



Keeping Chickens, Fowl and Pigeons Application



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Name of Applicant: _____

Property Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Tax Block: _____ Tax Lot(s): _____ PIN: _____ - _____ - _____

Number and Type of Fowl/Birds to be kept:

_____ Chickens _____ Pigeons _____ Other Fowl (type and number) _____

I have completely read and understand the "REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS OR OTHER FOWL AND PIGEONS", and I agree to comply with all regulations contained therein.

Name

Signature

Date

Please attach the following additional documentation: (An example or blank copy of each is contained within this package.)

- *Scaled Site Plan.
- *Elevation Drawing of enclosure and/or coop design, with materials list.
- *Notarized affidavit(s) from each impacted adjacent property owner.



REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS OR OTHER FOWL AND PIGEONS

(Section 6-6 Winston-Salem City Code as adopted November 5, 2012)

Sanitation for chickens or other fowl and pigeons. Any person who keeps, feeds or maintains chickens or other fowl and pigeons in the corporate limits of the city shall provide a bin or pit which shall be watertight and so arranged that it is fly-proof, or a watertight barrel with a close-fitting lid. Manure accumulating shall be placed in the bin, pit or barrel each day, and the manure shall be removed at intervals not longer than five days beginning from March 15 until September 15 of each year, and at intervals of one week from September 16 to March 14 of each year. Likewise, uneaten feed shall be placed in the bin, pit or barrel each day, and removed at the intervals specified above for manure. The slaughter of chickens or other fowl for personal use is allowed only on the property where the chickens or fowl are kept. The slaughter shall not be visible from public areas, the public right-of-way or any adjacent property. The slaughter must be performed in a sanitary manner with the proper disposal of all waste materials.

(a) Sheltering and limits on the number and type of chickens or other fowl:

- (i.) **Enclosed run.** Chickens or other fowl shall be kept in an enclosed run. Said enclosure shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in height and must be enclosed on all sides and the top with wire mesh fencing. The enclosed run shall provide at least ten (10) square feet of run area per chicken or other fowl. Any access gates or other access openings into the enclosed run shall be self-closing, self-latching and lockable.
- (ii.) **Coop.** The coop shall be constructed of solid material and shall be located within the enclosed run or constructed and located so as only to provide ingress/egress for the chickens or other fowl into the enclosed run. The coop shall provide a minimum of three (3) square feet of floor area per chicken and shall be a minimum of two (2) feet in height per floor or level where chickens or other fowl are housed.
- (iii.) **Number and type.** The maximum number of chickens or other fowl that can be kept on any residentially zoned property within the corporate limits of the city shall be five (5). All chickens shall be hens; no roosters are permitted.
- (iv.) **Enclosed run and coop materials.** The enclosed run and coop shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. All solid materials and fencing used in conjunction with the construction of the coop and enclosed run shall be suitable for exposure to moisture without deterioration and shall be conducive to regular cleaning and sanitation. Without limiting the materials that can be used, examples meeting this requirement are pressure treated wood, painted wood, wood frame with metal or vinyl siding, asphalt shingle roofing and metal roofing for the coop and galvanized or vinyl mesh fencing and fencing supports for the enclosed run.

- (b) **Sheltering of pigeons.** The coop for the keeping of pigeons shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. All solid materials and fencing used in conjunction with the construction of the coop shall be suitable for exposure to

moisture without deterioration and shall be conducive to regular cleaning and sanitation. Without limiting what can be used, examples meeting this requirement are pressure treated wood, painted wood, wood frame with metal or vinyl siding, asphalt shingle roofing and metal roofing for the coop and galvanized or vinyl mesh fencing and fencing supports for the enclosure. No enclosed area around the pigeon coop is required, but if such enclosure is provided it shall also be constructed of materials suitable for exposure to moisture without deterioration and shall be conducive to regular cleaning and sanitation.

- (c) ***Setbacks for the keeping of chickens or other fowl and pigeons.*** The enclosed run for the keeping of chickens or other fowl and/or the enclosed run or coop for the keeping of pigeons shall be located in the rear yard and shall be no closer to the street than the rear yard of the dwelling or principal structure and at no time may be closer than twenty five (25) feet from any adjacent property line. If the enclosed run for the keeping of chickens or other fowl and/or the enclosed run or coop for the keeping of pigeons is at least 100 feet from all adjacent property lines (excluding the front property line) approval from adjoining neighbors is not required. When proposing to place the enclosed run and/or coop for the keeping of chickens or other fowl and pigeons greater than 25 feet but less than 100 feet from any adjacent property line(s), the property owner must have the notarized signature from the impacted adjacent property owner(s) on a statement indicating that the adjacent property owner(s) approve(s) of the location of the enclosed run and/or coop prior to applying for and receiving a permit for placement.
- (d) ***Permit required for the keeping of chickens or other fowl and pigeons.*** A zoning permit issued by the Inspections Division is necessary prior to constructing and/or erecting the enclosed run and/or coop. Submittal requirements shall include, but may not be limited to, a scaled site plan showing all property lines and existing structures, the proposed enclosure and/or coop, the distance from the property lines to the proposed enclosure and/or coop, as well as a sketch or elevation(s) of the planned enclosure and/or coop design and a materials list indicating what the enclosure and/or coop will be constructed of. When the proposed enclosure and/or coop for the keeping of chickens or other fowl and pigeons is located closer to the adjacent property owner(s) than 100 feet, the notarized statement outlined in Section 6-6(d) must be provided. Additional information may be necessary to ensure compliance with these and other requirements.
- (e) ***Permit renewal and revocation.*** The zoning permit shall automatically renew annually. Should two (2) confirmed/sustained Notices of Violations (NOVs) concerning violations of the provisions of this Section (Section 6-6) be issued within a two (2) year period, the permit shall automatically be revoked. Upon permit revocation, the property owner shall be prohibited from keeping or applying for a permit to keep chickens or other fowl and pigeons for a period of two (2) years. Following the two (2) year period, the property owner may re-apply for a permit.

Impact on previously issued Special Use Permits for the keeping of chickens or other fowl and pigeons. Special Use Permits (SUPs) previously issued for the keeping of chickens or other fowl and pigeons shall remain valid and are not subject to the provisions of Section 6-6 (b-f) but are subject to the provisions of Section 6-6 (a) and the site plan and SUP conditions approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.



NORTH CAROLINA)
FORSYTH COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am familiar with my neighbor's proposal to keep chickens (or other fowl or pigeons) at

(Address)

and that I understand that the coop and/or enclosure will be located between 25 and 100 feet from my property line. I approve of the keeping of chickens (or other fowl or pigeons) at the above referenced address.

This _____ day of _____, 2____.

Name _____ Address _____
(Printed or Typed)

(Signature)

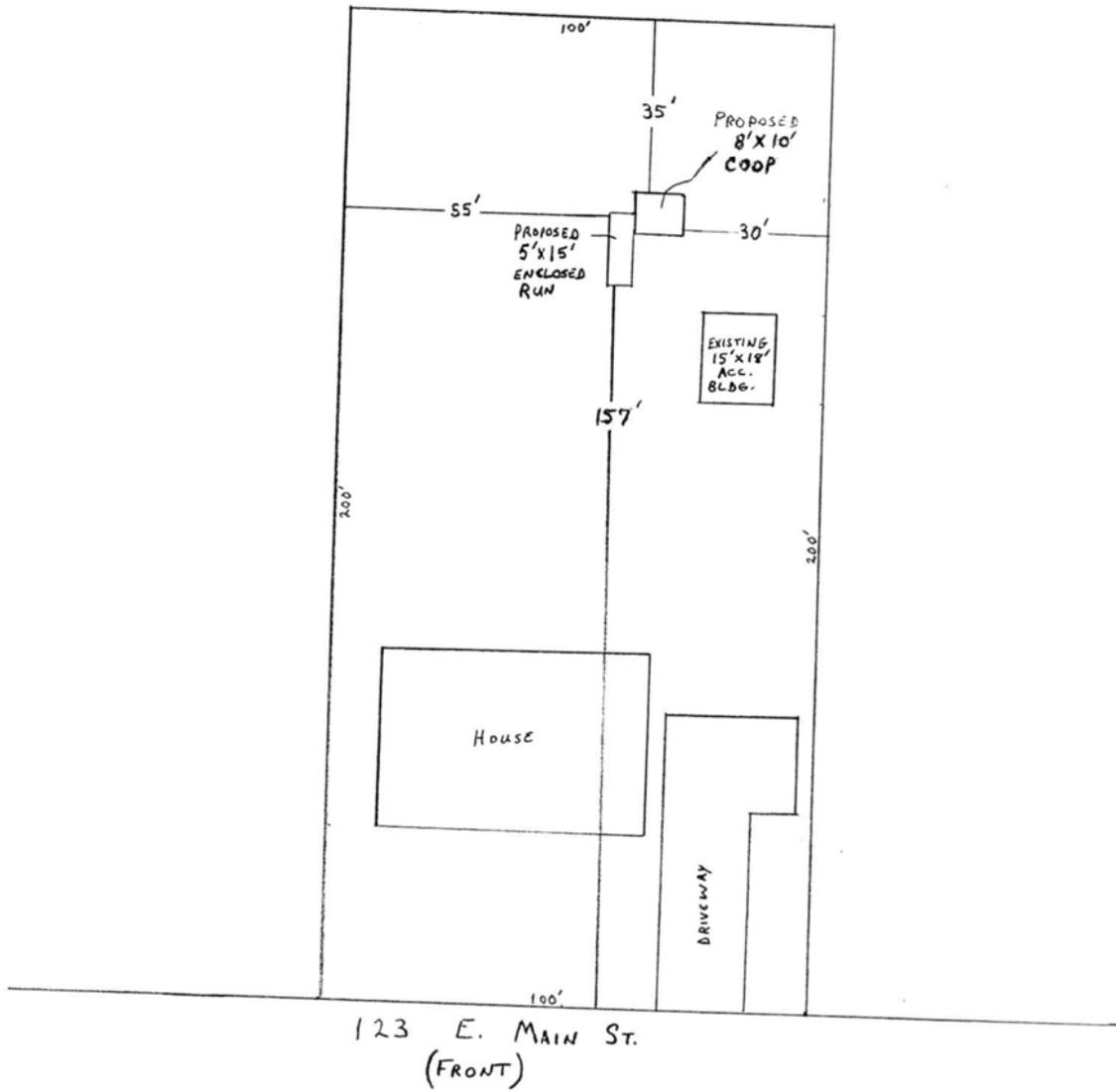
Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This _____ day of _____, 2____

(Signature Notary Public)

My Commission Expires: _____
(Date)

*(SAMPLE) SITE PLAN



SCALE: 1" = 30'

* (SAMPLE) ELEVATION DRAWING AND MATERIALS LIST

The Chicken Coop



Your little chicks will grow surprisingly fast and soon be full size chickens. At this point you will need to provide for their long term housing. Chickens are not particular about their accommodations, but will be happier, healthier and more productive when given protection from extremes of heat and cold, security from predators and a dry, draft free place to roost for the night. In addition, your layers will need a cozy space to go when it's time to lay their eggs. Your poultry quarters must also provide for your needs as caretaker when it comes time to feed, water, collect eggs and clean the coop and change the litter.

If you have a fenced yard or similar enclosed space your birds can be allowed to free range during daylight hours. You will find them out busily scratching the ground at dawn and back in their coop by dusk. This arrangement also provides you the opportunity to observe their variety of interesting behaviors in a natural setting. The greatest threat to your chickens during the day will be from dogs and wild canines like foxes or coyotes. At night, raccoons and possums are on the prowl and will

easily find their way into an unsecured coop to decimate your flock. Your coop must have a secure, latching door such as a hook and eye with a spring catch. Your other option is to build a secure outside chicken run connected to your coop that is screened on all sides and the top. Your birds can then move in and out of the coop at will and you don't have to worry about letting them out and closing them up every day and evening.

The following coop plans accommodate 8 full size chickens or 12 bantams. A larger version can be built by doubling all length dimensions that will hold up to 16 full size chickens or 24 bantams. The outside area for your birds should provide a minimum of 4 square feet per bird. You will want a nest box for every 4 hens. The inside of the coop floor should be covered with wood shavings to a 3 inch depth and changed every few months, more or less depending on how many chickens you have.

