



CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION

City of Big Rapids
Department of Neighborhood Services
226 N. Michigan Ave.
Big Rapids MI 49307

Applicant Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Permit Address: _____ Email: _____

Section 91.03 CHICKENS PERMITTED

Up to 3 chickens may be kept per single family residential parcel of land under the following conditions and limitations:

- 1) In a fully enclosed area within the backyard, set 10 feet back from the boundary and 40 feet from neighboring residences, with a coop no larger than 200 square feet suitable for roosting that is kept clean
- 2) Roosters are prohibited
- 3) No slaughter of chickens on site
- 4) The owner of the chickens must be a resident of the property where the chickens are kept
- 5) With a 2 year temporary permit issued by the City and a fee of \$25.00

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY AND INITIAL EACH TO SHOW YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CHICKEN ORDINANCE:

_____ I have read the City of Big Rapids Code of Ordinances Section 91.03 CHICKENS PERMITTED and understand the requirements for keeping chickens.

_____ I am aware that I must have an approved Chicken Permit from the City of Big Rapids, prior to obtaining chickens.

_____ I agree to follow all City ordinances and State laws relating to the care and keeping of animals.

_____ I agree to keep all chickens within the confines of my property at all times. Chickens must be kept in a coop/run - no free ranging is allowed.

_____ I am aware that I may not make dimensional changes to my coop without first obtaining approval from the Department of Neighborhood Services.

_____ I am aware that a maximum of 3 female chickens shall be allowed under permit. No roosters are permitted.

_____ I grant the right for City staff to inspect my property at any time to ensure compliance and to investigate complaints.

_____ I acknowledge that I live in a single-family dwelling and I have attached written approval from my landlord (if applicable).

_____ I understand that failure to comply with regulations may result in revocation of the permit and/or subject me to criminal penalties as prescribed by law.

_____ I agree to attach a sketch of my property which will include:

- The distances to neighboring structures.
- The proposed location and size of any coop (including run) that will be used to keep chickens.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Approved By: _____ Date: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Staff Comments: _____
