



CITY OF BUCHANAN

PERMIT APPLICATION FOR KEEPING OF DOMESTIC CHICKENS IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ E-mail: _____

Applicant is the: _____ Owner _____ Tenant _____ Lessee

Property Owner's Name (if different from applicant): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Property Location or Address: _____

Parcel Number: _____

Zoning District: _____

Regulations for Keeping of Domestic Chickens

CHAPTER 12 "ANIMALS and FOWL" Section 12.1 and Section 12.5, effective October 13, 2016

1. A maximum of six (6) domestic chickens may be kept: roosters are prohibited.
2. All domestic chickens shall be kept as follows:
 - a. All domesticated chickens shall be kept outside of a habitable structure in a predator proof enclosure, a portion of which must be a covered predator resistant henhouse with a minimum of two (2) square feet per bird, and a portion of which must be a completely fenced in area, a minimum of six (6) square feet per bird and constructed of material such as wire and/or mesh material.
 - b. Henhouses shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and doors. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator and bird resistant wire of less than one (1) inch openings.
 - c. All henhouses and fenced enclosures must be properly ventilated, clean, dry and 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.
 - d. A henhouse and fenced enclosure must provide adequate ventilation, adequate sun and shade and must be constructed in a manner to prohibit access by rodents, wild birds, predators, including dogs and cats.
 - e. All henhouses and fenced enclosures shall be located not less than twenty-five (25) feet away from any

residential structure (other than the permit holder's residence) and not less than twenty (20) feet from any property line.

- f. All domestic chickens shall be kept in a required rear yard. No domestic chickens shall be kept in a required front yard.
- g. All food for domestic chickens must be kept either indoors or in a weather resistant container designed to prevent access by animals. Uneaten food shall be removed daily.

3. Sanitation, nuisance, and humane treatment:

- a. The henhouse and fenced in area must be kept free from trash and accumulated domestic chicken manure.
- b. Provision must be made for the sanitary storage and removal of domestic chicken manure. All manure for composting or fertilizing shall be contained in a well aerated garden compost pile located at least twenty (20) feet from any property line. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed.
- c. No person shall keep chickens within the City in such a manner that a nuisance is created.
- d. No perceptible odor from the domestic chickens or their enclosure shall be present at any property line.
- e. Slaughtering of domestic chickens is prohibited
- f. Breeding of domestic chickens is prohibited.
- d. No domestic chickens shall be used or trained for fighting for amusement, sport or financial gain.

4. Permit Required:

- a. An annual no fee permit issued by the City of Buchanan shall be required for the keeping of domesticated chickens. Any material misstatement or omission shall be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of the permit.
- b. The permit authorized the keeping of domesticated chickens only upon the property identified in the permit. An applicant for a permit must be the property owner or have written permission from the property owner to be eligible to obtain a permit. The permittee must occupy the residence on the property where the domestic chickens are kept as his or her personal primary residence.
- c. Only one (1) permit shall be issued for any eligible property of record in the City of Buchanan. In the event that the permittee is absent from the property for longer than sixty (60) days the permit shall automatically terminate and become null and void.
- d. The first permit year shall extend from the date of issuance through December 31st of that year. Thereafter the permit year shall be January 1 through December 31.
- e. The sale of domestic chickens and/or their eggs is prohibited on the property.

I hereby attest that all information on this application is true and accurate. I certify that I have familiarized myself with the Keeping of Domestic Chickens regulations of the City of Buchanan Animals & Fowl Ordinance as well as the regulations in the Zoning Ordinance, and that I will abide by said regulations. I agree that City employees (such as the Code Enforcement Officer/Ordinance Officer, Police Officers, Zoning Administrator, City Manager or Building Inspector) are allowed to enter the property to make sure that the terms of the Permit are being met. Failure to abide can result in revocation of the permit and removal of the domestic chickens. I understand that I am responsible for any costs incurred by the City for removal of the chickens.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY OF BUCHANAN

Date application received: _____ Staff Initials: _____

Application approved: ____Yes ____No License # _____Expires: _____

Signature: _____

Notes:

SITE DRAWING: DRAWING MUST BE TO SCALE. (SHOW STREETS, STRUCTURES, EASEMENTS, DRIVEWAYS, & PROPERTY LINES). Sample below.

