CITY OF NEW LONDON

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ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION
TO ALLOW THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS (HENS)

This application is for the limited keeping of female chickens, hereinafter referred to as hens, on certain residential properties for the health, convenience, and personal enjoyment benefits afforded by such use, in a manner, that preserves the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhood.

The keeping of hens is permitted by obtaining an Administrative Zoning Permit in the following zones in the City of New London:.

R-1/R-1A	Single Family Low Density Residential District
R-2	Two Family Medium Density Residential District
C-1	General Commercial District** ***As long as the principal use on such lot is single family residential.*

<u>All proposals must meet the following criteria for the keeping of hens:</u>

1. No more than six (6) hens may be kept on any property.

2. Hens may be kept only as a noncommercial accessory use. No sale of eggs (or meat from slaughtered chickens) is allowed.

3. A fence shall be installed between properties that is not less than six feet in height and made of a solid material.

4. The keeping of said hens shall be confined to an enclosure which shall meet the following minimum requirements (in addition to the otherwise applicable setbacks the more restrictive requirements shall apply):
   a. Shall be located in the rear yard of the property;
   b. Shall be a minimum of twenty (20) square feet in area per hen;
   c. Said enclosure shall not be closer to any property line than twenty (20) feet and shall not be closer to any neighboring residential dwelling than thirty (30) feet.

5. There shall be a building (hereinafter referred to as a coop) provided for the hens that meets the following (in addition to the otherwise applicable setbacks the more restrictive requirements shall apply):
   a. Shall not be located any closer to any lot line than twenty (20) feet. (Amended 12/21/12)
   b. Shall be constructed so that it is impenetrable by rodents, vermin, wild birds, and predators, including dogs and cats;
   c. All food products shall be kept secured inside the coop or other secured structure so as to prevent offensive odors and the presence of pests and predators.
   d. Shall be not greater than six (6) feet in height and shall be calculated towards the total maximum lot coverage for the property.

6. The coop and the enclosure must be clean and odor free, kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times with adequate light and ventilation in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor or other adverse impact.

7. Provision must be made for the storage and removal of hen droppings. All stored droppings shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid over the entire structure. All other droppings not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed. In addition, the coop, enclosure and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings.

8. Perceptible noise from the hens shall not be loud enough at the property boundaries to disturb persons of a reasonable sensitivity.

9. No hens shall be permitted inside any residential dwelling.

10. No roosters and/or capons shall be kept on any property.

11. The keeping of hens shall be conducted in a manner consistent and in compliance with the Health Code for the City of New London and the State of Connecticut.

The following items must be submitted for review of your zoning permit application:

1. A completed application (see page 3 of 3);

2. If you are not the legal owner of the property where you propose to keep hens, application must be signed by the property owner.

3. A plot plan (drawn to scale) that illustrates all structures on the lot including the proposed coop for the hens, fencing enclosure, and any other applicable information to determine compliance with these regulations. A sample has been provided for your reference.

4. A $25.00 application fee. Fees may be submitted in cash or by check, payable to ***"The City of New London"***.

Please note that an inspection of the subject property is required to verify compliance with the Zoning Regulations before hens are permitted onsite.

This includes inspection of the enclosure, coop, fencing, etc. for the hens.

Address of Activity_____

ZONE_____Map_____Block_____Lot_____

Name of Applicant_____Phone_____

Address of Applicant_____

Name of Property Owner _____Phone_____

Address of Property Owner _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. What is the number of hens you are requesting a permit for?_____
2. What is the total square footage of the enclosure?_____

Signature of Applicant_____Date_____

Property Owners Signature_____Date_____

Upon penalty of perjury, I represent by this signature that I have the consent, authority and agreement of all other owners of the involved properties to submit this application. All applications must be signed by the legal property owner of the subject property, or you must provide documentation that you have been authorized by the property owner to obtain permits on their behalf.

Property Owners Signature_____Date _____

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Zoning Permit

The signature of the Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or designee below shall denote approval to allow the construction and installation of a coop and enclosure for the keeping of _____ hens only. **An inspection to verify compliance is required before hens may be permitted onsite**.

Signature:_____

Date:_____

(Approval based on information provided by applicant, any variations are the sole responsibility of the applicant.)

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The signature of the Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or designee below shall compliance with the zoning regulations and verification by site inspection to allow the keeping of not more than _____ hens at _____New London.

Signature:_____

Date:_____

(Approval based on information provided by applicant, any variations are the sole responsibility of the applicant.)

Appeals taken to the Zoning Board of Appeals to reverse any order, requirement, or decision by the Zoning Enforcement Officer must be taken within thirty (30) days after their receipt of this order. Forms to make an appeal can be obtained at the Office of Development & Planning, in City Hall, 181 State Street, New London, Connecticut.
(Appeal Sections 8-7 CTGS, 1000 City of New London's Zoning Regulations.)