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FOWL KEEPING PERMIT APPLICATION

NOTICE: THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND/OR PERMIT FEES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PERMIT APPROVAL. THE PERMIT WILL BE APPROVED AND ISSUED WHEN COMPLIANCE WITH ANIMAL CONTROL HAS BEEN MET.

ACCOUNT NO: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Email: _____

Address of Fowl Keeping Facilities (if different from mailing address): _____

Applicant must attach basic plans and specifications of the proposed fowl keeping activities, the size and dimensions of the facilities, and the distance between the facilities and the nearest residential structures on all adjoining lots.

1. Provide information on type of fowl below.
2. Pay the permit fee. (Annual permit fee of \$17. Permits renew every February 2nd)

<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Pigeons</u>
Number of Hens _____ <i>Max: Five egg-laying hens</i>	Number of Pigeons _____ <i>Max: 100 birds including squab</i>
Number of Chicks _____ <i>Max: Five Chicks</i>	National associations/registries: _____ _____
<i>No roosters or crowing hens allowed.</i>	

Comments: _____

Fill out this section if you do NOT own the property. Permission is required by the property owner.

Name of Property Owner: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Owner Signature _____ Date _____

I attest that all information on this application is true and correct. I acknowledge and agree to comply with all rules set forth in the West Jordan Municipal Code Title 6, Chapter 3, and agree to comply.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

ARTICLE E. FOWL PERMITTED TO BE KEPT/MAINTAINED WITHIN CITY LIMITS

6-3E-1: OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF FOWL:

- A. The keeping, breeding, maintenance and/or flying of fowl within the city is permitted in any residential zone only to the extent allowed by this title.
- B. All animal food storage and feeding areas shall be completely secured from insects, rodents, and other vermin per Salt Lake Valley health department standards. (Ord. 10-05, 1-27-2010)

6-3E-2: OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF PIGEONS:

The keeping, breeding, maintenance and/or flying of pigeons is permitted within the city only as provided below:

- A. No person shall keep, maintain or harbor pigeons unless the pigeons are kept and maintained in a pigeon loft as provided in this article. The loft shall be of such sufficient size and design, and constructed of such material, that it can be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- B. The pigeon loft shall be of a size sufficient to house the number of pigeons contemplated. In no case shall there be more than one pigeon for two (2) square feet of floor space in any pigeon loft for each mature pigeon kept therein.
- C. The construction and location of the pigeon loft shall not conflict with the requirements of any building code or zoning code of the city. The pigeon loft shall not be located within forty feet (40') of any residential structure or dwelling, including the lot owner or any adjoining lot.

- D. All feed for said pigeons shall be stored in such containers as to protect against intrusion by rodents and other vermin.
- E. The loft shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and in compliance with all applicable health regulations of the city and the Salt Lake County health department.
- F. All pigeons shall be confined to the loft, except for limited periods necessary for exercise, training and competition; and at no time shall pigeons be allowed to perch or linger on the buildings or property of others.
- G. All pigeons shall be fed within the confines of the loft.
- H. The ownership of more than one hundred (100) pigeons, including squab, is unlawful.
- I. No one shall release pigeons to fly for exercise, training or competition which have been fed within the previous four (4) hours.
- J. Pigeons shall be banded and registered with one of the national pigeon associations/registries. (2001 Code § 14-5-101; amd. 2009 Code § 6-3E-1; Ord. 10-05, 1-27-2010)

6-3E-3: OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF CHICKENS:

The keeping and maintenance of chickens is permitted within the city only as provided below:

- A. Not Household Pets: Chickens kept as provided in this title shall not be deemed as household pets.
- B. Keeping Contrary To Title Prohibited: It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any chicken in a manner contrary to the provisions of this title. Any such violation shall be a class B misdemeanor.

C. Keeping For Familial Gain: Chickens may be kept on a nonnuisance basis strictly for familial gain from the production and consumption of eggs only and there shall be no sale or income resulting from the keeping of chickens.

D. Number; Location Of Enclosure: Up to five (5) egg laying hens and up to five (5) chicks may be kept on a residential lot.

