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BACKYARD CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION

Type of License:	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL
Name		
Address		
Phone #	E-mail	

Conditions & Regulations – Backyard Chicken Permit

The keeping of backyard chickens within the Village of Mead is permitted only on qualifying single-family residential properties and is subject to the following conditions. By applying for and receiving a permit, the applicant agrees to comply with all regulations listed below.

Permit & Application Requirements

- A permit must be obtained from the Village of Mead **prior to acquiring chickens**
- A **\$35.00 non-refundable permit fee** is required with the application
- Permits are valid for the calendar year issued (**January 1 – December 31**)
- Permits **must be renewed annually no later than January 1st**
- An **initial inspection** of the chicken enclosure is required and must be passed before chickens may be kept

Property, Ownership & Chicken Regulations

- The primary use of the property must be a **single-family dwelling**
- The permit applicant must be the **property owner, OR a tenant** who provides **written authorization from the property owner**
- A maximum of **six (6) chickens** per single-family dwelling is permitted, regardless of the number of lots or parcels associated with the address; **Roosters are strictly prohibited**
- **Slaughtering** of chickens must not be in public view; carcasses must be disposed of properly and discreetly

Chicken Enclosure Requirements

All chickens must be housed in a **covered, fenced enclosure or coop (“chicken enclosure”)** at all times

- Must provide a minimum **4 sq. ft. indoor space per chicken** and **10 sq. ft. outdoor space per chicken**
- Maximum size: **120 sq. ft** and **7 feet high**
- Must be located in the **rear yard**, at least **10 feet from all property lines**, and at least **40 feet from any neighboring residential structure**
- Must be constructed in a **visually appropriate manner** and kept maintained to the same standard as originally approved
- Must be built and maintained to **prevent rodent infestation**
- **All feed and materials** must be stored in a **secure manner** to prevent access by rodents or pests

Inspection & Maintenance

- Initial and follow-up inspections may be conducted by a **Village Employee or Board Member**
- **Failed inspections** will result in a **\$25 reinspection fee**
- Modifications, repairs, or alterations to enclosures require **reinspection**
- Enclosures must be **cleaned at least once every 7 days** to prevent noxious odors
- **Failure to maintain** the enclosure in acceptable condition will result in a **\$25 maintenance violation fee**

Odor & Sanitation Enforcement

- Odor complaints will be investigated by a Village Employee, Board Member, or authorized Contractor
- **First violation** will result in a **warning**; subsequent violations incur a **\$50 fee per occurrence**
- **More than three (3) odor-related violations** will result in **revocation of the license for 1 year**
- A **second permit revocation** due to odor will result in **permanent ban** on keeping chickens in the Village

Other Important Conditions

- Chickens must **not be allowed to roam freely** (no free-range)
- If a chicken is injured or killed by a domestic animal (e.g. dog or cat) while running at large the Village shall not be held liable, and the animal shall **not be classified as dangerous or aggressive** for that reason alone

Inspection Rights & Consent

- Any permitted individual **consents to inspection** of the chicken enclosure by Village personnel or authorized contractors **upon request and without prior notice**

Enforcement & Three-Strike Rule

- A “Three-Strike Rule” applies to all permitted chicken owners. Upon the **third assessed violation of any kind**, the **permit shall be revoked for the remainder of the calendar year**. A **second permit revocation for any cause** will result in a **lifetime ban** on keeping chickens within the Village of Mead.

Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with any provision of these regulations may result in permit revocation, fines and reinspection fees, and temporary or permanent disqualification from keeping chickens in the Village of Mead

Applicant Signature

Date

If the applicant is a renter, written authorization from the property owner must be included with the application

Village Office Use Only

Fee **\$35.00** Date Paid _____ Check # _____

Inspector: _____ Inspection Date: _____

PASS

FAIL

NOTES:

Fee **\$25.00** Date Paid _____ Check # _____

Inspector: _____ Reinspection Date: _____

PASS

FAIL

NOTES:

	Date	Inspector	Maintenance or Odor - Details	Fee \$	Date Paid	Check #
Violation #1						
Violation #2						
Violation #3						
Revocation						
Permanent Revocation						

Permit No. _____ Date Issued: _____ Village Clerk: _____