



RESIDENTIAL CHICKEN KEEPING REGISTRATION

Circle one: **New Application** OR **Renewal**

PROPERTY OWNER

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone # Email:

APPLICANT (IF APPLICABLE)

Name(s):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

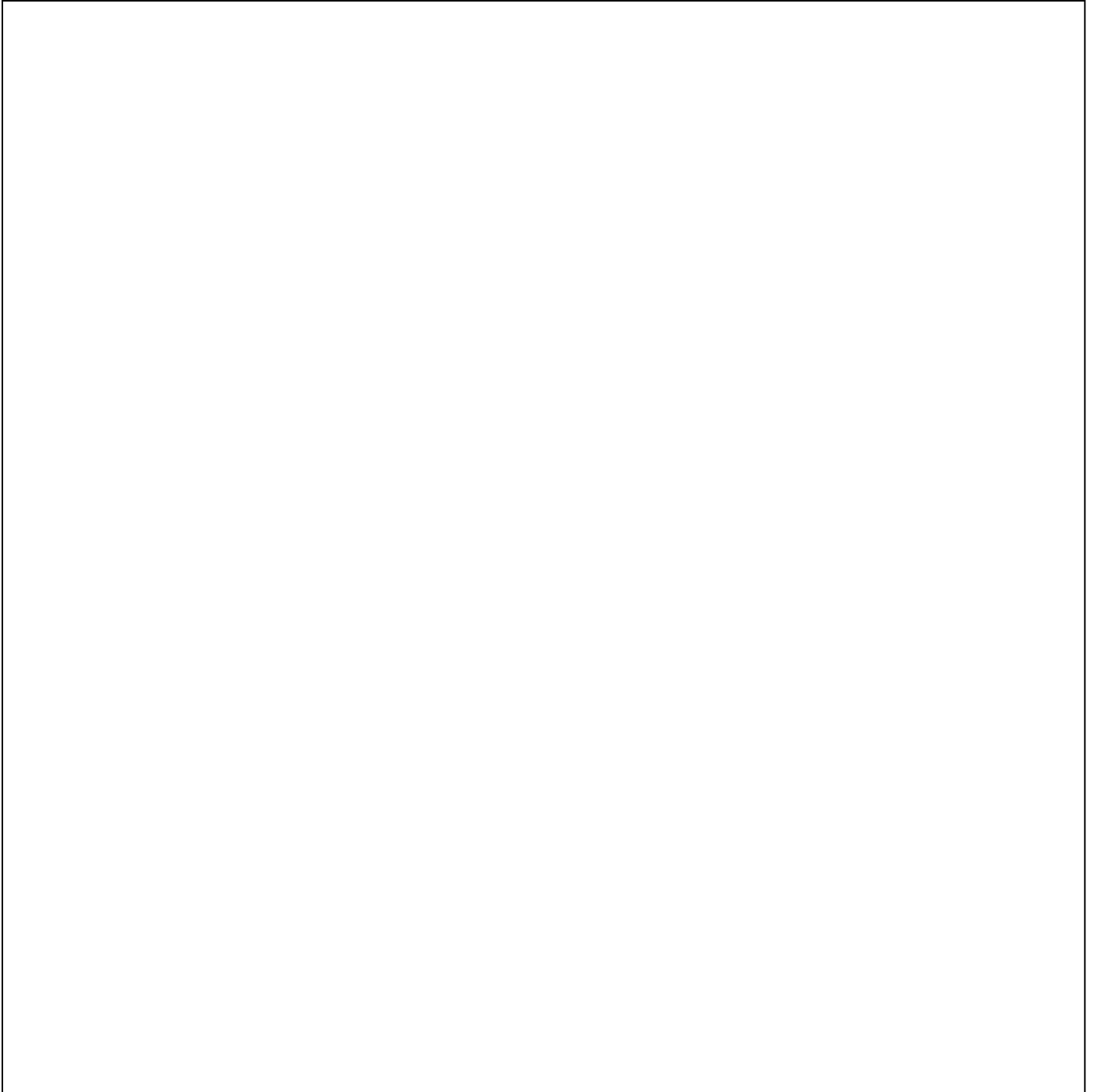
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On the following page, please provide a site plan for your proposed chicken structures.

- The shelter structure shall provide at least three (3) square feet per chicken.
- The structure shall not exceed one-hundred twenty (120) square feet.
- Chicken structures and perimeter fencing shall be located in the rear or backyard of the lot as determined by street frontage.
- Setbacks: Neither the shelter or perimeter fencing shall be located less than five (5) feet from any abutting property line.

For additional information regarding Development Regulations regarding Residential Chicken Keeping please refer to Section 4-22-07 of the Adams County Development Regulations

PROPOSED SITE PLAN



Site Plan shall include location of property lines and any existing structures. Distances from property lines or any existing structures to the proposed structure should be included on the site plan. Dimensions, location of the proposed structure and a north arrow shall also be included on the site plan.

4-22-07 NON-COMMERCIAL ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (AFO) AND CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO), CHICKENS

4-22-07-01 PURPOSE

The purpose of these regulations is to permit limited small animal husbandry uses within residential environments to promote access to fresh food and the associated health benefits as well as encourage sustainability through reduced vehicle trips for food and energy consumption associated with food production. The regulations below are intended to permit the keeping of chickens for household purposes, and not for a profit, while preventing negative impacts associated with this use.

