



# city of CHARLOTTE

## APPLICATION FOR/PERMIT TO KEEP CHICKENS ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS

**Please return permit application and \$50 fee to:**

**City Clerk's Office  
111 E. Lawrence Avenue  
Charlotte, Michigan 48813**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print or type full name)

Address where chickens are to be kept: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Chickens requested (max 4): \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions (in feet) of the Applicant's property: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 1** – Applicant shall obtain the application form and abutting property owners consent form and enter in the appropriate places his/her name and address and the dimensions of his/her property.

**Step 2** – Applicant shall deliver said forms and a sketch of the applicant's property including the following information:

- Outline of the applicant's property;
- The location of the street(s) abutting the property;
- The dimensions of the property in feet;
- The location of the dwelling unit;
- The proposed location of the chicken coop/yard and the distance in feet from its location to the dwelling unit and all property lines;

to the City Manager's Office or Community Development Office for review.

**Step 3** – Applicant shall obtain the signatures of all abutting property owners. If an abutting property is owned by more than one individual, the signature of one of the owners will be sufficient. If the abutting property owner is a corporation or partnership, the signature of one officer or partner will suffice.

**Step 4** – Applicant shall deliver the completed forms and sketch in person, through the City's drop box or via the U.S. Postal Service, to the City Clerk's office along with a check in the amount of the application fee of \$50 for the original application. No fee is required for renewal if application is submitted not more than twelve (12) month from the date that the original application was submitted.

I understand the above restrictions on the permit and am submitting this application in compliance with City of Charlotte Code of Ordinances §10-4.

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

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Abutting Property Owner(s) Name

Address

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**§10-4(D)(2)** No permit shall be issued and chickens shall not be allowed to be kept unless the owners of all abutting properties consent in writing to the permit.

**We, the undersigned, do hereby consent to \_\_\_\_\_ keeping up to four (4) chickens on his/her property located at \_\_\_\_\_.**

OWNER SIGNATURE	OWNER PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		
7. _____		

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**Completed Application received in City Clerk's Office** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zoning Administrator**       **Approved**       **Denied**

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Signature

**Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- §10-4(D)(7)** A person who keeps or houses chickens on his or her property shall comply with all of the following requirements found in (a)-(k):
- (a) Have been issued the permit required under subsection (1) of this section.
  - (b) Keep no more than 4 chickens.
  - (c) The principal use of the person's property is for a single-family dwelling.
  - (d) No person shall keep any rooster.
  - (e) No person shall slaughter any chickens outdoors.
  - (f) The chickens shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or an adjoining fenced enclosure at all times.
  - (g) A person shall not keep chickens in any location on the property other than in the backyard as defined by the zoning code.
  - (h) All enclosures for the keeping of chickens shall be so constructed or repaired as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being harbored underneath, within, or within the walls of the enclosure.
  - (i) All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens that are likely to attract or to become infested with or infected by rats, mice, or other rodents shall be protected so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from gaining access to or coming into contact with them.
  - (j) The coop and fenced enclosure may not be located nearer than twenty five (25) feet to any dwelling unit or property line.
  - (k) The coop and enclosures must comply with all zoning ordinance requirements for accessory structures and use, including lot coverage requirements.