



Town of Moreau

Building and Zoning Dept.

Town Office Complex
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CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

TWO SETS OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED (ONE ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY)

1. **APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY & CLEARLY.** Name and address must be on each document. Signature of property owner or applicant is required.
2. **DRAWINGS** - Detailed drawings to include (but not limited to):
 - a. **PLOT DRAWING**- drawn to scale with the use of a survey map, if available showing the following:
 - i. Location of all existing structure(s) on the property
 - ii. Location of water supply (well or water line)
 - iii. Location and configuration of septic disposal system or sewer line
 - iv. Location of proposed pen, coop, or house including setbacks from property lines.
 - v. Location of fence (if applicable)
3. **BASIC REGULATIONS** – Please refer to **Chapter 58 - Keeping of Chickens** for all rules and regulations
 - a. **No More Than 6 Chickens**
 - b. **No roosters** shall be allowed
 - c. **Setbacks** - All pens, coops, or houses maintained for the keeping of chickens shall comply with the rear and side yard setback requirements
 - d. **One Enclosure** - one enclosure for the keeping of chickens. All structures limited to the Rear yard.
 - e. **Enclosure construction** - Must safely and securely house chickens and shall be kept free of rodent infestation at all times.
 - f. **Run spacing** -There shall be no less than ten (10) square feet per chicken in any chicken run
 - g. **On permitted premises** -Chickens shall be confined at all times to the property on which they are kept, possessed or maintained.
 - h. **No Resale** -Any chickens maintained, housed or possessed and all eggs produced from said chickens shall be for the sole use and consumption of the homeowner or tenant in possession and shall not be offered for resale. No person shall engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.
4. **FEE** - *as per fee schedule*

TOWN OF MOREAU CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION

LOCATION Information

PROJECT ADDRESS _____

TAX MAP/ SBL _____

ZONING: _____

OWNER Information

NAME (PRINT) _____

CONTACT INFO: PHONE/ EMAIL

P: _____

ADDRESS (If different) _____

E: _____

Signature_____
Date

CONTRACTOR Information (if applicable)

NAME (PRINT) _____

CONTACT INFO: PHONE/ EMAIL

P: _____

ADDRESS _____

E: _____

Signature_____
Date

PROPERTY INFORMATION REQUIRED

PROPOSED STRUCTURE SIZE	PROPERTY LOT SIZE - ACRES	SETBACKS				CORNER LOT (Circle one)	
		FRONT	BACK	SIDES			
						YES	NO

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I affirm that the information on this application is correct and complete, and I understand that the Town will rely on this information in making a decision.

Applicant's

Name (PRINT): _____

Applicant's

Name (SIGN): _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Permit Fee: **\$50.00** Issue Date: ____/____/____ Expire Date: ____/____/____ Permit #: _____

Building Inspector: _____ Date Approved: _____

Zoning Coordinator Approval: _____

REQUIRED INSPECTION: 24 HOUR NOTICE REQUIRED

**** Please do **NOT** leave requests for inspections on voicemail.
Inspections requested via voicemail may not be scheduled. ****

- **SITE** Inspection

- **FINAL** Inspection (All required work must be completed before a Certificate of Compliance can be issued)

Final Inspections are a critical step in closing out any permitted project.

Final Inspection Requirements

- Before a Certificate of Compliance is issued, the Building Inspector evaluates the work to ensure it complies with all applicable codes and regulations.
- Any deficiencies found must be corrected, and sometimes a re-inspection is necessary to confirm compliance.

Closing the Permit

- Once the inspector signs off, the Town can officially issue the Certificate of Compliance.
- Only then is the permit closed in the system, signaling that the project is officially approved and finalized.

TOWN CODE

58-1 PURPOSE

The Town Board of the Town of Moreau recognizes that the keeping of chickens can be a safe, productive, nondisruptive practice, provided that such animals are properly cared for in a clean, structurally sound environment, kept in appropriate numbers, and maintained at a reasonable noise level, with food sources properly contained and managed to avoid odors or the attraction of wildlife or vermin. Accordingly, the Town of Moreau hereby enacts a local law to regulate the keeping of chickens on residential properties with less than five acres within the Town's residential zoning districts, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, UR and RP (hereinafter referred to as "Residential Zoning Districts") so as to ensure that these animals are kept and maintained in a manner that protects the Town and its residents from nuisances associated with their keeping. This article shall not apply to any lots located in any of the Residential Zoning Districts which are five or more acres in size. Any such lots will be permitted chickens without the requirement of obtaining a permit or be subject to the regulations contained in this article.

58-2 REGULATIONS

It shall be lawful for any person to keep, permit or allow any chickens in the Residential Zoning Districts under the following terms and conditions and after having received a permit to keep said chickens from the Building Department as prescribed herein:

A.

No person shall keep, maintain, house or possess more than six chickens.

B.

No chickens shall be allowed in multifamily complexes without the expressed written consent of the owner of the building and all tenants residing in the building other than the applicant.

C.

No roosters shall be allowed.

D.

All pens, coops or houses maintained for the keeping of chickens shall comply with the rear and side yard setback requirements set forth in the Schedule of Uses contained in Chapter 149 herein for the respective Residential Zoning District.

E.

No property may have more than one enclosure for the keeping of chickens.

F.

All pens, coops or houses shall be limited to the rear yard as such is defined in Chapter 149 herein.

G.

All enclosures shall be constructed and maintained in such a manner as will safely and securely house chickens and shall be kept free of rodent infestation at all times.

H.

Pens, coops or houses shall be suitably screened from the view of surrounding residences and surrounding streets by a fence or by shrubs, unless said pen, coop or house is located in such a manner as not to be visible from the surrounding residences and streets.

I.

All feed and other materials associated with the keeping of chickens shall be protected in a container with a tightly fitted lid so as to prevent the attraction of rodents or other pests.

J.

There shall be no less than two square feet of floor space per chicken in any pen, coop or house in which such chickens are kept. The pen, coop or house shall be large enough to provide adequate access for cleaning and egg collecting.

K.

There shall be no less than 10 square feet per chicken in any chicken run.

TOWN CODE

L.

Chickens shall be confined at all times to the property on which they are kept, possessed or maintained.

M.

Chickens shall be provided with adequate food and water at all times.

N.

Any chickens maintained, housed or possessed and all eggs produced from said chickens shall be for the sole use and consumption of the homeowner or tenant in possession and shall not be offered for resale. No person shall engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

58-3 PERMIT REQUIRED

A.

Any person wishing to keep chickens pursuant to this article shall first obtain a permit from the Town Building Department and pay a fee, as set forth in the Town's fee schedule. The permit application shall be on such forms as are provided by the Building Department. The written consent of the owner(s) of the subject real property shall be required for any application made by a person other than the property owner(s).

B.

Persons keeping chickens on their property in the Residential Zoning Districts as of the date of the adoption of this local law shall have 30 days in which to apply for and obtain a permit.

58-4 ENFORCEMENT

A.

Any violation of this section will result in a written warning by the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, with two weeks to correct the violation. Any person who fails to correct a violation of this section following issuance of a written warning shall be issued a written notice by the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer requiring the removal of all chickens and related infrastructure from the subject property within two weeks' time. Failure to remove the chickens and related infrastructure within the two-week period pursuant to a removal notice shall constitute a violation of this section, with subsequent violations accruing every day thereafter until the violation is remedied. It shall not be necessary for the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to issue a written removal notice for each subsequent day for the days to constitute a subsequent violation. The initial notice of violation pursuant to this section shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine of \$50. Any subsequent violation of this section unrelated to the initial notice shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250 per violation.

B.

Notwithstanding Subsection A, the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer may revoke immediately any permit granted pursuant to this section if the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer determines that the keeping of chickens on the subject property in its then-existing condition presents a nuisance for neighboring properties and/or an unreasonable risk to the health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding neighborhood.