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Domesticated Chicken Permit Application

Village of Grafton Planning and Development Department
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Application fee: New \$50, Annual Renewal \$25

PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Property address: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

2. Applicant is: Property Owner Owner's Agent Developer Other _____

3. Applicant's name: _____

4. Street address: _____

5. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

6. Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

7. Property owner name(s): _____

8. Street address: _____

9. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

10. Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

REQUEST INFORMATION

11. Description of request: _____

12. Wisconsin DATCP Registration #: _____

13. Attach a site plan in compliance with Zoning Ordinance Section 19/03/17(M) including the location of all structures located on the applicant's real property, the location of all structures located on all abutting property, and the site of the proposed coop.

14. Attach drawings or photos of the proposed coop design.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE(S) FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

I hereby certify that all statements, forms, and attachments submitted hereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Applicant's Signature

Date

Property Owner's Signature

Date

Zoning Ordinance Section 19/03/17(M) Conditions for Keeping Chickens. The following regulations apply to this land use:

- a. No roosters or other crowing fowl are permitted.
- b. Noise from chickens shall not be so loud as to disturb a person of ordinary sensitivity.
- c. No chicken may be kept within a principal residence.
- d. Chickens shall be kept as pets and for personal use only. No owner shall sell or barter eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.
- e. Chickens shall be housed in a coop. A coop shall be no less than three (3) cubic feet of space per chicken and must be connected to a secured and fully ventilated pen (also required) which contains not less than seven cubic feet of space per chicken and an appropriately sized nesting box (also required) at a rate of not less than one box per two birds. Pens shall be properly sized as will permit full spread of the kept bird's wingspan and allow each chicken to walk and run. An existing garage, shed, or small structure may serve as a coop if compliant with the remaining terms and conditions of this Section.
- f. No person shall keep a chicken in any location on the property other than the rear yard.
- g. All coops, pens, nesting boxes, and any other structure or enclosure associated with the keeping of chickens must be located at least 40 feet from a neighboring residential structure, not including a detached garage, at least ten (10) feet from a side or rear property line and at least ten (10) feet from the residence on the property where the chickens, or other similar domesticated fowl, are kept.
- h. Coops and pens shall not be located closer than 75 feet from the ordinary high water mark of a lake, stream, creek or river.
- i. Upon death of a chicken, the permittee must promptly dispose of the chicken in a sanitary manner.
- j. The onsite slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.
- k. Chickens shall be kept and handled in a sanitary manner.
- l. Chickens must be kept in a coop and pen when not being monitored by a responsible individual. When allowed to roam free, chickens must be monitored and within a fenced enclosure. Chickens shall be secured in the coop during non-daylight hours.
- m. The coop and pen system shall be properly designed, laid-out and maintained as will provide safe and healthy living conditions for chickens while minimizing adverse impacts on the neighborhood through use of material, colors, architecture and special site design that are complimentary to the existing buildings on the premise and in the surrounding area. The Village Building Inspector shall have sole discretion for coop design and location.
- n. All coops must be clean, dry and kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times.
- o. The coop shall be enclosed on all sides and 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-proof wire or fencing of no more than one-inch openings.
- p. All enclosures must provide adequate ventilation as well as sun protection, and be sanitary, insulated, weatherproofed and impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including dogs and cats. These enclosures must also be sound and moisture-proof and maintained in good repair with sufficient space for freedom of movement and retention of body heat with elevated perches for natural roosting position. The nesting boxes must be elevated off the ground.
- q. Provisions must be made for the daily removal and lawful disposal of chicken waste in order to prevent any adverse effects related to odor or unsanitary conditions.
- r. Chickens shall not be turned loose or taken to the local humane society when no longer wanted.
- s. In addition to compliance with the requirements of this section, no one shall keep a chicken that causes any nuisance, unhealthy condition, creates a public health threat, or otherwise interferes with the normal use of property and the enjoyment of life by humans or other animals.
- t. The Village shall have the power, whenever it may deem reasonably necessary, to enter a structure or property where a chicken is kept to ascertain whether the permittee is in compliance with this Section. The permittee shall be responsible for all costs associated with inspections.
- u. In addition to all other remedies available to the Village, the Building Inspector may issue orders requiring compliance with the provisions of this Section.