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Limited Keeping of Chickens Application

Date: _____

1. Applicant Information

Applicant's Legal Name: _____
Last First Middle

Street & Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Property Owner Information *(if different from applicant)*

Owner(s) Name: _____
Last First Middle

Street and Mailing Address: _____

3. Number of Chickens Kept (Max: 6, Roosters Prohibited.): _____

4. Describe Location and Method of Food Storage:

5. Describe Plan for Waste Disposal and Odor Compliance:

6. Describe or Include Pictures/Building Plans of Proposed Coop and Fence Building Materials:

7. Location of Coop and Fenced Enclosures:

A scaled drawing showing the location, size, and dimensions of the coop and fenced enclosures including the distance from the coop & enclosures from other structures on the premises and neighboring property lines must be provided. If necessary, attach a separate sheet to this application. A picture taken by staff is required upon completion.

8. Applicant and Property Owner Verification

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that the giving of false information or the failure to give pertinent information constitutes cause for revocation of this permit. Further, I agree to comply with all the provisions of the ordinance under which this license is granted. I understand that a permit may be revoked upon violation of any of the stipulations listed in the ordinance.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Property Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Comments or Concerns Regarding Issuance of Permit:

Approved by

Date

License Fee Amount: _____

Date Issued: _____

Valid until: _____

ORDINANCE #xxxxx

CITY OF KIMBALL
STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF KIMBALL, RELATING TO
ANIMALS

The City Council of the City of Kimball ordains as follows:

Section 90.04 FARM ANIMALS

- A. Farm animals shall only be kept in an agricultural district of the city, provided that no animal shelter shall be within 300 feet of an adjoining piece of property. An exception shall be made to this section for those animals brought into the city as part of an operating zoo, veterinarian clinic, scientific research laboratory, or a licensed show or exhibition.
- B. Backyard Chickens. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, a person may keep up to six (6) female chickens on a parcel they own that is less than ten acres in size. The keeping of domesticated chickens shall be permitted on single-family residential properties within all residential zoning districts, provided the owner obtains a backyard chicken permit from the City. No permit shall be issued except in compliance with this section.
 - 1. Definitions
 - a. Chicken means a farm bird that serves as a source of eggs or meat.
 - b. Coop means the structure for the keeping or housing of chickens permitted by the ordinance.
 - c. Hen means a female chicken.
 - d. Rooster means a male chicken.
 - e. Run means a fully-enclosed and covered area attached to a coop where the chickens can roam unsupervised.
 - 2. Any person wishing to keep chickens in the City of Kimball on a property zoned as residential shall first obtain a permit from the City.
 - a. This permit will be renewed every 12 months.
 - i. Fee is paid upon the application being submitted
 - 1. \$100/year and \$25/year renewal
 - b. The application provided by the city must include a site plan that shows the location of the chicken coop including the distance of the coop from adjoining structures and property lines and the coop's dimensions.
 - c. The city may revoke a permit for failure to comply with provisions of this section or any of the permit's conditions.
 - 3. The principal use of the property shall be single-family residential.
 - 4. The property shall contain one (1) detached single-family structure. Chickens shall not be permitted on vacant properties or those containing multi-family residential buildings including duplexes, townhomes and apartments.
 - 5. No more than six (6) hen chickens shall be permitted.
 - 6. No person shall keep a rooster.
 - 7. The use of chickens for cock fights is prohibited.
 - 8. Chickens shall not be kept inside the principal structure.
 - 9. No person shall slaughter chickens on-site except when in an area of the property not visible to the public.
 - 10. Chicken Eggs or Meat sales are prohibited.
 - 11. Chicken coops and attached exercise pens shall be provided for all chickens. Free range chickens are prohibited.

12. Coops and pens shall be fully enclosed including overhead and constructed of durable materials.
 13. The building shall be less than 120 square feet in size and not exceed six (6) feet in height.
 14. Coops and pens shall meet requirements.
 - a. It should be placed 5-10 ft from the property line
 15. Coops and pens shall be located in rear yards only.
 16. Chickens shall be kept in coops and/or pens at all times unless in fully fenced-in back yards while under supervision.
 17. All food stored for chickens shall be kept in rodent proof containers stored inside coops or other buildings.
 18. Any coop or run shall be set back at least 25 feet from a delineated wetland edge, the top of a bank of a pond, filtration basin, or infiltration basin.
 19. All premises in which chickens are kept or maintained, including coops and pens, shall be kept reasonably clean from filth, garbage and any substances which attract rodents. All feces shall be collected and properly disposed of on a regular basis.
- C. Chickens shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance as defined by the City Code of Kimball.
- D. Dead chickens must be disposed of according to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health rules which require chicken carcasses to be disposed of as soon as possible after death, usually within forty-eight (48) to seventy-two (72) hours. Legal forms of chicken carcass disposal include burial, off-site incineration or rendering, or composting.
- E. The City may enter and inspect any property, including the coop and back yard, at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating either an actual or suspected violation or to ascertain compliance or noncompliance with the City Code.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Kimball, Minnesota **this x day of July, 2023.**

Karla Davis, Mayor

Allison Hansen , Deputy Clerk