



Raising/Keeping of Chickens Permit Application Guide

Please use this application guide for the raising and keeping of chickens in the Village of Mettawa. Please complete the application and provide all information as required.

Provide the **specific details** on the construction and the coop and pen.

- Minimum property size is **160,000 square feet**.
- Maximum number of hens is **six (6)**.
- Pen and coop may only be in the **rear** yard of the property.
- Include a **scale plan/survey** with the coop and pen location.
- Provide **dimensions and total size** of coop and penned area. The coop must provide a minimum of four (4) square feet per hen and the pen must provide a minimum of eight (8) square feet per hen.
- Provide a description of the **weather resistant materials** for the construction on the coop and pen. The coop must be located on an **impermeable** surface. **Coop doors** must be able to be **locked** and **windows and vents** covered in **predator proof wire** of less than one-inch openings. The coop must be well **ventilated**.

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Permit Application



Village
of
Mettawa

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Size of Property (square feet):

Number of Chickens:

Structure Details:

Size of Coop and Pen Area in Square Feet: Coop = _____ Pen = _____

Attached a Description of the Construction of the Coop: Yes No

Attached a scale plan/survey with precise location dimensions of the coop and pen in relative to the property lines. Yes No

Please read the following Raising and Keeping of the Chickens Regulations that were approved on July 16, 2019.

- A. The keeping of chickens are allowed only on residential lots or parcels of at least 160,000 square feet in size. The owner of the chickens must be a resident of the dwelling on the lot in which the chickens are kept.
- B. The maximum number of hens to be allowed upon any lot or parcel shall be six (6).
- C. It is unlawful for any person to keep roosters within the Village.
- D. All hens shall be provided with a covered, predator-proof coop that is well ventilated and be constructed in a manner that allows them to be easily cleaned. The chicken coop must be located upon an impermeable surface that prevents waste run-off. Coops shall be constructed of sturdy, weather resistant materials. All access doors must be able to be shut and locked and all window openings and vents must be covered with predator proof wire

- with less than one-inch openings. All coops must provide a minimum of four (4) square feet per chicken.
- E. All hens must be provided with access to a penned area that is adequately fenced to contain the hens upon the property and prevent predators from access to the chickens. The pen must provide a minimum of eight (8) square feet per chicken.
 - F. Chicken and pens coops may not be located within any front yard and must be located only in the rear yard behind the principal dwelling on the property. All coops and pens must be located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any side property line and seventy-five (75) feet from any rear property line. Coops, pens and all other accessory structures shall occupy no more than a total of five (5) percent of the total area of any lot or parcel. Coops and pens shall not be located in any area on the lot or parcel that would constitute a nuisance to adjoining neighbors.
 - G. The coop and pen must be kept in good repair, maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and free of vermin, waste accumulation, decaying food, obnoxious odors and substances. The coop and pen must be cleaned on a regular basis.
 - H. All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens shall be protected from rodents and other animals.
 - I. All hens shall be prohibited from running at large.
 - J. The slaughtering of chickens outdoors or in any location which may be viewed by the public shall be prohibited. Chicken may be slaughtered on site only within an enclosed structure and screened from view of the public. All structures where slaughtering occurs shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be cleaned and sanitized the same day any slaughtering occurs. Feathers, carcasses or blood shall not be allowed to accumulate upon the property and shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner.
 - K. The sale of eggs shall not be permitted upon the property.
 - L. No person shall permit the keeping of chickens to become a nuisance due to:
 - 1. Noxious or offensive odors chicken keeping, including the odors from the chickens, manure to be perceptible at or beyond the boundary line of the permittee's property.
 - 2. Offensive noise from the chickens that disturbs the peace and quiet at any time.
 - 3. Any other public or private nuisance resulting from the chicken keeping whether by litter, droppings, feathers, waste or the attraction of pests or rodents, or any unsanitary conditions
 - M. A one-time permit shall be required from each person in order to keep chickens within the Village. All individuals currently keeping chickens illegally within the Village shall be required to comply with the regulations of this section. An application shall be completed

and submitted setting forth the name address and phone number of the applicant; the size and location of the property upon which chickens will be kept; the number of hens the applicant seeks to keep on the property; a plan or survey providing precise location dimensions of the coop and pen in relation to property lines and information regarding the construction of the coop. The permit shall allow the Village the right to inspect the premises to ensure compliance with all regulations. The Village may revoke a permit at any time if the Village finds that the permit holder has not complied with the Village ordinance regulating the keeping of chickens or if the keeping of chickens becomes a nuisance.

- N. Any person found to have violated any provision of this section shall be fined in an amount not less than \$100 nor more than \$750 per offense. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

I have read and understand the Village of Mettawa's Keeping of the Chickens Regulations that are part of this application and agree to follow all regulations and inspections from the Village. By submitting this application for permit, I grant the Village the right to inspect my premises to ensure compliance with all regulations regarding the keeping of chickens.

THE UNDERSIGNED APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT THE STATEMENTS SET FORTH HEREIN AND THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA PURSUANT TO THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Print Name/s: _____

Signature/s: _____

Date: _____

Please mail the completed application and all attachments to:

Village of Mettawa
26225 N. Riverwoods Blvd.
Box M
Mettawa, IL 60045

For Village Use Only

Date Application Received: _____

Village Approval: _____

Village Approval Date: _____