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CHICKEN APPLICATION PERMIT # _____

☐ Initial Permit

☐ Permit Renewal

☐ Permit Modification

Property Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zoning District: _____

Proposed Number of Chickens: _____ Property Square Footage: _____

Proposed Coop Cubic Feet: _____ Proposed Run Cubic Feet: _____

City of Hickman residents interested in keeping chickens must complete the following application. A site plan with a drawing or diagram depicting the placement of the chicken coop and run enclosure must accompany the application. Permits must be renewed annually in the month of December with the City of Hickman for a permit commencing on January 1st. Permits expire and become invalid on December 31st of each year. See Hickman Municipal Code Chapter 3 Misdemeanors, Article 4 – Animals Generally, Section 3-403 entitled “POULTRY; CHICKENS; PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; RESTRICTIONS” (Ordinance No. 2020-07). See Section 3-701 and 3-702 for enforcement provisions and penalties associated with non-compliance.

Failure to comply with **ANY** of the items listed below is sufficient reason to deny an application or revoke a permit. Failure to maintain a valid permit will result in a Municipal Code Violation.

INITIAL TO SHOW AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH EACH STATEMENT:

_____ Applicant’s property is within city limits and currently zoned R-2 Zoning District.

_____ No more than four (4) chickens on an applicant’s property of one acre or less. No more than six (6) chickens on property greater than one acre.

_____ Applicant shall not keep roosters on permitted property.

_____ Applicant shall not slaughter any chickens on permitted property.

_____ Applicant provides a chicken facility (Coop) constructed of durable material and flooring shall be waterproof, hard-surface, non-porous material of not less than three (3) cubic feet per occupant chicken. Such Coop shall be constructed, anchored and repaired as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being harbored underneath, within, or within the walls of the Coop.

_____ Coop shall be ventilated and in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

_____ The chicken enclosure (Run) shall be not more than five (5) cubic feet per occupant chicken, fully covered, constructed of metal wire fencing, attached to the Coop and be anchored down.

_____ Chickens are not allowed to free range or otherwise be outside of the Coop and Run.

_____ Coop and Run setbacks are at minimum: five (5) feet from the rear property line, six (6) feet from the side property line and twenty (20) feet from any neighboring residence.

_____ Coop and Run shall not be placed in any utility easement and should give sufficient clearance distances from utility equipment. The large green transformer boxes have a ten feet (10') clearance from the lock side (decalside) and one foot a (1') clearance on the remaining three sides. The smaller pedestal requires a three feet (3') clearance from its lock side and side clearance of one foot (1'). If the Public Works department needs to access the transformer to shut off the power they use a ten foot pole and will remove any Run or Coop panels that are in the way, at the property owner's expense.

_____ Any dead chicks or chicken must be double bagged and placed in the garbage.

_____ Offal, manure and waste material accumulating from the chickens will be sanitarilly disposed of at least once every seven (7) days.

_____ All food for immediate consumption shall be placed in a suitable feeding trough or similar container and all other food shall be stored in rat-proof containers at all times.

COMPLIANCE

The City of Hickman, Code Enforcement Officer, Chief Building Inspector, Health Official and/or Deputy Sheriff shall have authority to discern compliance with this Ordinance. These officials also have the authority to direct compliance of this Ordinance with regard to requiring certain facilities or activities by chicken owners to ensure that neighbors are not unreasonably subjected to noise, rodents, predators, or other violations of the provisions of this Ordinance.

By signing this application, I acknowledge the statements initialed by me and agree to adhere to Ordinance No. 2020-07 and I give the City of Hickman, Code Enforcement Officer, Chief Building Inspector, Health Official and/or Deputy Sheriff, the right to enter the property to inspect, observe, test, measure and investigate the enclosure, structure or property in connection with this permit application and any complaint received regarding it.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

Permit Number: _____ Date of Approval: _____

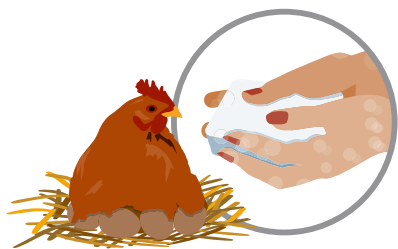
Permit Fee \$ _____ Date Received: _____ Receipt Number: _____

Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND FLOCKS

Live poultry, such as chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys, often carry harmful germs such as *Salmonella*. While it usually doesn't make the birds sick, *Salmonella* can cause serious illness when it is passed to people.

HANDWASHING PROTECTS YOU FROM GERMS



- Always wash your hands with soap and water right after touching live poultry or anything in the area where they live and roam.
- Adults should supervise handwashing for young children.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

HANDLE BIRDS SAFELY



- Children younger than 5 years, adults older than 65 years, and people with weakened immune systems should not handle or touch chicks, ducklings, or other live poultry.
- Do not bring chicks, ducklings and other live poultry to schools, childcare centers, or nursing homes.
- Do not snuggle or kiss the birds, touch your mouth, or eat or drink around live poultry.

SAFELY CLEAN COOPS

- Clean any equipment used to care for live poultry outside, such as cages or feed or water containers.
- Set aside a pair of shoes to wear while taking care of poultry and keep those shoes outside of the house.



POULTRY BELONG OUTSIDE

- Do not let live poultry inside the house, especially in kitchens.
- Do not let live poultry in areas where food or drink is prepared, served, or stored.



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