4-22-07-02 APPLICABILITY

The keeping of chickens is only allowed as an accessory use with any legal detached, single family residential use, excluding where the single family residence is a mobile home or as otherwise regulated by State law. Accessory dwelling units are also allowed to keep chickens so long as the cumulative number of chickens on the property does not exceed the allowance. The keeping of chickens is allowed in accordance with Table 4-22-01-1. The maximum number of allowable chickens per lot does not apply to chicks not yet at egg-bearing age, or six (6) months of age, whichever is less.

4-22-07-03 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

1. *Allowed number of chickens:* No more than six (6) domestic chicken hens are permitted per each detached, single family residential use. Three (3) chickens shall equal one (1) household pet.
2. *Shelter Requirements:*
 - a. Type: Chickens must be provided with a covered, predator-resistant shelter structure that is properly ventilated and heated, with nesting boxes, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained.
 - b. Size: The shelter structure shall provide at least three (3) square feet per chicken. The shelter structure shall not exceed one-hundred twenty (120) square feet.
3. *Perimeter Fencing:*
 - a. In addition to the shelter requirements described above, chickens shall be confined to areas that are fully enclosed with adequate perimeter fencing to prevent the chickens from escaping when not in their shelters, to prevent predators' entry, and from coming into contact with wild ducks, geese or their excrement. Each chicken shall be provided at least 10 square feet of area within the perimeter fencing.
 - b. Fences required by this subsection shall comply with the provisions of Section 4-07-01-02-02 (Residential Use Fencing, Walls, and Screening) and shall be resistant to predators.
 - c. Adequate fencing material for purpose of this subsection shall include wood, wire and stone. Fencing with openings that would allow chickens to pass

through, such as a split rail or wrought iron fence with wide openings, will not be deemed adequate for purposes of this subsection.

4. *Location of Shelter Structures and Perimeter Fences:* Chicken structures and perimeter fencing shall be located in the rear or backyard of the lot as determined by street frontage, and not the orientation of the residence. Chickens shall be kept within such facilities and are not permitted within any other portions of the lot.
5. *Setbacks:* Neither the shelter structure or perimeter fencing shall be located less than five (5) feet from any abutting property line.
6. *Access:*
 - a. During daylight hours, the chickens must have access to the shelter structure, located adjacent to the shelter, which is adequately fenced with perimeter fencing as required by this Section to protect them from predators.
 - b. From dusk till dawn, the chickens must be further protected from predators by being closed inside the shelter structure.

4-22-07-04 PROVISION OF FOOD, WATER AND SANITATION

1. *Water:* Fresh water must be available at all times in adequate receptacles.
2. *Food:* Sufficient nutritive food must be provided daily and must be stored in a resealable, airtight, metal, rodent proof container to discourage attracting mice, rats, and other vermin.
3. *Cleanliness:* The shelter and surrounding area must be kept clean from accumulation of excrement and debris so as to not create a nuisance and be compliant with the County's stormwater regulations.
4. *Compliance with Current Stormwater Regulations:* The use of excrement as applied fertilizer shall only be allowed in conformance with the County's stormwater regulations.

4-22-07-05 NUISANCE PREVENTION

1. *Nuisance-Free Facilities As Prerequisite:* A permit to keep chickens within the County shall not be granted or renewed unless the owner or keeper provides facilities which will reasonably assure the Director of Community and Economic Development that the premises will be maintained in a sanitary condition, free from insects and rodents, offensive odors, excessive noise or any other conditions which constitute a public nuisance.
2. *Dust, Odors and Waste Prohibited:* All coops and runs shall be regularly cleaned and maintained to control dust, odor, and waste and to prevent the facilities from constituting a nuisance, safety hazard, or health problem to surrounding properties. Odors associated with the coop shall be contained within the owner's property boundary.
3. *Slaughtering Prohibited:* The chickens may not be slaughtered by the owner or keeper thereof, except pursuant to the lawful order of State or County health officials or for the purpose of euthanasia when surrendered to a licensed veterinarian.
4. *Disposal:* Dead animal carcasses shall be properly and safely disposed of within 24 hours as recommended by the applicable health department.
5. *Roosters prohibited:* Roosters are not permitted, except where allowed in Agricultural zone districts as described in these regulations.

4-22-07-06 PERMITTING (ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF USE)

4-22-07-06-01 Requirements

1. Any person keeping chickens pursuant to this Section must obtain a permit from the County.
2. The Permit Application shall include:
 - a. A plan or drawing showing the proposed locations of all chicken facilities to be located upon the property for which the permit is requested.
 - b. Details demonstrating the applicant's compliance with the requirements of this Section.
3. No property with outstanding code violations will be issued a permit.
4. Prior to the issuance of a permit, the County may inspect the parcel for which the permit is requested.
5. A permit issued pursuant to this Section shall allow the keeping of chickens on the specific property identified in the permit. The permit shall be personal to the permittee and is non-transferrable.
6. A permit issued pursuant to this section shall be in effect for twelve (12) months after which the permittee may reapply or will expire.

4-22-07-06-02.1 Denial or Revocation of Permit

1. The County may deny or revoke a permit to keep, maintain or possess chickens within the County if determined that any provision of this Section is being violated or if the County finds that maintenance of chicken(s) interferes with the reasonable and comfortable use and enjoyment of property.
2. Removal of Shelter: [Upon] expiration, revocation or denial of a permit, all chicken facilities shall be removed from the property within 14 days of such expiration, revocation or denial.

***I hereby certify that by signing this document, I have read and understand the regulations regarding Residential Chicken Keeping. Upon expiration, revocation, or denial of a permit, all chicken facilities shall be removed from the property within 14 days of such expiration, revocation or denial. ***

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