



Town of Kearny

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RESIDENTIAL CHICKEN COOP LICENSE APPLICATION

Initial (\$50) Renewal (\$50)

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL RESIDENTIAL CHICKEN COOP LICENSES ANNUALLY EXPIRE ON JANUARY 1st. APPROVAL FROM OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO INITIAL OPERATION OF YOUR COOP. FURTHER DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE OBTAINING HEALTH DEPARTMENT APPROVAL.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____
Address: _____

Property Owner Information

Name: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____
Address: _____

Coop Information

Location of coop: _____

Is the residential property larger than a two-family dwelling? Yes No

Will electricity be utilized at the chicken coop? Yes No

Number of chickens (4 hens max): _____

Dimensions of coop: Width _____ in. x Length _____ in. x Height _____ in.

Dimensions of porch: Width _____ in. x Length _____ in. x Height _____ in.

Dimensions of run: Width _____ in. x Length _____ in. x Height _____ in.

How will the chickens be fed and watered? _____

How will droppings be removed? _____

List the materials that will be utilized for the construction of coop, run, runway, porch, perch, and waste catch:

A SKETCH DIAGRAM WITH THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR YOUR CHICKENS SHALL BE ATTACHED WITH THIS APPLICATION. THIS SKETCH SHOULD INCLUDE THE LOCATION AND SIZE OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, THE LOT LINES OF THE PROPERTY, THE LOCATION, SIZE, AND TYPE OF ALL STRUCTURES AND CONTAINMENT AREAS FOR THE CHICKENS (COOP, FENCING, ETC.), SETBACKS OF CHICKEN COOP (PORCH, WASTE CATCH, ETC.), AND SETBACKS AND USE OF ADJACENT STRUCTURES (HABITABLE STRUCTURES ON NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES).

REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS OF RESIDENTIAL CHICKEN COOPS

- The housing of chickens must be the primary purpose of the structure. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, chickens must be housed and kept in a manner which will not constitute a public or neighborhood nuisance.
- In no case shall any person or persons be permitted to keep live chickens on their property in the Town, except that no more than four chickens may be kept in the yard of a single-family house or two-family dwelling.
- In no case shall any person or persons be permitted to raise, keep and/or maintain roosters within the Town.
- In no case shall any person or persons be permitted to sell eggs produced from their residential chicken coop to the public.
- No chicken shall be allowed to fly or run at large outside of resident's enclosed property, but shall be confined in a suitable structure or coop.
- All chickens must be housed in coops or structures that are properly designed for such use and completely apart from any building used wholly, or in part, for dwelling purposes.
- No chicken shall be permitted to free roam or free range outside of the coop or structure.
- The house/coop must meet all of the size limitations of an accessory building as may be otherwise provided for in the code of the Town. All plans for such structures and all structures intended for the use of housing of chickens shall be in accordance with the Construction Codes of the Town and shall be reviewed by the Construction Code Official.
- The structure or coop to house the chicken(s) shall be located in the rear yard and be no closer than 10 feet to a property line. In addition, the structure of the coop shall not be closer than 30 feet to an adjoining habitable residential or commercial building.
- A sketch of the location of the house/coop and distances to adjoining properties must be provided upon application for licensing.
- The house/coop must be kept in good repair and in a clean, sanitary condition at all times, and the utilization of a tarp as a portion of the roof structure is not permitted.
- The house/coop shall not exceed 60 square feet and a maximum height of six feet. The coop and enclosed run must be made predator-proof and must be surrounded by a six-foot high fence. A wire porch attached to the structure in which chickens are to be kept may be permitted. Such porch shall be at least one foot above the surrounding ground and shall consist of one-inch mesh hardware cloth for the floor with any convenient size wire for the sides and top and shall not extend more than four feet from the house or coop. Any perch, run or runway associated with the house/coop shall be included within the 60 square foot limitation.
- The house/coop and runway shall be constructed of such materials as to prevent predators (cats, coyotes, fox, bear, raccoons, etc.) and/or rodents from entering therein.
- The structure or house/coop shall be dry and well ventilated, with windows so placed, if possible, as to admit sunlight. The house or coop shall have a floor impervious to moisture and waterproof.
- The structure or house/coop must be constructed with a surface under the chickens raised off the ground, made of wire, slatted wood or similar materials, designed to allow animal waste to pass through and be collected in trays or impervious material underneath to allow for frequent disposal.
- At least once a week, all of the droppings shall be removed from the structure or house/coop and removed from the premises or otherwise disposed of in a manner approved by the Board of Health, so as not to breed flies or create a nuisance.
- Drinking fountains in the area where the house or coop is located shall be kept clean and supplied at all times with clean water.
- The yard in the area where the house/coop is located shall be clean, free from odors, and dust abatement techniques must be utilized.
- All food for immediate consumption shall be placed in suitable feeding troughs or similar containers and all other food shall be stored in animal proof containers at all times, tightly sealed rodent and predator proof container.
- Waste shall be handled properly to prevent offensive odors or disposed in an environmentally friendly manner. Runoff waste on adjacent properties shall not be permitted.
- Under no circumstances shall any chickens be kept or maintained inside a house or multi-family dwelling building.
- No person shall keep chickens without having first obtained a license from the Town Board of Health. Any license issued herein does not give the Licensee the right to slaughter or "dress" chickens. There shall be an annual fee of \$50 and the license shall be renewed on a yearly basis.
- Applications for the license shall be made to the Town Board of Health on an annual basis. Such application shall set forth the name and address of the applicant at the location of the property for which the license is sought. If the applicant is a tenant, the application must also include the name and signature of the property owner. The application shall also provide a statement of the number of chickens to be kept. There shall also be included a detailed sketch of the location of the house/coop, and a statement that the location of the coop has been preliminary reviewed and approved by the Construction Code Official. Before constructing the coop, the applicant shall obtain any required building permit from the Construction Code Office and/or zoning authorization.
- Such license shall not be transferable and shall continue in force and effect until the first day of January next ensuing the date of granting thereof.

I have read and understand the conditions under which I may keep chickens, as set forth in this application and the Kearny Municipal Code 9-14. I agree to abide by these conditions. Failure to abide by these conditions may result in the revocation of the license and/or summonses.

Applicant's Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Property Owner's Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY			
Approving Construction Official's Initials: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	
Approving Health Inspector's Initials: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	
Cash/Check #: _____	License #: _____	Issue Date: _____	Expiration Date: _____