1. Chickens may only be kept on properties containing a single-family detached dwelling unit, duplex or twin home, although vacant properties directly adjacent to a lot or parcel containing a single-family detached dwelling unit under the same ownership may be used for the keeping of chickens.
2. There shall be no roosters or crowing hens.
3. All enclosures, pens and coops shall be located in the rear yard of the main dwelling or in an interior side yard provided all of the requirements of this title are met.
4. Enclosures, pens, and coops shall not be located in a corner side yard unless the side yard shall be completely fenced using site obscuring fencing or vegetative screening, so as to prevent sight of such areas from the street or neighboring properties to the greatest degree possible.
5. All enclosures, pens and coops shall be located at least twenty feet (20') from the nearest primary structure of habitable dwelling on adjoining properties and at least five feet (5') from the property line, provided that a portable wheeled coop may encroach temporarily and from time to time on the five foot (5') separation from the property line. During the time a heating device is employed in the pen or coop during cold weather, such pen or coop must be separated and at least ten feet (10') from any structure containing a habitable dwelling on the same property.
6. Dead birds and unused eggs shall be removed within twenty four (24) hours or less and shall be properly discarded.

E. Structures And Coops:

1. To keep chickens, a coop is required.
2. The coop shall be constructed such that it provides adequate shelter and space for chickens to roost with at least one and one-half (1.5) square feet provided per chicken. If chickens are not allowed to roam outside the coop, the coop shall have a minimum floor area of six (6) square feet per chicken. (Ord. 10-05, 1-27-2010)

6-3E-4: FOWL KEEPING PERMIT:

- A. Permit Required: Any person who desires to keep chickens or pigeons as authorized by this title shall make application to the division of animal control for a fowl keeping permit. These permits are temporary uses only and attach to the resident applicant, as specified in the application, and not to the property. There can be no "grandfathering" or legal nonconforming use property rights arising from fowl keeping permits.
- B. Applications: Applications for a fowl keeping permit shall be made in writing to the division of animal control. The application shall include the following information:
1. The name of the person desiring the permit.
 2. Location of the proposed fowl keeping facilities.
 3. Basic plans and specifications of the proposed fowl keeping activities, showing size and dimensions of the facilities.
 4. The distance between the location of the proposed facilities and the nearest residential structure on all adjoining lots.
 5. The registrant shall acknowledge the rules set forth in this title and shall, as a condition of filing for the permit, agree to comply with such rules.
 6. The application shall bear the signature of the registrant.
- C. Permit Issuance: Upon receipt of a complete application and receipt of the required fee, the division of animal control or designee shall issue a fowl keeping permit. The permit shall be issued on a calendar year basis and may be renewed annually. Such permit shall not be transferable to another person by the holder.
- D. Fee: The fee for the fowl keeping permit shall be assessed on a one calendar year basis and shall be in the amount established by the city council in its uniform fee schedule. The fee for a permit issued during a one year billing cycle shall be prorated as of the date of the application. (2001 Code § 14-5-102; amd. 2009 Code § 6-3E-2; Ord. 10-05, 1-27-2010; Ord. 15-22, 8-25-2015)

6-3E-5: INSPECTION:

All inspections, entries, examinations and surveys shall be done in a reasonable manner based upon cause. If the property owner or person responsible for the property refuses to allow entrance onto the property, the police officer or inspector may obtain and execute a search warrant. (2001 Code § 14-5-103; amd. 2009 Code § 6-3E-3; Ord. 10-05, 1-27-2010)

6-3E-6: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY:

When the animal control officer or police officer finds a violation of this article to have occurred, the officer shall give written notice thereof to the owner. If said violation is not remedied within ten (10) days, the animal control officer may issue a citation to appear in municipal court to answer the charges stated thereon. Any owner found violating any of the provisions of this article may be prosecuted administratively as provided in [title 1, chapter 14, article C](#) of this code, and/or as a class B misdemeanor. Three (3) proven violations within eighteen (18) months shall result in the revocation of the fowl keeping permit. (2001 Code § 14-5-104; amd. 2009 Code § 6-3E-4; Ord. 10-05, 1-27-2010; Ord. 12-10, 4-25-2012, eff. 7-1-2012)