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**APPLICATION FOR KEEPING & RAISING CHICKENS**

**Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tax Key Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property owner(s) (Full Legal Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant (Full Legal Name):**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person (Full Legal Name):**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WI DATCP Premise ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maximum Number of hen chickens requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size of chicken coop (square feet):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submittals must include and be accompanied by the following:**

- This Application form accurately completed with original signatures.
- \$100.00 Application Filing Fee, payable to the City of Pewaukee.
- A written narrative describing the maximum number of chickens to be kept on the premise, the plan and process for the disposal of poultry manure, how frequent the coop will be cleaned, plan for enclosing all feed from rodents and other animals, and list the property owners names and address of all adjoining properties.
- Site Plan showing the existing and proposed locations of structures, fences, chicken enclosure in relation to property boundaries.
- Building plans and details for the enclosure.
- Proof of livestock premises registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. ([https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx))
- All application materials provided in a digital format (Adobe PDF). Materials may be submitted on a USB Flash Drive or emailed to [buildingservices@pewaukee.wi.us](mailto:buildingservices@pewaukee.wi.us).

**Please review Section 340-2.9B.(2) of the City's Municipal Ordinance for detailed standards and requirements for raising and keeping chickens in the City of Pewaukee.**



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The applicant and property owner(s) hereby certify that:

- 1) all statements and other information submitted as part of this application are true and correct to the best of applicant's and property owner(s)' knowledge;
- 2) the applicant and property owner(s) has/have read and understand all information in this application; and
- 3) the applicant and property owner(s) agree that any approvals based on representations made by them in this Application and its submittal, and any subsequently issued building permits or other type of permits, may be revoked without notice if there is a breach of such representation(s) or any condition(s) of approval.

By execution of this application, the property owner(s) authorize the City of Pewaukee and/or its agents to enter upon the subject property(ies) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily for the purpose of inspection while the application is under review. The property owner(s) grant this authorization even if the property has been posted against trespassing pursuant to Wis. Stat. §943.13.

*(The applicant's signature must be from a Managing Member if the ownership is an LLC, or from the President or Vice President if the ownership is a corporation. A signed applicant's authorization letter may be provided in lieu of the applicant's signature below, and a signed property owner's authorization letter may be provided in lieu of the property owner's signature[s] below. If more than one, all of the owners of the property must sign this Application).*

**PETITIONER'S/APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME & TITLE (PRINT):** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGN AND DATED this** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME & TITLE (PRINT):** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGN AND DATED this** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME & TITLE (PRINT):** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGN AND DATED this** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

City Staff-

**RECEIVED** at City Hall by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Fee paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_.



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**Number of chickens allowed in zoning districts**

§ 340-4.5. Rs-1 Single-Family Residential District.

- Permitted accessory uses.
  - The recreational keeping and raising of a maximum of fifteen (15) hen chickens in accordance with § 340-2.9(2)(l) for eggs, meat or meat by-products for family consumption, and not for sale on the premises.

§ 340-4.6. Rs-2 Single-Family Residential District. [Amended by Ord. No. 13-09]

- Permitted accessory uses.
  - The recreational keeping and raising of a maximum of fifteen (15) hen chickens in accordance with § 340-2.9(2)(l) for eggs, meat or meat by-products for family consumption, and not for sale on the premises.

§ 340-4.7. Rs-3 Single-Family Residential District.

- Permitted accessory uses.
  - The recreational keeping and raising of a maximum of ten (10) hen chickens in accordance with § 340-2.9(2)(l) for eggs, meat or meat by-products for family consumption, and not for sale on the premises.

§ 340-4.8. Rs-4 Single-Family Residential District.

- Permitted accessory uses.
  - The recreational keeping and raising of a maximum of five (5) hen chickens in accordance with § 340-2.9(2)(l) for eggs, meat or meat by-products for family consumption, and not for sale on the premises.

