

CITY OF ROCKLAND, MAINE



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KEEPING OF DOMESTICATED CHICKENS APPLICATION

1. Property Address: _____ Tax Map/Block/Lot: _____
2. Property Owner(s): _____ Phone: _____
3. Email address to send completed permit: _____
4. Current Use of Property: Single-Family Multi-Family Mixed Use
5. Number of chickens: _____ (maximum of 6 hens/0 roosters)

Please initial that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the following regulations:

_____ Non-Commercial Use Only. Chickens shall be kept for personal use only, and chicken breeding, fertilizer production for commercial purposes, and on-site slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.

_____ Quantities Limited. No person may keep a rooster, nor maintain more than six hens on a single parcel. Those persons lawfully possessing more than six hens as of November 9, 2015, may retain those birds but not replace them.

_____ Chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area (chicken pen) at all times during daylight hours. Enclosures must be clean, dry, and reasonably odor-free, kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor or other adverse impact. The chicken pen must provide adequate sun and shade and must be inaccessible by rodents, wild birds, and predators, including dogs and cats. It shall be constructed with sturdy wire fencing buried at least 12" in the ground. The pen must be covered with wire, aviary netting, or solid roofing. The use of non-galvanized chicken wire is not permitted. Alternatively, chickens may be enclosed in portable, predator-proof coops or other suitable enclosure approved by the Code Enforcement Officer.

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 Approved Denied Date _____ CEO Signature _____

_____ Chickens shall be secured within a chicken coop or house during non-daylight hours. Each chicken coop or house shall be detached from residential structures. In the case of traditional New England barn structures attached to the main house by an ell, the chickens can be permitted in the barn, as long as they are enclosed in a separate coop area and not roaming throughout the barn. The chicken coop or house shall be enclosed on all sides, shall have a roof, and shall have doors capable of being closed and locked. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator- and bird-proof wire of less than one-inch openings. Chicken coops and houses shall be cleaned regularly, and maintained so as to protect the health and comfort of the chickens housed therein. Chicken coops and chicken houses shall be located only in the yard to the rear of the principal dwelling, or in the case of a barn attached to the side of the house by an ell, the chicken coop may be located in said barn but the chicken yard shall be located to the rear of the barn. Chicken coops and houses shall be at least ten (10) feet from the property line(s) and at least fifteen (15) feet from residences on abutting lots. Chicken coops and houses may not be located in any front yard, nor in the interior of any home or other dwelling unit. Lights used to illuminate exterior areas around chicken coops or chicken houses must be turned off when no persons are present; motion-sensor lighting may be used for this purpose.

_____ Waste Storage and Removal. All chicken manure shall either be promptly composted or tilled into cultivated earth in such manner as to prevent run-off and minimize odor, be properly stored, or be removed and properly disposed of. All stored manure shall be placed in a fully enclosed container. No more than one, thirty-gallon container of manure shall be stored on any one parcel where chickens are kept. In addition, the chicken coop or house, pen, and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings.

_____ Predators, rodents, insects, and parasites. Each Domesticated Chickens Permit holder shall take all reasonable precautions to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation by insects and parasites. Where such conditions are found to exist by a code enforcement official or animal control officer, the City may order the removal of the chickens, enclosure(s), and coop(s) or house(s), or may arrange for such removal the cost of which shall be borne entirely by the permit holder or property owner.

_____ Each person keeping domesticated chickens in Rockland must comply with the standards set forth in this Section:

- A. Feed and Water. Chickens must be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times, arranged in such manner as to be inaccessible by rodents, wild birds, and predators. Uneaten feed shall be removed in a timely manner.
- B. Odor. Odors from chickens, chicken manure, or other chicken-related substances shall not be perceptible at the property boundaries.
- C. Predators, rodents, insects, and parasites. Each person keeping domesticated chickens shall take all reasonable precautions to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation by insects and parasites.
- D. Deceased Chickens. Deceased chickens shall be promptly removed and properly disposed of.

Provide a site plan showing the location of the chicken coop with set-back distances.

Applicant Signature

Date

Owner Signature (if different)

Date

SAMPLE SITE PLAN FOR DOMESTICATED CHICKENS

Provide a Site Plan reasonably drawn to scale showing at a minimum the following:

- Scale of drawing
- Adjacent streets and street names
- Property lines and dimensions
- Location of chicken coop

Note: The Code Office will provide you with an aerial photograph showing the abutting properties, nearby buildings, and property lines in order to assist you with properly locating your chicken coop.

Example of a Site Plan to accompany a Keeping of Domesticated Chickens Application. This example is reduced.

