Summerhill Borough Laying Hen Permit

1st Application $50 Annual Renewal $25

Please complete this application, be sure to include your application or annual renewal fee made payable to “Summerhill Borough”. Applications may be mailed to PO Box 289, Summerhill, Pa 15958. Once received, a representative from council will review the application and schedule a time with property owner or tenet to evaluation proposed location.

The application will then be submitted to council for review and approval. If approved, the applicate may acquire laying hens. The below application and checklist MUST be completed and the Applicant MUST comply prior and during chicken ownership or risk possible fines. Please

Include with this permit application a sketch plan of the lot, which shall include existing buildings, structures, proposed chicken coop / pen, fencing / screening, as well as all dimensions and required setbacks and separation distances.

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If not property owner, provide:

Property owner name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*Please attach letter of authorization from property owner \*\*

I agree to meet the following criteria in order to be considered for a Laying Hen Permit in the Borough of Summerhill

1. Type of animal: only laying hens from chicken breeds are permitted in town. Chickens must be female and used for egg laying only. No males: Roosters or Capons are NOT permitted. No Meat Breeds permitted. Commercial Sales of eggs or hatching of chicks is not permitted.
2. Number of birds: No more than 4 laying hens are permitted on a residential lot. If property owner has 2 lots then up to 8 laying hens are permitted.
3. Lot criteria: Lot must be at least 5,000 square feet
4. Shelter: Chickens must be housed in approved chicken coop or pen. And must receive council approval prior to building or purchasing.
   1. It must be fully contained (including roof), be well ventilated, be fully screened in openings, and have at least 1 square foot per bird.
   2. must be fully screened and buffered by fencing and/or vegetation so as not to be visible from any public right-of-way or street;
   3. The coop or shelter must be designed in compliance with any state standards or regulations pertaining to livestock or animal protection and/or health standards;
5. Structures must be placed at least 20’ from neighboring property line.
6. Structures may NOT be located in the front of a residence.
7. Pens must be kept clean and regularly have bedding and nesting material changed. Applicants are NOT permitted to have open compost piles or place materials in town compost areas.
8. Chickens must receive clean water and food regularly and eggs must be gathered regularly.
   1. Feed, scratch, and other edibles must be stored in sealed containers.
9. Applicants are not permitted to have “free range” chickens or chickens running at large.
   1. Outdoor enclosures are permitted and encouraged; these should not exceed more than 50 square feet unless Council approval is granted.
10. The slaughtering or disposal of chickens is not permitted in town.
11. Renters are prohibited from applying for this permit unless written approval from Landlord is obtain and a written authorization is attached to this application.
12. The applicant agrees to have a representative from council evaluate proposed area to ensure it meets requirements set forth in this application. Should council be denied access, the application will be rejected and returned to applicant.
13. The applicant agrees to all items expressed above and agrees to receive up to a $100 per day fine if found in violation of this application which also serves as an agreement between the property owners or tenant and the Borough of Summerhill.
14. Applicant understands if any legal actions occur, they will be responsible for any and all legal fees acquired by Summerhill Borough.
15. The applicant acknowledges NO chickens may be placed or maintained on a lot until a permit is issued by the Borough. The permit shall be issued after an inspection is performed confirming compliance with the requirements of § 5-2004 and upon payment of a $50 application fee. The permit shall be valid for one (1) year and must be renewed annually after inspection and payment of the required $25 fee.
16. A building permit is also required for the placement of the coop / pen, and must be obtained by contact Laurel Inspection Agency.
17. Incomplete applications will be rejected and returned.
18. If property is unable to be viewed or inspected, the application will be rejected and returned. If permit has already been issued, the permit will be revoked.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have read the above conditions and restrictions, and understand and agree to fully comply with these during the duration of this annual permit period.

Please initial the following statements:

I am aware and agree that if I maintain the keeping of chickens for the following year, I will have to re-apply for a permit and pay the associated application and inspection fee of $25. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to keep all chickens within the confines of my property at all times. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to grant Borough staff the right to inspect my property to determine compliance and investigate any complaints, upon prior notice. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that failure to comply with regulations may result in revocation of the permit. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As the applicant, I certify that all information provided herein is accurate and correct. As the applicant, I accept and assume all liability and responsibility for fulfilling the requirements of this permit. I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the criminal penalties as per 18 PA. C.S.A. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Applicant’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Borough Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Permit Approval: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Code Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Landlord Authorization for Chicken Permit

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (please circle one) Give or Do Not Give my consent as landlord of, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to have laying hens.

Landlord Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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