

PERMIT FEE:\$40.00

**CITY CLERK CITY OF SOUTHFIELD
26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48076
Telephone: (248) 796-5150**

**BACKYARD FOWL (CHICKENS) PERMIT APPLICATION
DURATION : ONE (1) YEAR**

Applicant's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email address: _____

*Number of backyard chickens to be kept at the permit address (12 maximum) _____

Pursuant to Chapter 113, Section 9.76(2)(h) of the Southfield Code, Permit holders shall schedule an inspection with the city planning department within the first thirty (30) days after permit issuance. Failure to obtain a permit and schedule an inspection shall result in an automatic suspension of the permit.

Failure to comply with the any requirements of the applicable Southfield Code may result in revocation of any permit granted under this section and/or prosecution for a civil infraction violation. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. A person who has been issued a permit shall submit it for examination upon demand by the Southfield Animal Control Officer or any Police Officer.

Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit by the City, private restrictions on the use of property shall remain enforceable and take precedence over a permit. Private restrictions include but are not limited to deed restrictions, condominium master deed restrictions, neighborhood association by-laws, and covenant deeds. A permit issued to a person whose property is subject to private restrictions that prohibit the keeping of chickens is void. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.

REQUIRED: Attach a diagram of the property

- Proposed location(s) of all enclosures that will be used to keep chickens/ducks
- Distances from the enclosure(s) to neighboring residential structures (neighbors' homes)
- Distances from the enclosure(s) to the property lines

** Structures on the ground (slab) must have a rat wall. If it is elevated (legs) then 42" post hole footings and an approved (engineered) means of attachment is required.

Inspection Fees -Planning \$100.00 **Building \$_____

REQUIRED SIGNATURE ON PAGE 2

Backyard Fowl (Chickens) Permit

I hereby certify that all the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Signature _____

Date: _____

All Permits Expire one (1) Year from Date of Issuance. Permits are non-transferable and may not be sold or assigned.

Planning Department
contactplanning@cityofsouthfield.com

Animal Control(248) 796-5425
sraby@cityofsouthfield.com

Building Department Phone: (248) 796-410

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Date of Temporary Issue By Clerk's Office: _____

Date of Finalized Permit Date(After Inspections) : _____

Expiration Date: _____

***Copy to: Applicant/Planning/Building/Animal Control(Clerk's office retains original)**

Comments: _____

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1805

SECTION 1.

Title IX, Police Regulations, Chapter 113 Animals, of the Code of the City of Southfield shall be amended by deleting the existing Sections 9.63-Definitions and 9.76- Keeping Other Animals and inserting in lieu thereof new Sections 9.63-Definitions And 9.76- Keeping Other Animals., which shall read as follows:

Sec. 9.63. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

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(5) **Backyard Fowl** as used in this chapter shall mean chickens

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(22) **Pet** shall mean animals including but not limited to dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, hamsters, turtles or the like customarily kept or housed inside dwellings by humans for companionship.

Sec. 9.76. Keeping other animals (other than pets).

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any animal or fowl unless keeping of such animals is pursuant to the following:

(1) General standards

- a. No animals which are or shall be in any way noisy, obnoxious, unwholesome, destructive, dangerous, or offensive shall be kept, harbored, or housed in any section of the City.
- b. Slaughter of animals is prohibited.
- c. Animals shall be housed in accessory buildings; it shall be prohibited to house animals within a residence or other principal structure.
- d. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any animal within fifty (50) feet of any dwelling other than the dwelling of the owner, this applies to both structures and enclosures.
- e. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any animal within a front yard or within ten (10) feet of any side or rear lot line, this applies to both structures and enclosures.
- f. It shall be the duty of the owner or person in possession or control of any animal, to provide, construct and maintain fencing devices reasonably designed or adapted to effectively exclude such animal from the area within twenty (20) feet of any side or rear property lines.
- g. It shall be unlawful to permit any animal owned by him or in his possession or control, to run at large in any street, alley, or public place, or upon the premises of another without the express permission of the owner or occupant thereof.
- h. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, or harbor any horse, mule, ass, sheep, cow, or other farm animal unless the same is kept pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, chapter 45 of the city zoning ordinance, and any other applicable state laws. Those properties legally housing such animals as of the effective date of this ordinance may continue to do so, this expires if the keeping of such animals is discontinued for greater than one (1) year.

(2) Backyard fowl, in addition to the general standards above, the keeping of backyard fowl shall also meet these standards:

- a. No roosters or other fowl that are typically noisy shall be permitted.
- b. Compliance with the general standards above is required except where specifically modified by the provisions of this section other than the dwelling of the owner, this applies to both structures and enclosures.
- c. Maximum number of twelve (12).
- d. Maximum coop size: 80 square feet.
- e. Maximum coop height: 8 feet.
- f. Feed storage: inside sealed vermin resistant container.
- g. Submit permit application to the city clerk's office with the fee which shall be established by City Council resolution. Permit holders shall schedule an inspection with the city planning department within the first thirty (30) days after permit issuance. Failure to obtain a permit and schedule an inspection shall result in an automatic suspension of the permit. If an inspection identifies noncompliance with any of the requirements set forth in this chapter, the permit holder shall have fourteen (14) days after being served with written notice to achieve compliance with the requirements, or the animal control officer may revoke the permit or cite the violation as a municipal civil infraction.

Sources of Information on Keeping Backyard Poultry:

MSU Extension link on Poultry info: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/poultry/>

Michigan Dept of Agriculture line on Animals: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals>