

CITY OF MORRISTOWN

Residential Henhouse Permit Application



** There is no permit fee for this permit.*

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT DATE: _____

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: (____) _____ CELL PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

PROPOSED NUMBER OF HENS: _____ HENHOUSE TOTAL SQ. FEET: _____ ENCLOSURE SQ. FEET: _____

IF APPLICANT IS A RENTER, THE LEGAL OWNER HAS GRANTED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A HENHOUSE PERMIT SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE CIRCLE: YES NO

Before you proceed, verify that there are no subdivision covenants, Homeowners Association regulations or deed restrictions which prevent the keeping of hens on the property. Issuance of a Residential Henhouse Permit does NOT supersede these additional restrictions.

Please submit a site layout of the proposed henhouse showing location and distance from your side and rear property lines. Also show the dimensions of the henhouse, enclosure and perimeter fence (if applicable). Show distance from henhouse to your residence and to your nearest neighbor.

The following conditions must be met for approval of a **Residential Henhouse Permit**. Please read carefully and place your initials next to each entry signifying acknowledgement of and agreement to all conditions and requirements:

- ____ a. Residential Henhouse permit will be issued *specifically* to the permittee and *only* for the property described in the permit.
- ____ b. Henhouse permits will only be issued for lots with a single-family residence.
- ____ c. Permittee must occupy the residence as personal primary residence.
- ____ d. If permittee is absent from the property for more than 30 days, the permit shall automatically terminate and become void.
- ____ e. No more than **six (6) hens** will be kept.
- ____ f. Domesticated hens are the only animals permitted. **No other fowl.** No roosters.
- ____ g. Hens shall be kept for **personal use only**. No person shall sell eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

- ____h. Slaughtering chickens is **strictly prohibited**.
- ____i. Hens will be kept in a fenced enclosure at all times. Enclosure will be either covered or at least forty-two (42) inches in height in which case all hens will be wing-clipped to prevent escape.
- ____j. Hens will be secured within the henhouse during non-daylight hours.
- ____k. In addition to the fenced enclosure, hens will be provided with a covered, predator– resistant henhouse **not exceeding 100 square feet**.
- ____l. A minimum of **two (2) square feet** per hen shall be required in henhouses and **six (6) square feet** per hen for fenced enclosures.
- ____m. Fenced enclosures and henhouses must be properly ventilated, clean, dry, odor- free and kept in neat and sanitary condition that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor or other adverse impact.
- ____n. Henhouse and fenced enclosure must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade. Henhouse and enclosure will be constructed to resist access by rodents and predators– including dogs and cats.
- ____o. Henhouses will be enclosed on all sides and have a roof and door(s). Access door(s) must be able to shut and be locked at night. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator and bird resistant wire of less than 1 inch openings.
- ____p. The materials used for henhouse and fence shall be uniform for each element of the structure such that the walls are made of the same material, the roof has the same shingles or other covering, and any windows or openings are constructed using the same materials. The henhouse shall be well-maintained.
- ____q. Neither the henhouse, fenced enclosure nor the perimeter fence may be located less than ten (10) feet from any property line or twenty-five (25) feet from the nearest residence– whichever is greater.
- ____r. A perimeter fence around the henhouse and enclosure is permitted. The fence must be a minimum of forty– two (42) inches tall, and the total perimeter area shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the rear yard or 1200 square feet, whichever is less. The rear yard is defined as the area between the rear property line and the rear of the house. The exterior fence must be made of materials of the same style, type and color of material that is manufactured for the purpose of fencing.
- ____s. Henhouses and enclosures shall not be permitted in front yards.
- ____t. All hen food shall be stored indoors or in a weather-resistant and animal –resistant container. Uneaten food shall be removed daily to discourage scavengers.
- ____u. All manure and composting or fertilizing shall be contained or enclosed. All manure not intended for composting or fertilizing shall be removed. In addition, the henhouse and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings. Chicken manure shall not be deposited in the city’s trash collection containers unless secured in a plastic bag per Sec 17-106, City Ordinance.
- ____v. It is highly recommended that all hens be vaccinated for Marek’s disease.

Permit applicant is the PROPERTY OWNER: I certify that I own the property for which I am applying for a Residential Henhouse Permit and agree to comply with all requirements herein.

Signature Date

Permit applicant is a RENTER: I certify that I am renting the property for which I am applying for a Residential Henhouse Permit and agree to comply with all requirements herein. Owner's written permission is attached.

Signature Date

OWNER'S PERMISSION To Apply for a Residential Henhouse Permit



I, the undersigned, affirm that I am the **property owner** of the subject property for which this application is being made and that I am aware that my current tenant is applying for a **RESIDENTIAL HENHOUSE PERMIT** from the City of Morristown, Hamblen County, TN.

My tenant's name is _____.

I understand the Residential Henhouse Permit will be issued in accordance with the Morristown Municipal Code Ordinance No. 3664 amending Title 10 (Animal Control) and that I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the above named **tenant** of the subject property to ensure that the henhouse is maintained within the parameters of these regulations.

If the tenant does not comply with all requirements of this permit, I acknowledge that it is ultimately my responsibility as property owner to remove the chickens, hen house, enclosure, perimeter fence, all debris and accoutrements and bring the property in compliance with all residential property maintenance codes.

Signed this _____ day of _____ (month) _____ (year)

Property Owner(s)

Address of Rental Property—proposed Residential Henhouse

Parcel ID

Morristown, TN

Zip Code

Owner's Mailing address:

