



# BERKELEY COUNTY

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

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Moncks Corner, SC 29461

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## POULTRY USE APPROVAL FORM

The keeping of residential chickens is a conditional use on properties that are at least 10,000 square feet in size and zoned in suburban single-family residential districts (R-1, R-2, R-1MM, and certain Planned Development Districts). Applications are approved upon demonstrated conformance to the prescribed standards found in Sec. 11.3.4. Roosters over the age of 3 months are prohibited.

This form is not applicable to those individuals who desire to keep residential chickens on properties that zoned in agricultural or rural zoning districts, though separate conditions may be applicable in such cases. Please inquire within the **Planning and Zoning Department** for additional information.

Please fill out the requested information, read and initial the criteria and stipulations, sign the application, and provide a site plan of the subject property, depicting any proposed improvements associated with the request to keep residential chickens. A separate construction permit may be required for any accompanying construction activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Applicant's Name:	
Address:	
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION:	
Home:	Work:
PROPERTY INFORMATION	
Parcel TMS:	
Property owner name if different from Applicant* ( <i>Property Owner's written authorization / consent is required with this application</i> ):	
Zoning District: <input type="checkbox"/> R-1 / <input type="checkbox"/> R-2 / <input type="checkbox"/> R-1MM	
Current Use of Property: <input type="checkbox"/> Residential / <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural / <input type="checkbox"/> Home Occupation(s) operated on the property as described: _____	
<b>A site plan, showing intended chicken enclosures, coop/pen, and other related improvements that conform to these conditions, is required with this application.</b>	
PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO YOUR REQUEST	
Square footage/Acreage of Lot:	Number of chickens that you intend to keep (allowances are based on lot size): <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8



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**BELOW ARE THE MINIMUM CRITERIA AND STIPULATIONS TO QUALIFY FOR THE KEEPING OF RESIDENTIAL CHICKENS. PLEASE READ EACH STATEMENT CAREFULLY, INITIAL, AND SIGN ON PAGE 3 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS FORM.**

Section	Initial
A. Permitted as an accessory use to a permitted residential use only	
B. Minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet of any residential parcel is required for the keeping of up to two (2) chickens; and	
C. For each additional 4,500 square feet of any residential parcel, one additional hen may be kept up to a maximum of eight.	
D. No male chickens (roosters) over the age of three months are permitted.	
E. No chickens may run at large. All chickens must be contained within the property boundary.	
F. The chickens shall be provided a covered, predator-proof chicken house that is thoroughly ventilated, and of sufficient size to admit free movement. The chicken house must be adjacent to and provide free access to the chicken enclosure. Any heat source or electrical facilities installed in a chicken house must comply with all adopted building and electrical codes of the County.	
G. Chickens shall be secured within the chicken house from sunset to sunrise.	
H. Chicken enclosures and houses must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times and must be cleaned on a regular basis so as to prevent offensive odors.	
I. Chickens shall have continuous access to adequate food and water.	
J. Stored feed must be kept in a rodent-and predator-proof container.	
K. Chickens shall be maintained in a healthy condition. Ill chickens shall either receive appropriate medical care or be culled.	
L. No chicken house shall be located closer than 20 feet to any structure inhabited by someone other than the chicken owner, custodian, or keeper, and not closer than ten feet to any property line. Chicken houses may be movable but must comply with all standards of this section.	
M. No chicken shall be kept in a manner so as to create noxious odors or noise of a loud, persistent and habitual nature.	
N. No chickens shall be slaughtered within the public view.	
O. Enforcement. Upon receiving a complaint of a possible violation, the code enforcement officer will investigate and determine if a violation of this section exists. If the animal control officer determines a violation exists, the officer may serve upon the permit holder or the owner or lessee of the property a written notice of violation and an order to take corrective action, may issue a warning, or may immediately issue a violation notice.	



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### SUBMITTAL ENCLOSURES (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Site Plan
- HOA/POA Support Letter (as applicable)
- Owner's Written Authorization (If Owner is different from applicant)
- Other (please specify):

**By signing below, (1) I hereby certify that the tract(s) or parcel(s) of land to which this request pertains is not restricted by any recorded covenant that is contrary to, conflicts with, or prohibits the activity for which approval is sought, as provided in the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 6-29-114, and I have obtained any applicable authorizations from my Homeowners' Association or Similar Body should one exist; (2) if I am the lessee of this property, I have obtained permission from the property owner(s) to keep residential chickens; (3) I hereby release, hold harmless, and indemnify forever Berkeley County, its employees, and agents, both individually and jointly, from any and all liability or responsibility for any foreseen or unforeseen damage, including, but not limited to, death, bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, arising from the home occupation located at the above-referenced property by adjoining landowners, visitors and/or any user of the home, including, but not limited to, the public at large; (4) I have read and understand the conditions applicable to the keeping of residential chickens and agree to conform to these requirements at all times; AND (4) the information provided in this form is correct, I am the resident of the identified premises, and I agree to comply with all provisions of this form.**

Printed Name of Applicant

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date

### \*\*\*\*\*APPROVAL\*\*\*\*\*

**Approval becomes void upon a violation of any provision contained herein or termination of the applicant's residency. The permission hereby granted is not transferable to any other resident, address, or other occupant.**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (OR DESIGNEE):

DATE:

**As part of this approval, the Planning Department has imposed the following development and performance standards as a means of ensuring land use compatibility?**

Yes (Described Below/Attached as Needed) /  No

BUILDING OFFICIAL (OR DESIGNEE):

DATE: