



## VILLAGE OF OLIVER

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### Annual License Application to Keep Chickens

An annual license is required for the keeping of any domesticated chickens in residential areas of the Village of Oliver. The license year is from January 1st to December 31st. A chicken license must be issued annually by January 1st of each year or within 30 days of acquiring the chickens. You can obtain an application at the Village Clerk-Treasurer's office, 2125 E State Street.

**Annual Fee** is \$10.00 per household

#### Complete the following:

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of chickens to be kept: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address where chickens will be housed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:      Rental Unit \_\_\_\_\_      Owner Occupied \_\_\_\_\_

If a rental, have you notified the property owner of your intention to harbor hens? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

You will also need to submit a site plan, as to where the chickens will be kept, and a structure plan, with dimensions and materials the coop will be made out of.

#### Your signature acknowledges that you have read and accept the following standards for keeping chickens in the Village of Oliver:

1. You have read and will abide by Chapter 315, Sec. 16. Keeping of Chickens (attached)
2. You have read and will abide by Chapter 315, Sec. 3 (A). Owners to Exercise Proper Control of Their Animals (attached)
3. You will keep a current registration with the State of Wisconsin "Livestock Premises Registration."
4. The penalty for not adhering to the above standards is a minimum of \$50 and not more than \$200.00 for subsequent offenses and possible revocation and/or denial of license application.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications will be approved upon final inspection of the coop.**

# **Village of Oliver Municipal Code**

## **CHAPTER 315**

### **SECTION 16. KEEPING OF CHICKENS**

The keeping of hens, the female of the chicken shall be permitted in single family residential lots, provided that the following conditions are met:

- A. License to own, keep and/or harbor chickens.
  - 1. No person shall own, keep or harbor any chickens, or build, erect or maintain and use any chicken coop, house, yard or other building or structure to keep or harbor chickens anywhere within the Village without obtaining a license.
  - 2. Any person who owns, keeps or harbors chickens in the Village of Oliver shall obtain a license within 30 days of acquiring the chickens.
  - 3. License Period. The term year of a license commences on January 1 and ends the following December 31. Residents deciding to own, keep and/or harbor chickens for successive years must obtain a new license for each term year they own, keep or harbor such chickens.
  - 4. License Fee. Chicken licenses shall be issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. A non-refundable license fee of \$10.00 is due at the time of application filing.
  - 5. How to Apply. Applications shall be made in writing on the forms provided by and filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer's Office, who forwards the same to the Planning Commission for approval. The application must contain a scale drawing showing property lot lines, dimensions of coop/enclosure and distance from adjoining lot lines and residential structures.
- B. No person shall keep more than six birds.
- C. Coops.
  - 1. Birds shall be kept in an enclosed outdoor coop, an accessory structure used for the purpose of keeping live Birds, so as to offer protection from weather elements and from predators and trespassers.
  - 2. Coops shall be built and kept in such a manner, large enough to provide at least three-square feet per Bird and allow the Bird easy ingress and egress to an enclosed Bird yard. Coops shall not exceed eight feet in height.
  - 3. Coops shall be covered with uniform materials and shall be maintained intact with all parts secure. Any repairs shall maintain consistency with original structure in appearance and condition. The coop must be replaced, removed, or repaired upon evidence of deterioration.
- D. Yard.
  - 1. Coops shall be connected with an enclosed yard or run.
  - 2. Birds may be allowed to roam in a fenced back yard but shall not be allowed to roam outside of the fenced yard. Birds must be returned to the secured coop each night.
  - 3. Yard constructed with wire mesh fencing shall retain a flat, uniform plane, in a well-maintained, safe condition.

E. Location and setback.

1. Street setbacks. Coops and Yards shall not be located in the front yard.
2. Setbacks to habitable structures. In addition to setback requirements for accessory structures, coops shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from any existing structures on any adjoining parcel, such as dwellings, non-residential buildings, patios, porches, gazebos, decks or swimming pools, but not including storage structures such as garages or sheds.

F. Prohibitions and management practices.

1. Roosters. The keeping of roosters shall not be allowed.
2. Odors. Coops must be kept in a clean, dry and sanitary condition at all times. Yards must be cleaned on a regular basis so they remain free from undue accumulated waste, such as to cause odors reasonably detectable on adjacent properties.
3. Feed. All feed for Birds shall, except when placed for consumption by the Birds, be kept in containers with tightly fitted lids that are rodent proof
4. Maintenance of Coops. Coops shall be maintained in good repair and non-dilapidated condition.
5. Slaughter. No person shall slaughter chickens within the Village of Oliver.

G. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for subsequent offenses.

## **CHAPTER 315**

### **SECTION 3. OWNERS TO EXERCISE PROPER CONTROL OF THEIR ANIMALS**

- A. Owners shall exercise proper care and control of their animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive, continuous or untimely barking, the making of loud, continuous or disruptive noises, molesting or threatening persons, chasing vehicles, attacking other domestic animals, or running at large on public or private property shall be deemed a nuisance.