

# APPLICATION FOR BACKYARD HENS

City of Spring Hill  
5000 Northfield Lane



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**The City of Spring Hill does NOT override the covenants of a local Home Owners Association.**

	Name: _____
<b>Property</b>	Address: _____
<b>Owner &amp;</b>	City: _____ TN Zip: _____
<b>Location</b>	Subdivision: _____ Lot# _____
	County: _____ Property Zoning: _____
	Contact ph#: _____ Email: _____
	Application Fee: \$25.00 _____
x _____	<b><i>I hereby certify that my residence is a SINGLE FAMILY (Detached) residence.</i></b>
<b><i>Initial</i></b>	

The City of Spring Hill Municipal Code § 10-102 provides for the keeping of chickens within one thousand feet (1,000') of any residence upon issuance of a permit by the Health Officer when in his sound judgement the keeping of such an animal in a yard or building under the circumstances as set forth in the application for the permit will not injuriously affect the public health and *the following parameters of Resolution 14-62 and City requirements are met and maintained.*

- Section 1: Up to four (4) Hens are permitted at a single family residence.
- Section 2: Roosters are prohibited.
- Section 3: Town Home, multi-family and similar units are prohibited from keeping hens.
- Section 4: Hens must be contained within a covered chicken coop and fenced pen area.
- Section 5: The coop and fenced pen area shall be setback 20-feet from any adjacent residential principal structure or accessory structure that contains a residential unit, which is off the subject property, and meets the zoning districts setbacks for accessory structures.
- Section 6: Stored feed must be secured in metal containers to prevent mice and other pests.
- Section 7: No slaughtering of the hens is allowed on the subject site.
- Section 8: Such permit may not be issued when the keeping of fowl is not permitted by a Neighborhood or Home Owner Association by Covenant, Deed Restriction, or other rule or regulation.
- Section 9: The pen or enclosure in which hens are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition in accordance with 1995 Code, 10-103.

- A.) **Submit and attach a site plan of property showing the location of all property lines and easements, all structures, buildings, fences and the location of proposed pen and coop to include their dimensions.**  
*\*Note all building setbacks as required by the zoning district for your property.*
- B.) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hens for this property and or enclosure. MAXIMUM of Four (4).
- C.) The principal use of the property shall be educational or single family residential.
- D.) Hens shall be provided with sufficient good and wholesome food and water.
- E.) All hens shall have a coop/roost that is constructed with a minimum area of four (4) square feet per hen and during daylight hours hens shall have access to a secure enclosure/yard that is adequately fenced to protect them from predators. The coop/roost shall be kept in the rear yard and is not permitted in the front

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or side yard area.

- F.) The coop/roost structure shall be well ventilated and provide protection from the weather and predators. The coop/roost area 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, attraction of flies or vermin, the creation of an environment otherwise injurious to the public health and safety, or that would obstruct the free use of property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by members of the neighborhood, city, or other persons. The owner shall provide for the storage and removal of manure. Stored manure to be used for composting shall be fully covered or placed in an enclosure. All manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed and properly disposed.
- G.) The City may further restrict or prohibit the keeping of hens within residential districts, within a neighborhood or on a particular property if the City Administrator determines the hens have created a public nuisance or public health issue and or if the City receives substantiated complaints your permit may be revoked.

Approval of this permit shows that all City of Spring Hill requirements have been met.

**This does not constitute subdivision or HOA approval.**

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Development Department Signature

Date

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City Administrator Signature

Date