

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CREEK**

125 Depot Street, P.O. Box 238, Johnson Creek, WI 53038 (920-699-2296)

**Permit to Keep and Raise Chickens**

Village Code - Chapter 96

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_

Village Code - Chapter 96 – Animals – Article II – Keeping Animals and Fowls permits the keeping and raising of chickens subject to:

§96-13 Chickens

A. Definitions. The following terms, when used in this section, shall have the meaning set forth below:

- (1) Chicken means a domestic chicken of the sub-species Gallus gallus domesticus.
- (2) Keep means either the owning, keeping, possessing or harboring of a chicken.
- (3) Rooster means a male chicken of any age, including a capon or otherwise neutered male chicken.
- (4) Enclosed Coop means a covered, predator and vermin resistant, well ventilated, new or existing accessory structure providing a minimum of two square feet per chicken, to a maximum of 40 square feet including the run designed or modified for the keeping of chickens where the chicken is not visible from the outside of the structure.
- (5) Open Coop means a covered, predator and vermin resistant, well ventilated, new or existing accessory structure providing a minimum of two square feet per chicken, to a maximum of 40 square feet including any run designed or modified for the keeping of chickens where the chicken is visible from the outside of the structure.
- (6) Adjacent Property means any property to the side, rear or front of any other property excluding any property across a street or alley.
- (7) Permit is a privilege to allow a chicken or chickens to be kept on the licensed premises.

B. Confinement of Chickens. Chickens must be kept in an enclosed or open coop or run at all times.

C. Location of Coop. An enclosed or open coop shall be located no closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any lot line and may not be within the front yard setback. No chicken shall be kept within an occupied structure or structure attached to an occupied structure.

D. Annual Chicken Permit Required. Coop construction and inspection is required prior to issuance of this permit.

- (1) Fee. An application fee, as determined in Village Code - Chapter 33 – Fees, shall be paid to the Village by the applicant when the application is filed.
- (2) Application. The application for the annual residential chicken permit shall be made using such forms as required by the Village and must contain an accurately scaled drawing showing the location of the proposed coop and distances to lot lines. If the applicant is not the owner of the parcel, the property owner must sign the application certifying approval for the use of the premises for this purpose. The property owner’s signature must be notarized.

(3) Registration. Any permit application shall be accompanied with satisfactory evidence

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that the applicant has registered the proposed location with the Wisconsin Department of Agricultural Trade and Consumer Protection pursuant to Wis. Stats. 95.51 and ATCP 17, Wis. Adm. Code.

- (4) Open Coop. If the application is requesting the use of an open coop, the adjacent property owner(s) must sign the application certifying the approval for the use of the premises for this purpose. All adjacent property owners' signature(s) must be notarized. Maximum number of chickens allowed is four (4).
- (5) Enclosed Coop. Maximum number of chickens allowed is six (6).

**E. Miscellaneous.**

- (1) Rooster. No rooster shall be kept within the Village limits.
- (2) Slaughtering. No chicken shall be slaughtered within the Village limits.
- (3) Food. All food and supplies shall be maintained in a secure and rodent-proof container.
- (4) Waste. All waste generated by the operation of the coop including manure, droppings, organic bedding material and spoiled feed shall either be composted on site or disposed of in accordance with Chapter 205 Solid Waste. Any chicken carcass may not be composted. Waste is prohibited from being deposited at the Village yard waste or compost site. Waste may not be stockpiled to create a nuisance or odor.
- (5) Sanitation. The premises of the permit must be kept and in a neat and orderly appearance. The coop must be kept clean and in good repair.
- (6) Inspection. The Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector may enter the property of a permit holder to access the coop, feed storage and waste storage areas of the operation to determine compliance with the provisions of this section.

