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**Annual License Application to Keep Chickens**

An annual license is required for the keeping of any domesticated chickens in residential areas of the Village of Brooklyn. The license year is from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. A chicken license must be issued annually by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year or within 30 days of acquiring the chickens. You can obtain an application at the Village Clerk’s office, 210 Commercial Street, Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or by completing and mailing the application form below.

**Initial Fee:** Minimum Building Permit Fee for Inspection

**Annual Fee** is \$10.00 per household

**Complete the following:**

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of chickens to be kept: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address where chickens will be housed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please check one : Rental Unit  Owner Occupied

If a rental, have you notified the property owner of your intention to harbor hens? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Register with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection “Livestock Premises Registration” at <http://www.wiid.org/pdf/AH-LP-100-Premises-registration-form-2012.pdf> This registration is free and can be done online or the form can be printed, completed and mailed in. Once registered, you will be given a registration number.

State of WI Livestock Premise Registration number: \_\_\_\_\_

You will also need to submit a site plan, as to where the chickens will be kept, and a structure plan, with dimensions and materials the coop will be made out of.

**Your signature acknowledges that you have read and accept the following standards for keeping chickens in the Village of Brooklyn:**

1. You have read and will abide by Sec. 25.15 Keeping of Chicken (attached)
2. You have read and will abide by Sec. 22.02 (D) (7) Public Nuisances (attached)
3. You will keep a current registration with the State of Wisconsin “Livestock Premises Registration”
4. The penalty for not adhering to the above standards is a minimum of \$50 per occurrence and possible revocation and/or denial of license application.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications will be approved upon final inspection of the coop.**

## Village of Brooklyn Municipal Code

### **Sec. 25.15. Keeping of Chickens**

The keeping of no more than four hen chickens shall only be allowed on residentially zoned property with a single family, duplex, or twin home residential unit including the following requirements (note: that if you live in a neighborhood that has residential covenants that conflict with this ordinance, the neighborhood covenant supersedes this ordinance.):

- (1) No person shall keep any roosters.
- (2) No person shall slaughter chickens outdoors within village limits.
- (3) Chicken's shall not be allowed to be kept within a residential dwelling or garage. Chickens must be kept in the property's rear yard, not between the residential unit and the road.
- (4) Chickens shall be provided with a structure and area exclusively devoted for use as a hen house and fenced outdoor enclosure.
  - a. Chickens must be kept in the hen house or a covered fenced outdoor enclosure at all times and shall not be allowed to run free.
  - b. The hen house shall be a covered, predator-resistant, well-ventilated structure, providing a minimum of two square feet per chicken.
  - c. The hen house must be kept in a clean, dry, and sanitary condition at all times.
  - d. The outdoor enclosure shall be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent the accumulation of animal waste and offensive odors.
  - e. Chicken feed, if stored outdoors, must be kept in sealed containers.
- (5) The hen house or outdoor enclosure shall be located in the rear yard and no closer than 25 feet to any residential dwelling on an adjacent lot, nor closer than ten feet to the property line.
- (6) The permittee shall comply with Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 17.02 relating to livestock premises registration.
- (7) Annual permit.
  - a. Any person who keeps chickens in the Village of Brooklyn shall obtain an annual permit prior to June 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring the chickens. The permit year commences on June 1 and ends the following May 31.
  - b. As part of the initial permit approval process, the Village Building Inspector shall inspect the applicant's property for compliance with this Section. The annual permit renewal process shall not require re-inspection.
  - c. The Clerk's office, police department, or Village Board may revoke a permit if there are two or more violations of this Section of the Village of Brooklyn Municipal Code.
  - d. Applications shall be turned in to the Village clerk's office, on such forms as deemed appropriate, and a fee shall be established from time to time by the Village Board. Failure to obtain the required permit and pay the required fee will result in forfeiture, including doubling the permit fee.
  - e. Chicken coops/runs that are 65 square foot and larger in area must conform to the accessory structure requirements of the specific zoning district.

### **Sec. 22.02 (D)(7) Public Nuisances**

The keeping or harboring of any animal or fowl which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, crowing or making of other noises shall greatly annoy or disturb a neighborhood or any considerable number of persons within the village;