

Please return Permit Application, Diagram, and \$55 Fee to:

City Clerk's Office  
301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104



**Application to keep up to 6 chickens.  
5-year permit from date of issuance.**

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR PERMIT TO KEEP BACKYARD CHICKENS**

**THIRTY DAYS NOTIFICATION AND \$55 FEE REQUIRED**

Please allow up to five weeks for processing. A minimum 21-day neighbor notification waiting period is required per Section 9:42 of the Ann Arbor City Code.

**Applicant/Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary or Secondary School Name (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Address (where backyard chickens will be housed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Single-family Dwelling**  **Two-family Dwelling**  **Primary or Secondary School**

**Number of Backyard Chickens to be kept at the Permit Address (6-Bird Maximum):** \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:** Attach a diagram of the property that includes the following:

- Proposed location(s) of all enclosures that will be used to keep chickens/ducks
- Distances from the enclosure(s) to neighboring residential structures (neighbors' homes)
- Distances from the enclosure(s) to the property lines

**NOTE:** A covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall not be located closer than ten (10) feet from a property line of an adjacent property nor shall it be located closer than forty (40) feet to any residential structure on an adjacent property. **Only** the forty (40) foot requirement can be waived with written statements of all occupants of the building (two-family dwelling) and all adjacent landowners.

**Are you requesting a waiver of the 40-foot requirement?** YES  NO

**If Yes: Complete the attached 40-foot Distance Waiver Consent form and instruct neighboring Property Owners and Occupants (if applicable) to sign their consent to this waiver.**

If the requirements of Chapter 107 are not complied with, the City may revoke any permit granted and/or initiate prosecution for a civil infraction violation. A person who has been issued a permit shall submit it for examination upon demand by any police officer or code enforcement officer. Fenced enclosures are subject to all provisions of Chapter 104 (Fences). Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit by the City, private restrictions on the use of property shall remain enforceable and take precedence over a permit. Private restrictions include but are not limited to deed restrictions, condominium master deed restrictions, neighborhood association by-laws, and covenant deeds. A permit issued to a person whose property is subject to private restrictions that prohibit the keeping of chickens is void. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.

**I understand the above restrictions on the permit and am submitting this application in compliance with Chapter 107 (Animals) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Property Owner Consent to Permit (if not the Applicant/Occupant):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Property Owner (or School Principal)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Approved by Clerk's Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy: Applicant/Planning and Development/City Clerk's Office (retains original)

