

VILLAGE OF CASSVILLE
Chicken Keeping Permit Application

A chicken keeping permit is required to keep and maintain chickens on an occupied lot located in the residential zoning district within the corporate limits of the Village of Cassville as specified in Chapter 10.015 of the Village Ordinances.

APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Property Owner: _____

Address (where chickens are to be kept): _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

LICENSING FEES

Licensing fee is \$25 per lot annually (payable to the Village of Cassville).

REGILATIONS FOR KEEPING CHICKENS

Acreage of lot where chickens are to be kept: _____ Total number of chickens to be kept: _____

You must provide the following with your application:

- Proof of registration with the State of Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection (WI Statute 95.51). Register online at <http://www.wiid.org/> or call WLIC at (888) 808-1910.
- Scaled site plan
- Drawing or photograph of hen house
- Proof of property ownership or written approval from property owner to keep chickens

REQUEST AND AFFIDAVIT

The applicant must read the following statement carefully and sign below:

*I hereby certify that I am the owner of record of the subject property or have written permission from the owner of record of the subject property. I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that this application and all attachments thereto are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. In submitting the signed application, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to comply with the terms and conditions of a Chicken Keeping Permit issued pursuant to Chapter 10.015 of the Village of Cassville as referenced in the application. I further understand and acknowledge that Chapter 10.015 of the Village of Cassville grants a right of inspection to enter upon the premises where chicken keeping has been permitted to ensure all requirements of the Ordinance are being met by the permittee, that a Chicken Keeping Permit is valid as long as the property owner remains the same, the permit may be revoked if the permittee is convicted of one or more violation(s) of the Ordinance of the Village of Cassville and Chicken Permits are non-transferrable. **Denials and/or revocations of permits may be appealed in writing to the Village Licensing/Zoning/Ordinance Committee within 20 days of receipt of the denial or revocation.***

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

10.015 - KEEPING OF CHICKENS

- (1)** Any person having, keeping, or maintaining chickens within the corporate limits of the Village of Cassville shall be in compliance with this Chapter, and other applicable requirements of the municipal code.
 - (a)** The total number of chickens allowed is dependent on the lot size as listed below;
 - i. One-quarter (1/4) acre or less: 4 chickens max.
 - ii. One-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) acre: 6 chickens max.
 - iii. One-half (1/2) acre to three-quarters (3/4) acre: 8 chickens max.
 - iv. Three-quarters (3/4) acre or more: 10 chickens max.
 - (b)** No roosters are allowed to be kept in the Village of Cassville.
 - (c)** No coop, pen or building used for the housing, keeping, or maintaining of chickens shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any dwelling or residence. 3. Shall not apply to the owner's dwelling or residence.
 - (d)** No coop, pen or building used for the housing, keeping or maintaining of chickens shall be located within five (5) feet from a lot line.
 - (e)** A coop and any attached run/enclosure shall be located in the rear or side yard, and shall be enclosed with wire netting, fencing or equivalent material that will prevent chickens from leaving the property.
 - (f)** No person shall have, keep, or maintain, within the Village, any chickens which are not provided with a run/enclosure of not less than eight (8) square feet for each bird which has reached the age of six (6) months. All coops shall be sized to provide a minimum of four (4) square feet per bird.
 - (g)** The person owning or having charge of any chickens or chicken house shall keep the chickens and chicken house in a sanitary condition and in a condition which will not, through offensive odors, annoy or detract from the comfort of any other person residing in the Village.
 - (h)** Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times.
 - (i)** All waste including manure shall be disposed of in a safe and adequate manner that does not create a public nuisance. Composting of manure shall be done in a dedicated, enclosed container at least twenty-five (25) feet from any residential structure on adjacent lots, at least five (5) feet from any residential structure on the permitted lot, and at least five (5) feet from all lot lines.
 - (j)** The slaughtering of chickens may not be conducted within the Village
 - (k)** No person may keep or harbor chickens which habitually create excessive noise and disturbs the peace and quiet of persons in the vicinity.
 - (l)** Feed shall be stored and kept in containers which make the feed unavailable to rodents, vermin, wild birds, and predators.
 - (m)** Owners shall register with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection pursuant to §95.51, Wis. Stats., and provide proof of registration with the Department, or proof that registration is not required, at the time of permit application submittal and upon request by a Village official.
 - (n)** Sales of chickens or chicken products from the property shall be in compliance with the zoning requirements for that location and any other applicable Village ordinance.
 - (o)** Upon written complaint by any Village official or resident of the Village that the owner has violated any of the provisions of this section, the Building Inspector

and/or Police Department shall conduct an investigation. If the investigation determines that violations are occurring, the owner shall be notified in writing of the specific violations that exist. The Village shall allow the owner a reasonable time to correct the violations. Penalties for violations of this section that are not corrected within a reasonable time shall be enforced as specified in Section 10.015.

(2) Permit Required.

(a) Any person desiring to have chickens in the Village shall first apply for and receive a permit. Applications for a permit shall be submitted to the Village Clerk's office and must contain the following information;

- i. The desired location for the coop and run on a scaled drawing of the lot. The drawing shall include all buildings on properties within 100 feet of the proposed coop location and shall be approved by the Village Zoning, Licensing, and Ordinance Committee.
- ii. If a new building is required for the coop, the design for the desired coop along with proof of the building permit for the building of the same
- iii. The site number and, where required, the registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. A copy of the proof of having obtained a site number and, where required, a copy of the proof of registration must accompany the application
- iv. An application fee of \$25.00.

(b) Permits are for a one-year term beginning January 1 of each year

(c) All licenses must be renewed on an annual basis prior to January 1 of each year. License renewals shall be submitted to the Village Clerk's office and must include information contained in 10.015(b)(1) above.

(d) Permits may be denied or revoked for any person with any property in violation of this ordinance

Sec. 10.015 Penalties.

(1) Any person violating any section of this chapter shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) and not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). This Section shall also permit the Village Attorney to apply to the court of competent jurisdiction for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining any person from violating any aspect of this Chapter.