**Please read and initial the following:**

**340-2.9B.(2) Detailed standards for certain residential accessory structures and uses**

(l) Keeping and raising chickens

- \_\_\_\_\_ [1] DEFINITIONS.
  - [a] Coop. A cage or small structure for housing chickens.
  - [b] Enclosure. The entire space within which chickens are kept, including both coop and run.
  - [c] Run. A designated enclosed area, attached to a chicken coop, in which chickens are allowed to roam safely outdoors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [2] KEEPING CERTAIN FOWL PROHIBITED. Roosters shall not be permitted in any zoning district. The only fowl that may be kept in the City is chickens. If a rooster is identified on a premise, the owner shall have 10 days upon verbal or written notification by a city official to remove said rooster.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [3] PERMIT REQUIRED. All residents must apply for and receive a Chicken Permit prior to construction of an enclosure and placement of chickens on their property. The applicant shall pay an annual non-refundable permit fee in accordance with the City's annual fee schedule, which will be established from time to time by separate resolution of the Common Council. Upon receipt of a completed application and payment of fee, the Zoning Administrator shall review the application and may approve, deny or conditionally approve the issuance of license subject to reasonable conditions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [4] PLANS REQUIRED. Plans for enclosures and a site plan showing the location of the enclosure in relation to property boundaries and structures on the premises must be submitted with the Chicken Permit application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [5] PREMISES REGISTRATION. Proof of livestock premises registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection must be provided at time of application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [6] INSPECTION. All premises for which a permit has been issued shall be available for inspection by the City. A refusal to allow inspection may result in revocation of or refusal to renew the permit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [7] GENERAL STANDARDS.
  - [a] The City noise standards in Sections 126-3.E. and 253-5.J. of the Municipal Ordinance shall apply to the keeping of chickens.
  - [b] The public nuisance noxious odors standards specified in Sections 126-3.D.(2) and 253-3.G. of the Municipal Ordinance shall apply to the keeping of chickens.



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- [c] Chickens shall be provided with a coop affording enclosed protection against weather and adverse elements.
- [d] Chickens shall be kept within the coop and run area at all times; the free ranging of chickens is prohibited.
- [e] Chickens shall be provided with fresh water and adequate amounts of feed regularly.
- [f] No commercial activities shall be permitted upon any premise related to keeping and raising chickens, such as roadside stands, the selling of eggs, sale of live or dressed chickens, sale of live chicks, sale of feathers, and any other activity deemed similar by the Zoning Administrator.
- [g] Slaughtering of chickens shall not be allowed.
- [h] All feed must be contained in a rodent-free container.
- [i] Eggs shall not be hatched.
- [j] Manure and soiled bedding shall be removed from the enclosure regularly and frequently enough to avoid odors and attraction of insects. Manure and soiled bedding shall be disposed of in a sealed container.
- [k] Dead chickens shall be removed from the premises and disposed of in accordance with law.
- [8] ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.
- [a] No more than one enclosure shall be allowed on any one property. Chicken coops shall be considered accessory structures and count towards lot coverage calculations.
- [b] Enclosures shall be located within the rear yard only.
- [c] No chicken coop or run area shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet to any residential lot line.
- [d] Enclosures shall be constructed in a sturdy and workmanlike manner.
- [e] Coops shall be mounted off the ground, placed on a hard surface such as concrete or patio blocks, or have a floor of hardware cloth, such that burrowing animals may not enter.
- [f] If an enclosure is mounted off the ground, it must be constructed so that feed cannot fall through the bottom onto the ground. Any feed falling outside of the enclosure must be cleaned up daily.
- [g] Coops shall be at least three-square feet in area per hen chicken. Run areas shall be at least sixteen square feet in area per hen chicken.
- [h] Enclosures shall be fenced in a manner to securely contain the hen chickens. Fencing for run areas shall be a minimum of 48 inches in height or higher and covered to contain chickens at all times.
- [i] Enclosures shall be enclosed on all sides, including the top and covered with solid material or hardware cloth.
- [j] Coops shall be constructed with materials and roofing to provide a clean, dry, adequately ventilated, and draft-free environment.
- [k] No open flame heating devices are allowed in enclosures.
- [l] Fencing shall meet all zoning requirements, except for the allowance of chicken wire type fencing specifically for enclosures.
- [m] A Zoning Permit shall be obtained prior to construction or installation of any coop, run or fencing. Any electrical work requires an electrical permit through the Building Services Department.
- [n] Enclosures shall be removed no later than twelve (12) months after the keeping of chickens is no longer a use on the property.

\_\_\_\_\_ [9] **DISCLAIMER.** The grant of a Chicken Permit by the City of Pewaukee does not supersede or abrogate any law or ordinance, private deed restrictions, homeowner's association regulations or bylaws, or other private restrictions that may apply and may be more restrictive. Persons requesting a permit to keep chickens are solely responsible to know and comply with any such private limitations.

\_\_\_\_\_ [10] **COMPLIANCE AND REVOCATION OF PERMIT.** It is recognized that if best management practices are not observed, the keeping of chickens can create a nuisance. Therefore, the above compliance procedures shall be applied to the keeping of chickens. Upon determination by the Zoning Administrator that the Permittee has violated any provision of this Ordinance, the Owner shall be issued one written warning of violation. Upon determination by the Zoning Administrator that the Permittee has violated any provision of this Ordinance a second time, the Zoning Administrator may revoke the Chicken Permit, in which case the Permittee shall, within 30 days, remove all chickens, chicken coop(s) and fencing. Once a Chicken Permit has been revoked, it shall not be reissued for a period of at least three years. The revocation may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to Section 340-12.5 of the City's Municipal Ordinance.