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PERMIT #_____

CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE NUMBER CELL PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS

I, hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions for a Chicken Permit, Village of Howard City Chicken Ordinance 2018-04. I understand that the application/permit fee is nonrefundable. I understand that failure to comply with regulations may result in revocation of the permit and/or subject to criminal penalties prescribed by law. I have also read and initialed the terms of this application.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY AND INITIAL EACH TO SHOW YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CHICKEN ORDINANCE.

_____ I have read the Village of Howard City Ordinance 2018-04 Section 90.32 and understand the requirements for keeping chickens.

_____ I am aware that I first must receive approval from the Village of Howard City prior to obtaining chickens.

_____ I am aware that I am responsible for keeping chickens within the confines of my property at all times.

_____ I am aware that I may not make any dimensional changes (affecting required property set-offs or boundaries or minimum required space) to my chicken coop without first obtaining approval from the Village of Howard City.

_____ I am aware that a maximum of four (4) female chickens shall be allowed under this permit.

_____ I grant the right for Village staff to inspect my property at any time to ensure compliance and to investigate complaints.

_____ I understand that the permit is not transferrable from one individual or location to another.

_____ I acknowledge that the ordinance allowing chickens may be amended or repealed and that the owner acquires no vested rights to have or raise chickens by virtue of the issuance of the permit.

_____ I understand that the keeping and handling of chickens may cause health hazards and that adequate health precautions are the responsibility of the applicant.

_____ I am including with this permit a submission of a site plan drawing of where I live and intend to build a coop and keep the chickens.

_____ I acknowledge that each year on January 1 that I must renew this permit.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY ONLY

PERMIT FEE: $10.00

AMOUNT PAID:_____ CHECK/CASH/CREDIT CARD:_____ RECEIPT #:_____

Applicant Meets Requirements:_____ Does Not Meet:_____ Corrections Needed:_____

Supervisor's Review:_____

Comments:_____

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Approved:_____ Denied:_____

Reason for Denial:_____

PERMIT ISSUED:_____ Issuance Date:_____Expiration Date:__January 1 each year

Permit Number:_____

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VILLAGE MANAGER OR DESIGNEE(S) DATE

VILLAGE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Councilmember Hacko, supported by Councilmember MacTavish, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION WHICH NEW SECTION SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTIONS 90.32 OF SAID CODE.

THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Adoption of Ordinance. Chapter 90: Animal Control Section 90.32 of the Village Code is adopted to read in their entirety as follows:

Chicken Regulations

SECTION 90.32 The keeping of chickens may be permitted within the Village subject to compliance with the following requirements:

A. An annual permit from the Village must be obtained (March 1 to February 28). The permit shall be non-transferable and site specific. Written authorization and consent is required from the property owner, if different from the applicant.

B. Permits shall be processed consistent with the provisions of Section 90.30 and in accordance with the following:
(1) No more than four chickens may be kept on a parcel at any time.
(2) Roosters are prohibited
(3) Slaughtering of Chickens at the property is prohibited.
(4) Chickens shall be kept in the rear yard and setback a minimum of ten feet from any side or rear lot line and 40 feet from any residential structure on adjacent property.
(5) Any person keeping hens shall remain subject to public nuisance and other associated codes and ordinances, including, but not limited to, noise, odor, and blight.

C. A permit fee shall apply as established by resolution of the Village Council from time to time.

D. The Village reserves the right to limit the number of permits issued as deemed necessary by the Village Council in order to further public health, safety, and welfare.

E. Chickens shall be provided and kept within an enclosure that includes both a coop and connected fenced run at all times. The total size of the enclosure shall not exceed 36 square feet in size. The coop shall be elevated a minimum of 18 inches off the ground. The enclosure shall not exceed six feet in height. The enclosure shall be constructed and maintained so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents or vermin from being harbored.

F. Appropriate feeder containers shall be used for all feeding and water and all unused or unconsumed food shall be adequately secured and stored after every feeding as to prevent access by rats, mice or other rodents or vermin. All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens shall be secured and protected in sealed containers. An animal shall be properly fed, and a yard where an animal is kept shall be well drained, maintained in a sanitary condition, and treated so as to effectively prevent the breeding or harboring of flies, mosquitoes, or rodents.

G. Owner and occupants responsible for premises being kept clean.
(1) Sanitary conditions shall be maintained. Any person keeping hens shall keep or cause to be kept all manure, or offal therefrom, deposited or accumulated from such animal securely and closely confined to or buried upon their premises and in such a manner as will prevent it from being scattered from such place or deposited into or upon any street, sidewalk, alley, gutter, storm drain, ditch, lake, wetland, or waterway, and such person, shall so cover and care for it as to prevent any malodorous or offensive condition to exist and prevent any nuisance to arise there from, except that persons shall be permitted to use chicken manure as compost on their property provided that such composting is done in a manner that does not create an offensive or malodorous condition.
(2) A person who owns, manages, leases, rents or occupies any premises is equally responsible for keeping the premises in a clean and habitable condition and shall take all necessary precautions to prevent a nuisance, or other condition detrimental to public health from arising thereon, and shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent rodents and vermin including rats, bedbugs and cockroaches from being attracted to the premises.
(3) Chickens shall be kept in compliance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for the Care of Farm Animals, as it relates to laying chickens, as amended, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
(4) A person shall not maintain or permit to be maintained or permit an unclean building, yard or premises. All manure and excreta shall be removed and disposed of in such manner so as to prevent the breeding or harboring of insects and vermin.

H. Violation to be a Municipal Civil Infraction. A violation of this section shall be a Municipal Civil Infraction, punishable by a fine and other relief as set forth in Section 90.99.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published as required by law and shall become effective twenty (20) days after its adoption.

Yeas: Bassett, Hacko, Heckman, MacTavish, Smith, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Hagstrom

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04 DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Randal Heckman, President

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Howard City on April 16, 2018

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Introduced: April 16, 2018
Adopted: April 16, 2018
Published:
Effective: