

WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP

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CHICKENS REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Proposed Number of Hens: _____

The raising and keeping of chickens as an accessory use to an existing single-family dwelling is permitted by right in the R-1 and R-1-A Zoning Districts, subject to the requirements of this registration form and Section 415 of the West Traverse Township Zoning Ordinance.

Registration:

- (1) Prior to the raising and keeping of chickens on any property under this section, the property shall be registered with the Township Zoning Administrator.
 - (2) Only an individual living in a dwelling on the property shall raise or keep chickens on the property.
 - (3) A registration may not be transferred.
 - (4) Notwithstanding registration with the Zoning Administrator, private restrictions on the use of property shall remain applicable and take precedence over a registration. Private restrictions include, but are not limited to, deed restrictions, condominium master deed restrictions, neighborhood association bylaws, and covenant deeds. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.
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Standards:

In addition to registering, the raising and keeping of chickens under this section shall comply with the following standards:

- (1) The maximum number of chickens kept shall not exceed four hens at any one time.
- (2) Roosters shall not be allowed.
- (3) The sale of chickens or eggs on the property is prohibited.

(4) Chickens shall be provided with a covered and fenced enclosure in the rear yard of the property, as defined by the Zoning Ordinance. Enclosures shall not exceed 200 sq ft in size. All enclosures shall meet required Zoning District setback requirements.

(5) Enclosures shall be constructed and repaired so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being harbored underneath, within, or in the walls of the enclosure.

(6) All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens shall be stored in a sanitary manner so as to not attract rodents or other animals.

(7) Hens and their enclosures must be kept in a neat, clean, and sanitary condition free from offensive odors, excessive noise, or other conditions that constitute a nuisance.

Signature:

I agree to comply with all requirements and standards for the raising and keeping of chickens as specified in this form and in Section 415 of the West Traverse Township Zoning Ordinance.

I certify that all of the above information is accurate to my fullest knowledge:

Signature of Applicant: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Property Owner (if different than applicant): _____

Printed Name of Property Owner: _____

Date: _____

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION BELOW:

Date: _____

Zoning Administrator Signature: _____