



Chicken Permit Application

This application includes three sections:

1. First part: Chicken Permit Application
2. Second part – Chicken Coop Site Plan
3. Third part – Domestic Fowl Ordinance

Please complete the first two parts and return to Village Hall.

Note the property owner's signature(s) must be notarized.

The domestic fowl ordinance is for you to read, understand and keep for your records.

Please call Village Hall at (262)692-9125 if you have any questions, or need help completing the forms.

Village of Fredonia
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI 53021
Application for the Keeping or Maintaining of Chickens

Date: _____

Property Owner(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Number of Chickens: _____

State of Wisconsin)
County of Ozaukee) ss.

The undersigns being first duty sworn on oath, deposes and says that he/she is the homeowner named in the foregoing application and he/she has read and understands the attached Ordinance 7-1-21.

Property Owner's Signature

Date

Property Owner's Signature

Date

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Notary Public's Signature

My Commission Expires: _____
Date

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Office Use:

Date Application Received: _____

Attachments: _____ Landlord's Approval, if applicable

_____ List of Abutting Property Owners

Fee Received: _____ (\$15.00) Cash _____ Check Number: _____

Signature of Treasurer/Designee: _____ Date: _____



**ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION
CHICKEN KEEPING
APPLICATION
AND SITE PLAN
VILLAGE OF FREDONIA**

Name (print) _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ Number of Hens _____

Email Address: _____

1. Total square feet of coop and enclosure _____ (<100)
 2. Square feet of coop alone _____ (<50)
 3. Distance of enclosure to nearest habitable structure on adjoining properties _____ (>25)
- Use the area below to sketch chicken keeping site. Include distances from lot lines, structures (garage, shed), fences/barriers, pools etc. Identify neighbors whose property lines connect to your property including diagonals as well as any neighbor across the alley, but not across the street.

Issue Date _____ Clerk _____ Permit Number _____ Fee _____

Sec. 7-1-21 Regulating Domestic Fowl

- (a) **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this section is to outline conditions under which village residents may safely keep or maintain a limited number of chickens, to assure appropriate chicken coops or structures in which to house chickens, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general population of the Village of Fredonia.
- (b) **Definitions.** For the purpose of this Section, the following terms have the meaning indicated:
- 1) **Abutting Property** – All property that abuts an applicant’s property at one or more points except public streets.
 - 2) **Rear Yard** – Rear yard shall be defined the same as Village of Fredonia Zoning Code Section 13-1-280 (147).
 - 3) **Chicken** – Chicken shall mean a female hen of any age, including chicks. This definition does not include other kinds of fowl including but not limited to ducks, quail, pheasant, geese, turkeys, guinea hens, peacocks, emus, or ostriches.
 - 4) **Coop** – Coop shall mean an enclosed structure, building or pen within which chickens roost or are housed.
- (c) **Keeping of Chickens.** Chickens may be kept or maintained upon the following:
- 1) Up to six (6) chickens may be raised within a lot zoned Single Family Residential or Two Family Residential upon notification of all abutting property owners.
 - 2) Rental tenants of a single family dwelling or a two family dwelling shall abide by the rules set forth in Section E herein, and shall obtain the written approval of their landlord prior to the keeping or maintaining of chickens on the rental premise. The landlord’s written approval must accompany the applicant’s permit application.
 - 3) Educational facilities are allowed to keep chickens for educational purposes only.
 - 4) Chickens may be allowed in the local veterinarian’s office for the purpose of observation or treatment.
 - 5) In addition to six (6) adult chickens, newly hatched chickens (chicks) living in a brooder may be kept in a residence or outbuilding up to the age of three (3) weeks.
- (d) **Chickens are Not Allowed.** Chickens are not allowed to be kept or maintained upon the following:
- 1) Mobile home parks.
 - 2) Vacant lots unless the person requesting the permit resides on the abutting property and the coop cannot be easily seen from the street.
 - 3) Any property zoned Multi-Family Residential.
 - 4) Condominiums.
 - 5) The keeping of chickens in any non-residential district will only be allowed with the special approval of the Village Board.
- (e) **Permit Required.**
- 1) No owner or tenant shall own, keep or maintain chickens within the corporate limits of the Village without first obtaining a permit.
 - 2) The applicant for a permit must notify all abutting property owners of their intent to keep or maintain chickens prior to applying for a permit and the permit application must certify that all such property owners have been notified. A list

of all property owners and their addresses must be included with the permit application. No permit to keep or maintain chickens shall be issued unless all requirements are met.

