

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

_____ Any permit issued in accordance with this division shall expire within 12 months from the date on which such permit was last issued and may be renewed annually upon submission of a new permit application and payment of a new permit fee. No permit shall be issued to any person having more than six (6) female chickens on any parcel to which any such permit applies.

_____ Persons eligible for a permit. Any person who owns residential real property in a residential zoning district of the city at which female chickens are to be kept, placed or maintained or who has received written approval from a person who owned residential real property in a residential zoning district of the city to keep, place or maintain female chickens on such property may apply for a permit in accordance with this section. Roosters shall not be permitted.

_____ Upon the submission of an application for a permit in accordance with this section, the director shall conduct a background check and investigation of the applicant to determine if the applicant has been convicted of or had any pending charges for or complaints of animal cruelty or neglect and a site inspection of the area in which the applicant purports to keep, place or maintain any female chickens.

_____ If, after completing the background investigation and site inspection for which this subsection provides, the director determines that the applicant has been convicted of or had pending charges for or complaints of animal cruelty or neglect or determined that the area in which the applicant purports to keep, place or maintain female chickens does not meet the applicable requirements of this Code or state law, the director shall deny the permit applications. .

_____ Revocation of permit for noncompliance. Any permit issued in accordance with this section is subject to revocation by the director upon failure of any person to whom the director has issued a permit to comply with relevant provisions of this Code or state law or with any rules or regulations established in accordance with this division.

_____ Upon prior written notice to the person to whom a permit has been issued in accordance with section of this Code, from time to time as the director may determine, the director may inspect the area in which any female chickens are kept, placed or maintained, either or both, for the purpose of ensuring the compliance with the provisions of this division and other applicable provisions of this Code and state law. Such inspections shall take place at a time reasonable under the circumstances. Any failure or refusal of the applicant or permittee to allow the director to inspect the area in which any female chickens are kept, placed or maintained or the area in which any applicant or permittee proposes that any female chickens be kept, placed or maintained, either or both, shall, be applicable, result in the denial or revocation of a permit.

_____ Any area in which female chickens are kept, placed or maintained or the area in which an applicant or permittee proposes that any female chicken be kept, placed or maintained, either or both, shall be in accordance with the requirements set forth in section 4-92 of this Code. Fenced areas, pens or structures shall not be located closer than 15 feet to any dwelling on an adjacent lot. No fenced area or pen shall be located within any front yard or street side yard.

_____ Any female chickens kept, placed or maintained pursuant to a permit issued in accordance with section 4-124 of this Code shall remain within the fenced area, pen or structure required by section 4-92 of this Code at all times.

_____ Any person to whom a permit has been issued in accordance with section 4-124 of this Code shall provide at least three square feet of space for each female chicken within a structure designed for such purpose and consisting of four walls and a roof, provided that the number of such female chickens does not exceed a total of six for the affected parcel of real property.

_____ Any person to whom the director has issued a permit in accordance with section 4-124 of this Code shall comply with the requirements for the care of agricultural animals set forth in Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6503.1 and any other applicable requirements of state law.

_____ Any person who abuses, neglects or otherwise harms any chicken shall be guilty of a violation of section 4-96 of this Code and shall be subject to the criminal penalties prescribed therein.

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PERSON ID #: _____ RECEIPT #: _____ CASH CREDIT CARD

PERMIT ISSUED / DENIED DATE ISSUED/DENIED: _____ Permit # _____

FIELD SERVICE SUPERVISOR OR DESIGNEE

DATE