

City of Walker Chicken Permit

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

PID#: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

____ PERMANENT PEN: Include diagram indicating pen dimensions and location, including distance from adjoining structures and property lines.

____ MOVEABLE PEN: Size: _____

____ FENCED YARD

____ Number of hens (limit of 4)

____ \$20 permit fee

I will at all times keep fowl in accordance with the City of Walker Ordinance 2013-01. And understand failure to obey such conditions will constitute a violation of the provisions of this ordinance and be grounds for cancellation of the permit. If I will no longer be keeping fowl, any pen must be removed upon expiration of the permit or within 30 days of ceasing to use the pen, whichever is earlier. Premises subject to private and/or covenants that prohibit the keeping of fowl shall void any permit issued.

This permit may be revoked or suspended for violation of Ordinance 2013-01, following written notice and allowing applicant opportunity to appeal the revocation to the City Council.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Inspection Date: _____ Approved _____ Denied _____

Permit Expiration: _____

Inspector Signature: _____

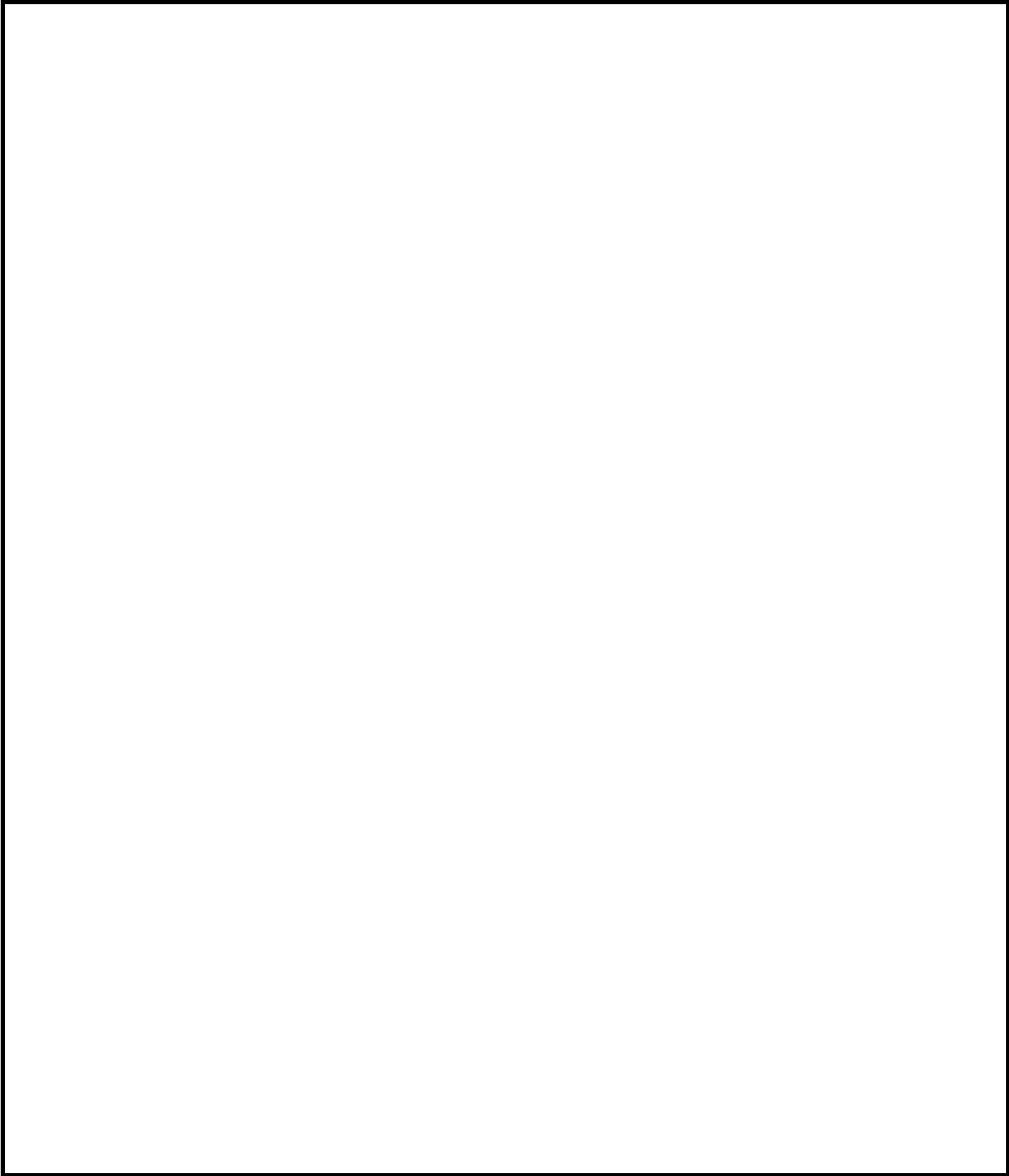


Diagram Page

DEFINITIONS. The term “chicken coop” means a temporary structure for housing chickens made of wood or other materials that provides shelter from the elements. The term “chicken confinement” means a fenced area outside for keeping chickens. The term “premises” means any platted lot or group of contiguous lots, parcels or tracts of land.

PERMIT; CHICKENS LIMITED. No person shall keep or harbor chickens on any premises unless the City has granted them a permit. No permit shall be issued for the keeping or harboring of more than four hen chickens on any premises. No permit shall be issued for the keeping of a rooster on any premises.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS. The permit shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the ordinance and any additional conditions deemed necessary by the Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The necessary permit applications will be available in the City Clerk’s office. An initial fee and renewal fee, which the City Council may establish by resolution from time to time, shall be charged for each permit. Permits shall be effective for one year and may be renewed for additional one-year periods.

CONFINEMENT. Chickens must be confined at all times in a chicken coop or chicken confinement. Chicken coops and confinements shall comply with the following requirements:

Setback. The location of the chicken coop or confinement shall comply with the following requirements for accessory structures in the zoning district in which the property lies. All fowl must be kept within a pen or within a fenced-in yard. The pen must have a minimum square footage of four feet per animal and must not exceed 10 square feet per animal. The pen must be located in the backyard and set back at least 25 feet from any structure on any adjacent lot and at least 10 feet from the property line. Fowl are not allowed to be located in any part of a dwelling, garage, or unfenced yard. If the fowl are kept in a pen, the pen must be maintained in good condition and be sufficient in strength and size to allow the fowl to move about, but also able to prevent escape.

Chicken Coops. Coops must be elevated with a clear open space of at least 24 inches between the ground and the floor or framing of the coops. The coops floor, foundation, and footings must be constructed to make the coop rodent resistant. If the fowl are kept in a coop the coop must be maintained in good condition and be sufficient in strength and size to allow the fowl to move about, but also able to prevent escape. The pen must have a minimum square footage of four feet per animal and must not exceed 10 square feet per animal.

Chicken Confinements. Chicken confinements must not exceed 120 square feet or six feet in height, and may be enclosed with wood or woven wire.

Screening. All chicken coops and confinements shall be screened with a solid fence or landscaped buffer with minimum height of four feet.

Feed. Chicken feed must be stored in rodent and raccoon-proof containers.

CONDITIONS. The fowl’s living area must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, devoid of all rodents and vermin and free from objectionable odors. Waste must be disposed of on a regular basis. Grains and feed must be stored in rodent and raccoon-proof containers inside of structure.

INSPECTIONS. Any chicken coop or confinement may be inspected at any reasonable time by a City animal control official or other agent of the City to determine compliance with this ordinance and the applicable permit.

PENALTY. A violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor.