



Permit Number

Fee: \$40.00

BACKYARD CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION

City of Coopersville
289 Danforth Street Coopersville, MI 49404
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1. Project Information

Address/location of property: _____

Parcel Number: 70-05-_____ Zoning District: _____

2. Applicant

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

3. Property Owner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

4. Required Details on Enclosure (see page 2)

6. Proposed Number of Chickens: _____

7. Authorization from Property Owner (if applicant is not property owner; see page 3 of application)

By Signing below, the applicant agrees to perform the described work in accordance with all applicable sections of the City of Coopersville Code of Ordinances.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Office Use Only

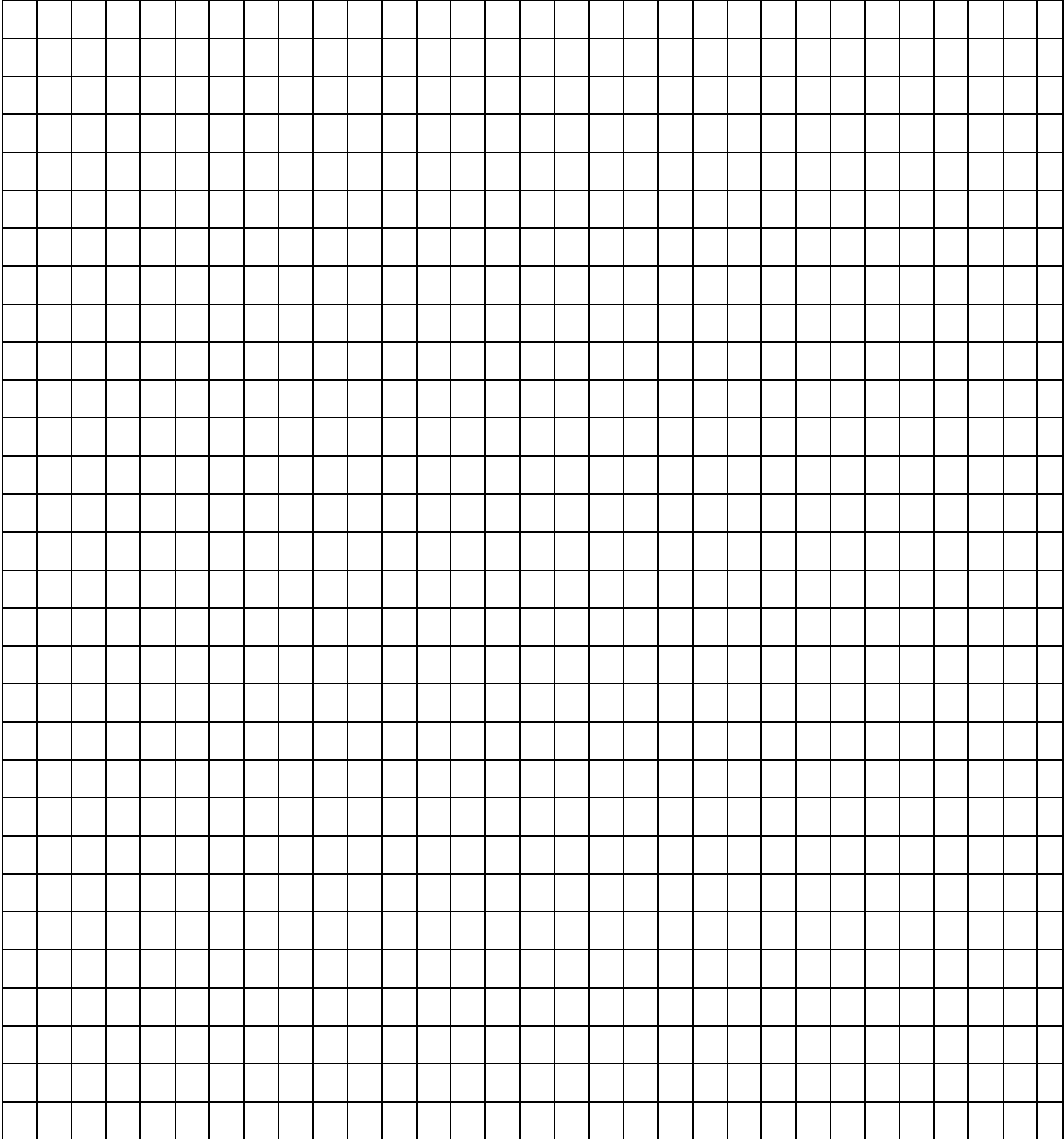
Permit #: _____ Date Received: _____ Fee: _____

Date of Approval: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Approved by: _____

Required Details and Drawing

(See attached Zoning Ordinance Sec. 1280.04 for specific regulations)

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| Location of all structures on Property | Enclosure building materials |
| Location of Chicken enclosure | Setbacks from property lines to enclosure |
| Size and Height of enclosure | Predator barrier details |



CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNER

(required if applicant is not the property owner)

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I, _____, OF THE STATE OF _____ AND
COUNTY OF _____ STATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. That I am the owner of real estate located at: _____;
2. That I have read and examined the Backyard Chicken Permit Application and the associated ordinance made to the City of Coopersville.
3. That I have no objections to, and consent to the request(s) described in the Application made to the City of Coopersville.

Signature of Owner _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Phone Number _____

City of Coopersville Zoning Ordinance Sec. 1280.05

1. **Prior to installation of any backyard chicken enclosure or keeping of any backyard chickens, a permit application with fee must be submitted to the city zoning administrator and be approved.**
 - (a) **The applicant shall pay the fee required by the fee resolution periodically adopted by the city council.**
 - (b) **An initial backyard chicken permit shall be valid indefinitely or until the property is sold.**
 - (c) **Upon sale of property, the new owner of the property must submit a new permit application with fee.**
 - (d) **Failure to comply with the zoning ordinance will result in the approved permit to be suspended/revoked and chickens will be required to be removed from the property.**

2. **The keeping of backyard chickens is permitted as an accessory use if all the following conditions are met:**
 - (a) **The parcel of land is located within a residential zoning district and the principal use of the parcel is a single-family residential dwelling.**
 - (b) **The keeping of chickens shall be done on a noncommercial basis while limiting and mitigating any potential adverse impacts. The keeping of chickens shall be exclusively used by the people occupying the property as a locally grown food source for the consumption of eggs or meat.**
 - (c) **Chickens shall be provided with and kept within a completely enclosed covered coop (which is defined as an enclosure an/or cage) at all times.**
 - (d) **The enclosed area where the chickens are kept shall be located within the rear yard (as defined in the Zoning Ordinance), not within the main building or any attached accessory buildings and shall be at least (20) twenty feet from any dwelling and at least (20) twenty feet from the rear or side lot lines.**
 - (e) **Chickens shall not be allowed to roam the parcel or any public streets, land, alleys, vacant lots or other open or public places, or upon any third-party premises.**
 - (f) **A maximum six (6) chickens may be kept per parcel.**
 - (g) **Chickens that crow, roosters, guinea fowl, and all other fowl including ducks shall not be permitted.**
 - (h) **The outdoor slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.**

3. **Chicken coops shall be kept and maintained in a manner so as to minimize to the greatest extent possible any adverse impacts to the property on which they are kept, surrounding properties, and any other areas of the city, including, without limitation, dust, dirt, noise, odor, vermin, the attraction of other birds or animals, the potential spread of infection, disease or contamination or other health or safety hazards or nuisance conditions. All chicken coops shall:**
 - (a) **Be constructed of permanent residential building materials suited for the purpose.**
 - (b) **Be enclosed on all sides and from above.**
 - (c) **Materials used to construct the enclosed areas shall exclude tarps, plastic, fabric, rubber, paper, cardboard, or other non-traditional building materials.**
 - (d) **Be of sufficient size and design, and constructed of such material, so that it can be maintained in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition;**
 - (e) **Be kept, at all times, in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition, in good repair, and in compliance with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations;**
 - (f) **Be a maximum of 80 square feet in area and eight feet in height;**
 - (g) **Contain sufficient square footage to allow the chicken housed within to move around freely and provide an interior height of at least six inches higher than the head of the chicken in the enclosure when the chicken is in the normal standing position. A run for chickens shall be of a length, width, and height to provide adequate space for an animal to exercise.**

4. **All chickens shall be fed only within the confines of the chicken coop. All feed for the animals shall be stored in sealed containers that will prevent intrusion by insects, rodents and other vermin.**

5. **Litter must be regularly removed and properly disposed of in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations.**

6. **The keeping of chickens shall follow all other local, state, and federal regulations.**