- 3) The above requirements shall not be required for renewal of a permit as long as the permit is kept current.
- 4) The permit shall be renewed annually. The permit year shall commence on January 1, and shall end on the following December 31. For the calendar year 2012 only, the permit will be valid from date of issuance through December 31, 2013.
- 5) A permit granted shall not transfer to any other property or successor owners of permitted property unless all provisions of this section are met.

(f) Fees.

- 1) The annual fee for keeping and maintaining up to six chickens shall be \$15.00 and must be paid to the Village Clerk at the time of application. This fee shall not be prorated. Amendments to the annual permit fee may be made by Board resolution.
- 2) All renewal permits are due and payable to the Village no later than January 31st of the permit year, or prior to keeping the chickens, whichever is later. Failure to timely renew and pay will result in forfeiture of the permit. Upon forfeiture an applicant shall be required to meet all initial requirements as set forth in Section E above.

(g) Property Requirements.

- 1) A coop and any attached enclosure shall be not less than ten feet (10') from any lot line, shall be located in the rear yard of the permit holder's residence, and shall meet all other applicable requirements for Accessory Buildings as set forth in the Village of Fredonia Zoning Code.
- 2) A coop and any attached enclosure shall not be closer than twenty-five (25') to an abutting residence in addition to the restrictions in paragraph (1) above.
- 3) A coop may not be located closer to a neighboring residence than to the residence located upon the coop's parcel.

(h) Coop Design.

- 1) All chickens shall be kept and maintained within a ventilated and roofed coop constructed of sturdy, predator-proof material in compliance with any applicable state and Local requirements.
- 2) All coops, including an attached coop enclosure, shall be enclosed with wire netting or equivalent material that will prevent chickens from escaping the coop or the attached enclosure.
- 3) The coop structural floor shall allow at least six (6) square feet per chicken, and the height of the coop shall not exceed eight (8) feet above ground level.
- 4) The coop shall have a clear open space to allow the chickens to walk on the ground or a concrete slab.

(i) Any Person Keeping Chickens.

- 1) Shall keep or maintain chickens within a coop or attached coop enclosure at all times.
- 2) Shall not keep or maintain any roosters or male chickens older than ten (10) weeks.

- 3) Shall not sell any eggs.
 - 4) Shall not slaughter any chickens on the premises.
 - 5) Shall ensure that chickens are provided with access to feed and clean water at all times.
 - 6) Shall consult with a veterinarian regarding chickens that appear ill, or on the occasion of a sudden death. If a disease that would be contagious to humans is diagnosed, recommendations to prevent the transmission of a disease or its recurrence must be followed as recommended by the veterinarian.
- (j) Sanitation.**
- 1) Chickens and their coops shall be kept and maintained at all times in outdoor areas and shall not be permitted inside a residential premise or dwelling, except as provided in Section 1, paragraph (c)(5).
 - 2) Chicken feed shall be stored and kept in containers, which make the feed inaccessible to rodents, vermin, wild birds, and other predators.
 - 3) All coops and rear yards where chickens are kept or maintained shall be reasonably free from chicken produced substances including but not limited to chicken manure such that the air or environment around the chickens does not become noxious or offensive or create a condition that would reasonably promote the breeding of flies, mosquitoes, or other insects, or provide a habitat, breeding or feeding place for rodents or other animals, or otherwise be injurious to public health.
- (k) Inspection.** The Village shall have the power, whenever it may deem reasonably necessary, to enter a building, structure, or property where chickens are kept to ascertain whether the keeper is in compliance with this Section. The Village Marshal may issue compliance orders and citations pursuant to the provisions of this Section, and State law.
- (l) Enforcement.** The Village shall revoke a permit to keep chickens in the event that the Village Marshal has issued three (3) or more violations of this ordinance within any six (6) month period.
- (m) Penalty.** Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit \$10.00 per day from the date the citation is issued.
- (n) Restricted Covenants.** This ordinance is not intended to interfere with any restrictive covenants otherwise applicable.

Sec. 7-1-22 Penalties.

- (a) Any person violating Sections 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 7-1-20 or 7-1-21 shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). This Section shall also permit the Village Attorney to apply to the court of competent jurisdiction for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining any person from violating any aspect of this Ordinance.