

City of Woodbury

Office of Code Enforcement

33 Delaware St.

Woodbury, NJ 08096

Phone 856-845-1300 Ext.127 Fax 856-845-1309

Thank You for your interest in the City of Woodbury's Back Yard Chicken Hen Pilot Program.

Attached you will find the License application along with a copy of Ordinance #2243-16. Please review the information and if you wish to obtain a license, please complete the license application form and return to:

**City of Woodbury
Office of Code Enforcement
33 Delaware St.
Woodbury, NJ
08096
Attn: S. Petersen**

Applicants must attend a training course to complete the licensing process. Details regarding the date, time and location of the training will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions please contact  856-845-1300 ext. 127

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Back Yard Chicken Hen Pilot Program License Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

I am the _____ Owner _____ Tenant.

*Tenants must provide written consent from the landlord/owner of the property.

Are you currently keeping back yard chicken hens? _____

How many chickens do you have / want to keep? _____

Please complete the back of this form.

For Office Use

Date Paid _____

Amount Paid _____

Training date completion _____

Review Date _____

License Issue Date _____

License # _____

ORDINANCE #2243-16

AN ORDINANCE OF CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, ENTITLED "ANIMALS"

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury is a municipal entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Gloucester County; and

WHEREAS, the keeping of backyard chickens hens and other fowl and livestock is currently prohibited by the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey encourages municipalities to promote sustainable programs; and

WHEREAS, the keeping of "Backyard Chicken Hens" is a means by which sustainability can be achieved; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Governing Body of the City of Woodbury deems it in the best interests of the taxpayers and residents of the City of Woodbury to amend Chapter 211 to authorize a pilot program which permits the keeping of "Backyard Chicken Hens" under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the City of Woodbury by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter 211 of the Code of the City of Woodbury is hereby amended, supplemented and revised to include the following provisions:

Article II-Livestock and Fowl

§211-8. Definitions.

Backyard Chicken Hens – Chicken Hens kept and maintained pursuant to Chapter 211, Article III, et seq.

otherwise, and accessory buildings shall not be considered a “residential dwelling” for purposes of calculating the required distance. Chickens may roam outside of the coop area in the back yard suitably fenced to keep them contained provided that a resident age eighteen (18) or older is present the entire time.

- E. The keeping of chickens shall be limited to the rear yard as defined by this Ordinance.

§211-12. License required; fee; expiration; class.

- A. No person shall keep chickens on their property without first obtaining a license from the municipal clerk’s office and paying the required fee therefor. No license shall be issued unless the applicant therefore has demonstrated compliance with all criteria set forth in this Article III. Every license issued pursuant to this Article shall expire annually on **March 1 after the Pilot begins**. Any applicant who currently has backyard chicken hens within the City of Woodbury, shall have priority over any one else for the purpose of applying for a license. The Chicken Advisory Board may grant a waiver of lot size and/or maximum permitted chickens to those persons maintaining chickens at the time of the passage of the within Ordinance to allow such person(s) to come into compliance with this Ordinance through the natural expiration of their chickens provided such waiver does not negatively affect the health, safety and welfare of any resident or person and application for such waiver is made within thirty (30) days of the passage of this Ordinance.
- B. A license fee of \$10.00 shall be paid for each license issued pursuant to this Article.
- C. Each applicant wishing to participate in the pilot program or desiring to keep backyard chickens thereafter in the event the pilot program is not terminated, shall be required to take a class on the basics of raising backyard chickens. Proof of attendance must be presented with the completed application. The City will provide a class minimally once a year at a nominal fee for anyone who has not previously met this requirement. The handling of this class will be the responsibility of the Chicken Advisory Board. A member of the Chicken Advisory Board will review the application with the applicant prior to final submission.
- D. Tenants of property submitting an application must have the consent of the landlord.

§211-13. Requirements for coops; slaughter of chickens; waste.

The following regulations and conditions for the keeping and housing of chickens shall be complied with:

- A. The coop shall be the appropriate size for the number of chickens and shall consist of a minimum of three (3) square feet per chicken.

implemented. The Chicken Advisory Board will assist anyone desiring to no longer participate in the backyard chicken program to relocate their chickens.

Article IV – Enforcement

§211-15. Access to property.

Any member of the local and/or county health department and/or City Code Official shall be permitted to enter any property for the purpose of a site inspections for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the provisions of Article III, either during the application process or during the period of the license. Said individuals set forth herein shall give 24 hours' notice to the license holder.

§211-16. Revocation of license.

Failure to comply with the conditions and regulations set forth in the Article shall result in revocation of the license after notice in writing and a hearing before the Code Official. Said hearing must occur within twenty (20) days of notice of revocation. The Code Official's revocation of a license may be appealed to the governing body within twenty (20) days of the revocation in writing filled with the Municipal Clerk setting forth the basis of the appeal.

§211-17. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction in the City of Woodbury Municipal Court or any such other court having jurisdiction, be sentenced to a fine not exceeding one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250.00), or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or community service for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or all of the above. Each day that a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense and subject to the penalty provisions of this Article.

SECTION 3: Except as set forth herein in Articles II, III and IV the balance of Chapter 211 shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 5: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraphs, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid By a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.