

RESIDENTIAL KEEPING OF CHICKENS

PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Fee: \$25.00

4.18 Residential Keeping of Chickens

Section 4.18.1 All keeping of chickens in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts, whether permitted, shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. The minimum lot area of a lot where chickens are kept shall be 25,000 square feet.
- b. A maximum of 6 chickens may be kept.
- c. The keeping of roosters shall be prohibited.
- d. Chickens shall be used only for non-commercial domestic purposes. The selling of eggs and the commercial harvesting of chickens is prohibited.
- e. All enclosures, runs and coops shall be located in the backyard. The zoning administrator may grant an exception to this requirement in cases where due to unusual lot configuration, topography, or proximity of neighbors, another area of the yard is more suitable for such an activity.
- f. Chickens shall be kept in covered enclosure or within a fence area at all times.
- g. All enclosures, runs and coops shall be located outside of any Resource Protection Areas (RPA).
- h. All enclosures, runs and coops shall be located at least 10 feet from any property line and at least 35 feet from any dwelling not owned by the applicant.
- i. All coops shall provide at least 3 square feet of area per chicken. All runs shall provide at least 10 square feet per chicken
- j. The keeping of chickens must comply with all relevant state and federal laws.
- k. Each property owner seeking to keep chickens shall file an application with the King George County Community Development Office. The application shall include a sketch showing the area where the chickens will be housed and the types and size of enclosures, stationary or mobile, in which the chickens shall be housed. The sketch must show all dimensions and setbacks. Upon review and determination that the proposed chicken-keeping complies with the standards set forth in this section, a permit shall be issued. Any permit that is found in violation or not in compliance with this section may be revoked.

- **Check with your Homeowner's Association to ensure that the keeping of chickens is permitted by your Homeowner Covenants and Guidelines**
- **Residential Keeping of Chickens is only permitted in R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts.**

Owner

Information

Name

Daytime Telephone No.

Mailing Address

E-mail Address

Fax Number

Cell Number

Property Information	Address / Road Name _____		
Subdivision	_____	Tax Map # _____	Section _____ Parcel _____
	Zoning: _____	Total Acres: _____	Number of Chickens _____ RPA: ☐ Yes ☐ No

PROPERTY OWNER AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify as the property owner that the applicant named above has the authority vested by me to keep chickens at the above listed address. The information provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the coop locations and maintenance must comply with all conditions of the King George County Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.18, as well as all other zoning requirements. As the property owner, I am ultimately responsible.

Property Owner's Signature

Date

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

I have read, agree to and understand the following:

- a) To comply with the ordinances applicable to the residential keeping of chickens.
- b) The Zoning Administrator's designee may revoke the permit any ordinance of King George County or any other applicable Virginia or local law or regulation pertaining to the keeping of chickens.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Signed and acknowledged before me by _____ in the County of King George, Virginia, this _____ day of _____, _____.

My Commission expires: _____

Notary Public: _____