

CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH
Backyard Chickens Pilot Program Application and Permit
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NOTICE: THIS APPLICATION AND PERMIT ARE PROVIDED AND ISSUED BY THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH PURSUANT TO A PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1121. THIS PILOT PROGRAM WILL BE EVALUATED BY THE CITY ON A QUARTERLY BASIS FOR UP TO ONE YEAR. THIS PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE TERMINATED BY CITY AT ANY TIME DURING THIS FIRST YEAR. AT THE CONCLUSION OF ONE YEAR, AND IF NOT PREVIOUSLY TERMINATED, THE CITY WILL EVALUATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND MAKE ANY CHANGES TO ORDINANCE NO. 1121 IT DEEMS NECESSARY IN ITS DISCRETION, INCLUDING THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1121.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Note: If owner is different than applicant; provide written permission from owner to keep chickens on property.

By initialing each line and by signing this application, you state that you have read, understood and will abide by the regulations of City Ordinance No. 1121.

- 1) _____ Up to four backyard chickens may be kept on any single-family lot in the City, subject to the following
- 2) _____ Only hens may be kept; all roosters are prohibited.
- 3) _____ Backyard chickens are allowed for personal use only. The sale or bartering of backyard chickens, eggs, or manure is prohibited.
- 4) _____ Breeding of backyard chickens for any reason is prohibited.
- 5) _____ Except as provided on line 15 of this application, slaughter of backyard chickens for any reason is prohibited.
- 6) _____ Dead backyard chickens shall be immediately removed from the property and disposed of at the Brevard County landfill.

- 7) _____ All backyard chickens shall be maintained and contained in a coop located in the enclosed back yard of the lot. For purposes of this section, coop shall mean the henhouse where backyard chickens sleep or nest and any adjacent outdoor run. The coop shall be completely enclosed at all times; shall satisfy setback and all other accessory-structure requirements for enclosed buildings in Section 30-510 (see lines 7a through 7e), Satellite Beach City Code; and shall be constructed and secured to prevent access into the coop by other animals, including from digging under any enclosure material. If the henhouse is larger than 80-square-feet, a building permit shall be required prior to construction. The henhouse shall have a maximum height of 5.5 feet and provide at least four-square-feet per chicken.
- 7a) accessory structures are not erected in a front or side yard
 - 7b) do not encroach into an easement
 - 7c) when located on two streets, the accessory structures shall be erected in the rear yard, no closer to the secondary street than the main structure
 - 7d) structures 100 sq. ft. or smaller shall have minimum rear and side setbacks of five feet
 - 7e) structures larger than 100 sq. ft. but no greater than 150 sq. ft. shall have minimum rear and side setbacks of ten feet
- 8) _____ All coops shall be constructed, maintained, and cleaned to avoid attracting rodents, reptiles, vermin, insects, predators, birds of prey, foraging animals, and other pests. Regular removal of waste is required, and any manure not used for composting or fertilizer shall be promptly removed.
- 9) _____ All feed and other items associated with backyard chickens shall be kept in secure metal containers or otherwise protected to prevent rodents, reptiles, vermin, insects, predators, birds of prey, foraging animals, and other pests from gaining access to the feed or other items. Under no circumstances shall plastic containers of any kind be allowed.
- 10) _____ Backyard chickens shall not be set free or allowed to wander outside a coop at any time, except that they may wander within the enclosed back yard between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- 11) _____ All coops shall be screened from the view of any adjoining property by an opaque fence at least six feet high. A perimeter or boundary fence or wall, chain link fence, chain link fence with slats, or similar fence shall not meet the requirement for an opaque fence.
- 12) _____ No property located within the ocean bluff buffer zone or the 100' buffer zone around conservation areas shall be allowed to have chickens (See Map available at the Satellite Beach Building and Zoning Department)

- 13) _____ Anyone desiring to possess and maintain backyard chickens on their property, including persons possessing and maintaining such chickens when this ordinance is adopted, must obtain a permit for such activity from the City. No permit shall be issued until a properly-completed application is approved by the Building and Zoning Department. As a condition of permit approval, each applicant shall acknowledge on the application that the City has permission to enter upon the subject property to perform an initial inspection 30 days after permit approval, as well as subsequent random inspections anytime thereafter to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.
- 14) _____ No animal that kills or wounds a chicken shall, for that reason alone, be considered a dangerous or aggressive animal.
- 15) _____ If a regulatory agency issues any advisory or alert that chickens must be exterminated in the interest of public health, all chickens located in the City shall be immediately exterminated. No backyard chickens shall be allowed within the City thereafter until such advisory or alert is lifted and the agency reauthorizes backyard chickens within the City. If such agency imposes conditions to allowing backyard chickens, any person intending to keep backyard chickens shall provide proof of compliance to the agency and/or the City.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Property Owner Permission Attached: Yes No N/A (Circle One)

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
Satellite Beach Building and Zoning Department

Date of Initial Inspection: _____