



## Backyard Chicken Permit Application

Township of Millburn  
Health Department  
375 Millburn Ave.  
Millburn, NJ 07041  
973-564-7000

Millburn Township residents interested in keeping chickens must complete the following application. The application fee is \$100, and an inspection fee in the amount of \$65 must be submitted with the application. A survey with a drawing or diagram depicting the placement of the chicken coop and enclosure must accompany the application. Permits must be renewed annually in the month of December with the Health Department for a permit commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Permits expire and become invalid on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. See Article V Section 5-10 entitled "Keeping of Chickens, Permit Required" (Ordinance No. 2509-18) for enforcement provisions and penalties associated with non-compliance.

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Block/Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This application is for:

Initial Permit

Permit Renewal

Permit Modification

### Permit Checklist

Applicants must submit this checklist fully completed with their application. Failure to comply with ALL of the items listed is sufficient reason to deny an application. Failure to maintain a valid permit will result in a violation. Each line must be initialed before submitting a completed application.

\_\_\_\_\_ No more than four chickens on an applicant's property.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tract of land permitted contains only a single family dwelling.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant shall not keep roosters on permitted property.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant shall not slaughter any chickens on permitted property.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chickens provided a covered or fenced enclosure. Chickens are not allowed to free range or otherwise be outside of the coop and enclosure areas.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chickens permitted solely in the applicant's backyard.

\_\_\_\_\_ Covered enclosure, coop, or fenced enclosure is greater than 20 feet from the property line of an adjacent property.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant provides an enclosure for the keeping of chickens which shall be so constructed and repaired as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being harbored underneath, within, or within the walls of, the enclosure. Coops shall be ventilated and in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant protects feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens that might attract or become infested with or infected by rats, mice, or other rodents through the use of rat-proof containers so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from gaining access to or coming into contact with them. All food for immediate consumption shall be placed in a suitable feeding trough or similar container and all other food shall be stored in rat-proof containers at all times. No poultry feed shall be scattered about any premises.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant will not sell eggs hatched from chickens located on permitted property.

\_\_\_\_\_ Any dead chicken must be double bagged and placed in the garbage.

### Compliance

The Township Health Officer, Code Enforcement Officer or Animal Control Officer shall have authority to discern compliance with this Ordinance. These officials also have the authority to direct compliance of this Ordinance with regard to requiring certain facilities or activities by chicken owners to ensure that neighbors are not unreasonably subjected to noise, rodents, predators, or other violations of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Official Use Only**

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed/Recommendation to grant ( ) deny ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Health Official  
Reviewed/Recommendation to grant ( ) deny ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Construction/ Zoning Official  
Reviewed/Recommendation to grant ( ) deny ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Building Dept.

Checklist Attached    Drawing/Survey Attached    All Requirements Completed in Full

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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