rear yard, at least 15 feet from all rear and side property lines.
4. All coops and runs must be kept clean neat and free of debris and be in compliance with all state and local laws pertaining to animals generally.
5. All coops and any attached run shall be screened from view at ground level from adjacent lots by using 4 ft. to 6 ft. fencing, landscaping, or a combination thereof and the screening must be present throughout the year. i.e. evergreen landscaping.
6. All feed shall be kept in rodent-proof containers.
7. All chickens will be contained in coops and runs unless property size is in excess of three acres.
8. Penalties for offenses.
 - A. Any complaint received by the building department or police department pursuant to this chapter pertaining to the cleanliness or sanitary condition of the run/coop may be referred to the Putnam County SPCA for investigation and who is hereby empowered to enforce any and all violations of this code.
 - B. Any person or entity that shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and shall be punished as follows:
 - (1) For a first offense: by a fine not to exceed \$50.
 - (2) For a second offense: by a fine not to exceed \$100.
 - (3) For a third offense or any subsequent offenses: by a fine not to exceed \$200 or removal of chickens, coop, and run from said premises, or by both such fine and cessation of use.
 - (4) Each violation of any provision of this chapter and each week that each such violation shall continue shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense.
 - (5) In addition to the above provided penalties and punishment, the Town may also maintain an action or proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with or to restrain by injunction any violation of this chapter.

By submitting this application and as a condition of receiving a permit, I agree that I will house chickens at the above address in accordance with all provisions set forth in §156-39.5 of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Building Department Review _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
 Town Clerk, Town of Carmel

* If applicant is not property owner, attach written notarized consent from the property owner.