

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A KEEPING OF ANIMALS PERMIT

1. Fill out completely the Application for the Keeping of Animals
2. The \$150.00 fee must accompany the application
3. A letter must be written to the Board of Health describing the amount of chickens you intend to keep, the manner in which you will dispose of the waste and a diagram of your property showing where the coop will be located and the footage from abutters.
4. The Beverly Health Department will send letters to all of your abutters informing them of your intent to have chickens on your property.
5. The Animal Control Officer will make a visit to your property.
6. Your application will be put on the agenda at the next Board of Health meeting which are held once a month. You will be required to attend.



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Application for the Keeping of Animals

INITIAL FEE: \$150.00

RENEWAL FEE \$50.00

OWNER'S NAME: _____
OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____
OWNER'S TEL: _____
SIZE OF LOT: _____
TYPE OF ANIMAL(S): _____
NUMBER OF ANIMAL(S): _____

*** ORIGINAL APPLICATION ONLY*** Submit plot plan showing location of coop/pen with setback distances from dwellings (including abutters) and public ways.

Manure Storage Handling and Disposal Plan:

I have received a copy of Beverly Board of Health Regulation, Chapter 4 "Cows, Goats, Swine, Poultry and other Animals" for the keeping of animals in the City of Beverly.

Applicant's Signature (signed under the pains & penalties of perjury) _____
Date _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Approved/Disapproved:

Board of Health: _____
Authorized Signature and Date

License Number Issued _____ Date _____ Copy to Animal Inspector _____
Expiration Date: _____

CHAPTER IV

NUISANCES

COWS, GOATS, SWINE, POULTRY AND OTHER ANIMALS

Section 1. No person shall keep within the limits of this city in any building, or on any premises or tract of land of which they may be the owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant, any cattle, swine, horses, birds, poultry, fowl, reptiles or any other animals without a permit from the Board of Health and then only in such places and manner as it shall direct. All such permits expire annually on December 31 and may be revoked by the Board at any time for cause.

Section 2. No person shall keep any birds, fowl, reptiles, swine, cattle, horses or any other animals when the Board of Health may deem such keeping detrimental to the health, or creates a nuisance to the residents of the neighborhood, or to those who may pass thereby; and said Board shall have the power to remove or cause to be removed therefrom any such cattle, swine, cattle, birds, poultry, fowl, reptiles, or any other animals so kept.

Section 3. No person or persons shall keep any birds, fowl, reptiles, swine, cattle, horses, or any other animals in any part of a dwelling house or store, nor in any coop or pen within twenty-five feet of a dwelling house. No person hereafter shall erect or convert a building, coop or pen for the keeping of birds, fowl, or poultry of any kind unless said building, coop, or pen shall be located not less than fifty feet from the line of any street, court, or passageway, unless a permit in writing so specifying shall have been granted by the Board of Health. All poultry, fowl, or birds shall be kept within said building, coop, or pen.

Section 4. The owners or persons in control of any buildings or premises in which any cattle, swine, horses, birds, poultry, fowl, reptiles, or any other animals are kept, shall keep the buildings and premises clean and free from decaying food, filth, manure, dirt and stagnant water. The buildings and pens shall be whitewashed or disinfected and put in such condition as may be ordered by the Board of Health.

Section 5. The owner or other person or persons having control of any existing building or buildings hereafter erected or converted into a barn for the stabling of horses or other domestic animals shall keep their barns, stables and yards clean and shall provide suitable facilities for the reception of manure and other refuse matter. Wherever a public sewer is accessible, the Board of Health will decide as to the advisability of connecting such building with such sewer.