



**Township of Raritan**  
 Application for Nonfarm Chickens  
 \$100 Application Fee



Permit #		1 Municipal Drive
Date Filed		Flemington, NJ 08822
		(908) 806-6100/806-8031 (fax)

**Applicant Information**

Owner/Applicant:				
Street Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:	Block:	Lot:
Phone #:		Email:		

**Description**

Number of Chickens:	Size of Pen:
Expected Date of Construction:	Expected Date of Completion: (At which inspection can be conducted)
Reason for Chickens:	

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct and I bind myself to comply with all ordinances pertaining to or governing the construction, repair, alteration or building or use of land, and hereby authorize any reasonable inspection of this property related to this application or the use of this property at any future time.

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 Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**T o w n s h i p   U s e   O n l y**

Comments and Conditions:

Zone:	Date:
Approved	Denied

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 Land Use Enforcement Officer's Signature



Guidelines for Chicken Permit Submission

**\*\*\*If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact the zoning office for clarification at (908) 806-6102.**

The keeping or raising of livestock, horses, poultry or rabbits shall be limited to lots of at least three (3) acres in area and shall be limited to one head of livestock or horse or 20 fowl or rabbits per acre. The keeping or raising of swine, fur-bearing animals or animal which, by reason of the nature of their diet and/or living habits, normally cause or result in objectionable odors is prohibited.

On properties less than three (3) acres in area, the keeping or raising of chickens for purely personal, educational or recreational purposes involving no nuisance or menace to the public health, shall be permitted on residential and nonfarm lots subject to the following conditions:

1. The number of chickens on any one property shall be limited to no more than five (5).
2. Chickens shall be provided an enclosure, including a fenced run, pen or coop, which is covered, ventilated and predator/rodent resistant
3. Said enclosure shall provide a minimum of four (4) square feet per chicken with a fenced run or equal or greater space. All fencing shall be six (6) feet in height.
4. Fenced run shall be well-drained so that there is no accumulation of runoff. Floors and walls of enclosure shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition with all droppings collected at least weekly. Animal solid waste shall be kept in a covered container until composted or transported off premises.
5. Any structure, such as a fenced run, pen or coop, shall not be closer than thirty (30) feet to any property line or located in front of the primary principal structure.
6. Any pen or coop shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet; any pen or coop with a fenced run shall not exceed two hundred (200) square feet.
7. Any structure constructed or installed, such as a pen or coop, shall be considered an accessory structure and must meet applicable regulations governing accessory structures in addition to those set forth herein. In the event there are any inconsistencies between the regulations herein and those affecting other accessory the provisions in this subsection shall control.
8. Chickens shall not be permitted to roam free on any property
9. Roosters shall be prohibited.
10. Slaughtering of chickens shall not be performed within the public view on any residential or nonfarm lots.
11. Any persons seeking to keep or raise chickens pursuant to this Section shall obtain a permit from the Township Zoning Officer, which permit application shall require a fee of \$100.00, and an inspection of the subject property to confirm compliance with the terms of this Section, if deemed necessary. Any permit application shall be submitted by the property owner or otherwise provide for the proper owner's consent.
12. The Township Zoning officer, Code Enforcement Officer or Animal Control Officer shall have authority to discern compliance with this Ordinance and the authority to direct compliance with this Ordinance with regard to requiring certain facilities or activities by chicken owners to ensure that neighbors of those who keep chickens are not unreasonably subjected to noise, rodents, predators, or other violations of the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Township Zoning Officer Checklist**

<u>Complied</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>Regulation</u>
		Number of chickens limited to five (5).
		An enclosure with fenced run, pen or coop which is covered, ventilated and predator/rodent resistant.
		Enclosure has minimum of four (4) square feet per chicken with fenced run or equal or greater space.
		All fencing shall be six (6) feet in height.
		Fenced run is well-drained. No accumulation of runoff.
		Animal solid waste kept in a covered container until composted or transported off premises.
		The fenced run, pen or coop is not closer than thirty (30) feet to any property line or located in front of the primary principal structure.
		The pen or coop shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet. Any pen or coop with a fenced run shall not exceed two hundred (200) square feet.

