



ZONING PERMIT AFFIDAVIT
KEEPING OF CHICKENS

KEEPING OF CHICKENS BEST PRACTICES & APPLICABILITY (City Code §110-3.5.5.D.14)

(a) Applicability

In addition to RL district lots, keeping of chickens shall be a permitted use on other single-family residential lots with a minimum of 20,000 square feet. The keeping of chickens on single-family residential lots with a minimum of 10,000 square feet in the RM and RH districts shall be subject to a special use review pursuant to §6.7.

(b) General provisions

Keeping of up to four chickens on an occupied single-family residential lot shall be allowed, provided that:

- (1) No person shall keep any rooster.
- (2) The chickens shall be used only for non-commercial household egg production. Selling eggs and slaughtering chickens shall be prohibited.
- (3) The chickens shall be provided with a clean, covered, well-ventilated enclosure that is secure from predators.
- (4) The chickens must be kept in the covered enclosure or within a fenced or walled area at all times.
- (5) No enclosure shall be located closer than 25 feet to an occupied, off-site residential dwelling.

(c) Best practices

Any person who keeps chickens under this section shall comply with all city and Virginia laws, ordinances, and regulations regarding care, shelter, sanitation, health, noise, cruelty, neglect, reasonable control, and any other requirements pertaining to the adequate care and control of animals in the city.

PROPERTY OWNER AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify as the property owner that the keeping of chickens applicant has the authority vested by me to maintain the chicken enclosures at the listed address. The information provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the chicken enclosure location and maintenance must comply with all conditions of *City Code Section §110-3.5.5.D.14 Keeping of Chickens* as well as all other zoning requirements.

Property Owner/Agent Signature (REQUIRED) _____ Date _____

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

I have read, understand and agree:

- a) To comply with the City Code Section §110-3.5.5.D.14 and best practices applicable to keeping of chickens.
- b) The city manager's designee may revoke the permit and remove the chicken enclosures if the applicant fails to comply with the best practices as stipulated herein, this or any ordinance of the City Code, or any other applicable Virginia or local law or regulation pertaining to the keeping of chickens.
- c) The city's designated inspector shall have the right to inspect the chicken keeping enclosures between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Where practicable, prior notice shall be given to the licensed chicken keeper.

Applicant Signature (REQUIRED) _____ Date _____