



## Keeping of Chickens Application

Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed and agree to comply with the regulations regarding the keeping of chickens in the Village of Burlington as stated in Ordinance 2022-9.

Registration Fee Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by Village of Burlington: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chickens** may be raised, kept, harbored, or maintained at any detached, single-family residential property located in the Village, subject to the regulations set forth in this Section. The raising, keeping, harboring, or maintaining of any chickens shall be performed at all times in such a manner as to minimize visual, noise, and odor impacts upon neighboring properties or residences. Allowing chickens in the Burlington Municipal Code does not endorse violation of protective covenants, that may be in place in certain subdivisions within the village, nor supersede any civil liability that may arise from the violation of such protective covenants.

- A. Registration is required with the Village of Burlington: Any resident looking to maintain chickens for producing eggs must obtain a certificate from the Village Hall before constructing any pen to house such fowl.
- B. The owner of, or person desiring to raise, keep, harbor or maintain chickens shall pay a one-time registration fee of \$25.00 to the village, or such other amount set from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

**C. REQUIREMENTS / RULES:**

- 1. No person shall at any time raise, keep, harbor, or maintain **more than ten (10) chickens**.
- 2. No chickens shall be raised, kept, harbored, or maintained inside any residence.
- 3. No person shall raise, keep, harbor, or maintain any rooster in the village.
- 4. No person shall breed any chickens in the village.
- 5. No person shall slaughter any chickens within the village.

6. No person shall allow any of the following in connection with the raising, keeping, harboring, or maintaining any chickens:

- a. Creation of noxious or offensive odors, including but not limited to odors from chickens, chicken manure, or other chicken-related substances that are perceptible beyond the boundaries of the owner's property.
- b. Emitting of loud noises for any extended and uninterrupted period, including but not limited to noise from chickens loud enough to be heard beyond the boundaries of the owner's property and so as to disturb a person of reasonable sensitivity.
- c. Chickens running at large in the village or otherwise roaming outside the enclosure ARE NOT ALLOWED.
- d. All food products for any chickens must be kept and maintained in rodent-proof containers.
- e. Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times.
- f. All waste produced by chickens must be collected and stored in a fully covered structure with a lid over the entire storage container and shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner.
- g. No person shall keep chickens on a vacant or uninhabited tract of land, or on any Village-owned property.

**D. COOP ENCLOSURE / FENCED AREA:** All chickens raised, kept, harbored, or maintained in the village must be kept in a coop from sunup to sundown each day and overnight. During daytime hours the chickens may be allowed to roam within a fenced area on the property when the owner or another adult person designated by the owner is present. **A building permit must be obtained through the Village prior to the construction of an accessory building.**

1. Coops must be designed, constructed, and maintained so as to be impermeable to predators, birds, and rodents, and so as to avoid infestation by insects or parasites.
2. Coops and fenced areas for roaming shall be located in the rear yard of the host property. Fenced areas for roaming must be set back a minimum of ten (10') feet from any property line and a minimum of twenty-five (25') feet from the nearest adjacent habitable building.
3. Coops must be sized properly for the number of chickens (maximum 10) to be contained therein, provided no coop shall be larger than one hundred (100 sq. ft.) square feet in area nor more than ten (10') feet in total height.
4. A minimum of ten (10 sq. ft.) square feet of coop floor space must be provided for each chicken, whether or not access to a larger fenced area is provided.
5. Coops shall be kept in a clean, dry, neat, and sanitary condition at all times.
6. Fenced areas for roaming shall be effectively screened from all neighboring properties by fencing or landscaping at least six (6') feet in height.

***No person engaged in the keeping of chickens under this Article shall offer for sale or sell any chickens or eggs produced by chickens in the Village.***

***In addition to any other penalty, any license granted by the Village to any person may be revoked upon violation of any of the provisions of this Article. Such person shall be notified of such revocation in writing and may appeal the revocation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.***