

Date of Request _____

Person Requesting Permit (print) _____

Email and Phone Number of Requester _____

Physical Address of Property for this Request _____

Mailing Address (if different than above) _____

This request must be reviewed by an authorized town official (zoning administrator, mayor, town manager, or designee). By his/her signature below, requester agrees to the following terms:

- **I will comply with all laws applicable the keeping of domestic animals in the United States, Commonwealth of Virginia, and Pittsylvania County.**
- **I will comply with all local ordinances established by the Hurt Town Code, as amended and applicable to the keeping of chickens (see details on page 2).**
- **This permit is limited solely to the above referenced permittee and property.**
- **This permit expires December 31 of the year issued, and must be renewed annually by January 1 to remain valid. No fee is charged for this permit.**

Signature of Requester _____

Office Use Only

Reviewed By

Date

Town Official
(print name/title)



Approved



Declined

Signature _____



**Regulations as to the Keeping of Chickens Within Hurt Town Limits
Enacted by Town Council: December 6, 2022**

1. It is lawful for any person to keep for personal use, on property owned and occupied by him/her, not more than twelve (12) female chickens. Roosters are not permitted.
 2. Chickens must be kept in the rear yard, meaning the portion of the lot between the rear line of the main dwelling and the rear line of the lot, extending the full width of the lot.
 3. All chickens must be kept a least thirty (30) feet from any dwelling other than the owner's dwelling, and at least twenty (20) feet from any property line.
 4. Chickens must be kept within an enclosed, secure area (pen) at all times. Pens may not exceed 240 square feet in area and may not exceed eight (8) feet in height. Pens must include a coop (enclosed structure) providing a minimum space of two (2) square feet per chicken and an open run area of at least eight (8) square feet per chicken.
 5. Premanufactured coops and pens may be made of any material. Homemade coops and pens may not be made of the following: cardboard, fabric, paper, plastic, rubber, tarps, or other non-traditional building materials.
 6. Owners are required to maintain all coops/pens in a safe, clean, sanitary condition at all times – free of excrement and/or other unsanitary or offensive substances or odors, and so as not to constitute a public nuisance or a health/safety hazard to any person.
 7. Outdoor harvesting/slaughtering of chickens is prohibited. Waste must be disposed of properly outside town limits (not in town garbage cans or county green-box dumpsters).
 8. It is unlawful for any person to keep chickens within the Town of Hurt Corporate Limits without a valid permit and compliance with all regulations referenced therein.
 9. Persons deemed non-compliant with the requirements established herein will be issued a Notice of Violation by the town, requiring such non-compliance to be corrected within ten (10) days. Continued non-compliance beyond that time shall constitute a Class IV misdemeanor, and each day of non-compliance past the 10-day notice shall constitute a separate offense. Repeated convictions will result in revocation of the permit.
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Owners should keep a copy of this permit throughout its effective time period.