**F. Penalty.**

- (1) Compliance. Any permit holder found in violation of this section and/or Chapter 245-18 Prohibited acts; declaration of a public nuisance by the Zoning Administrator or the building Inspector shall be provided a warning notice of compliance. If three warning notice of compliance are issued within an twelve (12) period, the permit shall be immediately revoked. Re-issuance of any revoked permit is subject to a public hearing and Village Board approval.

**G. Revocation.**

Annual Chicken Permit is not a permitted use or conditional use of zoning. A permit cannot be transferred to another person or location. Any Annual Chicken Permit may be revoked at any time without further notice or recourse to protect the peace and good order of the Village.

§96-14 Animals at large.

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No person shall permit any horses, mules, donkeys, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, chickens, geese, ducks or turkeys of which he is the owner, caretaker or custodian to be at large within the Village of Johnson Creek. Any such creature shall be deemed to be at large when it shall be off the premises owned or rented by its owner and unaccompanied by the owner or an agent or employee of the owner.

**§96-15 Manure**

No Manure shall be dumped or left on any street, alley or sidewalk or on any open area or lot in any inhabited portion of the Village, nor shall any manure be used to grade in whole or in part any sidewalk, street, open area or lot in said section, unless said manure is completely covered with at least four inches of dirt.

**§96-16 Violations and penalties**

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article, whether any such animal or fowl shall be off his premises with or without his knowledge, or with or without his fault or negligence, or who shall refuse or neglect to carry out any order or regulation made pursuant to this article shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 60, Penalties, and the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of forfeiture and costs of prosecution shall be imprisoned until said forfeiture and the costs of prosecution are paid, but not to exceed 10 days. Each day's violation of the provisions of this article shall constitute a separate offense.

*I have read the above provisions of Chapter 96 – Animals of the Village Code of Ordinances of the Village of Johnson Creek, Jefferson County, Wisconsin and understand that any violation of Chapter 96 – Animals; may result in the revocation of this permit to keep and raise chickens within the Village of Johnson Creek, and further, that the Village of Johnson Creek has the right to revoke this permit at any time.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**APPLICATION**

Applicant (*print*) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Village State Zip

Coop Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (*provide diagram in relation to lot*)

Please Check:      Open Coop: \_\_\_\_\_      OR      Enclosed Coop \_\_\_\_\_

Open Coop Application requires notarized signature of all adjacent property owners to the parcel of the Coop Location.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adjacent Property – Owner (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adjacent Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Adjacent Property

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

State of Wisconsin, County of Jefferson

This document was signed before me on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
by \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Seal

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## How to Register Your Chickens with the State of Wisconsin

Before applying for your Village of Johnson Creek chicken permit, you must first register your premises with the **Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)**. This registration is required for all chicken owners in Wisconsin.

**Follow these steps to register your premises:**

1. **Visit the Wisconsin DATCP Registration Page:**  
Go to: [datcp.wi.gov/PremisesRegistration](http://datcp.wi.gov/PremisesRegistration)
2. **Complete the Registration Form Online:**
  - On the DATCP page, click the link for the **Livestock Premises Registration Application**.
  - Fill out the required fields, including your contact information and farm address.
  - Provide details about your facility, including the location of your chickens.
  - Submit the completed form online.
3. **If You Prefer to Mail a Printed Copy:**
  - You can go to the above link to **download the application form and print**.
4. **Mail** the completed form to:  
**Livestock Premises Registration (c/o WLIC)**  
4726 E Towne Blvd. Suite 210  
Madison, WI 53704
5. **Receive Your Registration Card:**
  - After submitting your registration, you will receive a **Premises Registration Number** and a **Livestock Premises Registration Card** from DATCP.
  - If you submit the form by mail, your registration card will be sent to you.
6. **Bring Your Registration Card to Village Hall:**
  - You will need to submit your **Premises Registration Card** when renewing or applying for your Village of Johnson Creek chicken permit.

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Please be sure to complete your registration with DATCP **before** submitting your permit application to the Village. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact Village Hall at **(920) 699-2296**.