



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA Keeping of Chickens Information

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A building permit is required. Proof of insurance is required. Please review our **Insurance Requirements** document to ensure contractors and homeowners have filed all appropriate documents with the Building Department.

BUILDING CODE AND ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Building plans must show the following:

- a. Number of hens
- b. Size of hen enclosure
- c. Type of run/fence

Plans should be clear, concise, and complete. Also a brief scope of work may be necessary. Plans should be on either 8-1/2 x 11 or 11 x 17 paper.

2. No roosters are permitted.
3. No more than six (6) hens are permitted.
4. Hen enclosures shall be covered, predator-proof and well-ventilated. Hen enclosures can only be located in the rear yard. The enclosure is an accessory structure and must abide by the conditions of the Accessory Structure Requirements. **Page 2 of the Accessory Structure Requirements worksheet must be part of the application.**
5. Hen enclosures must allow three (3) square feet per hen. It is recommended, the perch area allots twelve (12) inches per hen.
6. Hen enclosures must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from a residential dwelling on an adjoining lot.
7. A plot plan or survey needs to accompany the application. The plot plan must include:
 - a. Location of hen enclosure
 - b. Distance from property lines
 - c. Distance to adjoining lot residential dwelling
 - d. Location of hen run
8. Electrical work (if applicable) requires permits and inspections through any of the Town approved electrical inspectors. See the list of approved electrical inspectors on our website.
9. Call for final inspection when complete and after final electrical inspection and approval has been obtained.

**Before digging, call Dig Safely New York excavation notification center
at 1-800-962-7962 to locate utilities. All utilities
(gas, electric, phone, cable TV, etc.) will be located free of charge.**

CHICKEN SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT APPLICATION

Plans (three sets) and all of the following information are required with chicken supplement permit applications.

a. Address of property _____

b. Number of hens: _____

c. Distance of hen enclosure to adjoining residential dwelling (minimum of twenty-five (25) feet required):

Side 1 _____

Side 2 _____

Rear _____

Other _____

d. Minimum size calculations of enclosure and run:

Enclosure - number of hens _____ multiplied by 3 square feet equals _____ square feet

Run - number of hens _____ multiplied by 10 square feet equals _____ square feet

e. Measurements of enclosure and run

Enclosure _____ feet wide x _____ feet length

Run _____ feet wide x _____ feet length

f. Type of hen run

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(For office use only)

Area of lot _____

Maximum accessory structure coverage allowed _____

Total accessory structure coverage actual _____

Maximum lot coverage allowed _____

Total lot coverage actual _____