

Village Of Carthage



Department of Code Enforcement
120 S. Mechanic St.

Application for Hen Chickens and/or Ducks

A nonrefundable application fee of \$25.00 must accompany this application.

- 1) Date: _____
- 2) Name: _____
- 3) Address: _____

- 4) Phone #: _____
- 5) Total Acreage and Dimension of Lot: _____
- 6) How Many Ducks or Hen Chickens will you have on the lot? _____
Maximum of 6 Animals are permitted.
Roosters are not permitted in the Village.
- 7) What new or existing infrastructure will be used to adequately pen and contain the animals?
Please list the size of the coop or cage, size and type of fence, and the distance from them to the neighbor's property.

- 8) What steps will you take to limit odors and noise so as to not cause a nuisance to occupants of nearby buildings or properties? _____

On the next page you will need to draw a sketch of the property showing the location of you house, the proposed coop and fence area.

Please review the Attached regulations regarding Hens and Ducks in the Village of Carthage.

PERMITS ARE ONLY VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST.

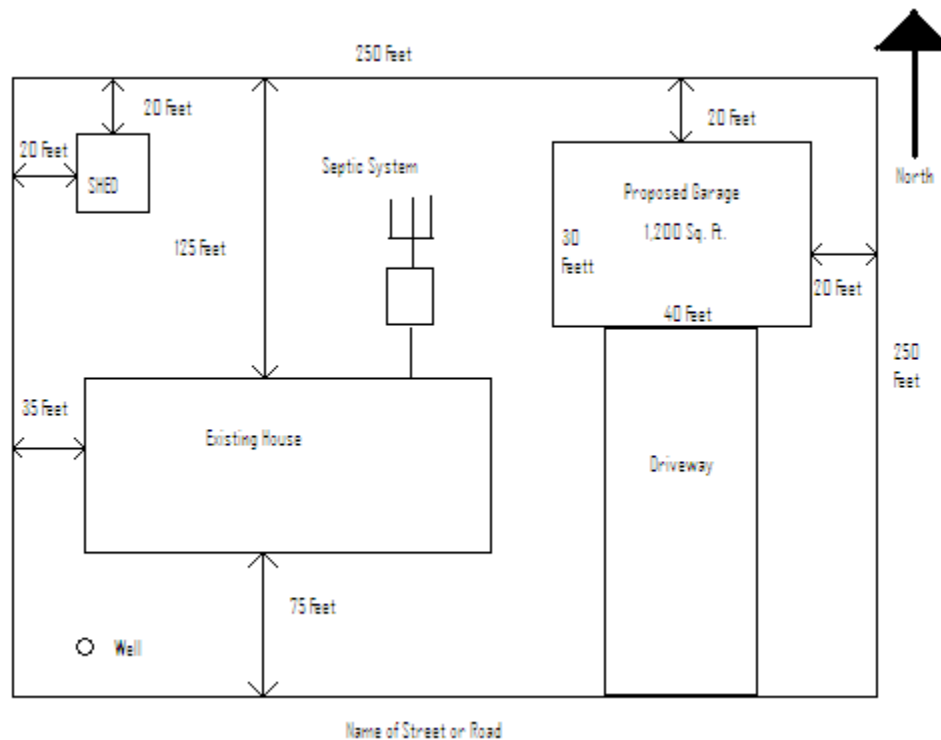
You MUST reapply every year.

Sample Plot Plan

- 1) Property Owner's Name: John and Jane Smith .
- 2) Address of Property: 12345 S. James St
Carthage, NY 13619
- 3) Tax Map Number: 12.34-5-67
- 4) Dimensions of Building Lot: 250 Feet x 250 Feet

Include the following items in your drawing on the next page:

- Existing Building with Dimensions
- Proposed Coop and Fence with Dimensions
- Driveways and Sidewalks
- Name of Roads or Streets
- Name of Neighboring Property Owners
- Distance of all Structures (Existing and Proposed) from the property lot lines



PLOT PLAN

You are required to show all current buildings and structures located on property and include any new buildings or structures which permits are requested for.

- 1) Property Owner's Name: _____
- 2) Address of Property: _____

- 3) Tax Map Number: _____
- 4) Dimensions of Building Lot: _____

Chapter 69. Dogs and Other Animals

Article IV. Farm Animals

[Adopted 12-15-2014 by L.L. No. 12-2014]

§ 69-18. Prohibited conduct.

No person shall breed, raise, harbor or maintain any farm animal, including but not limited to horses, ponies, goats, cows, sheep, llamas, alpacas, pigs, donkeys or any other animal commonly considered a farm animal. This section shall not apply to domesticated pets which are defined as dogs, cats, fish, reptiles, rabbits and caged birds customarily kept in the home.

§ 69-19. Permit required for keeping hen chickens or ducks.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to harbor, keep, raise or maintain any hen chickens or ducks within the limits of the Village of Carthage without first obtaining a permit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Carthage.

§ 69-20. Application for permit; fee.

Each application shall be submitted on an official Village form and accompanied by a permit fee of \$25 which shall not be refundable and may be amended by the Board of Trustees from time to time. One application will cover all such allowed hen chickens or ducks at a certain residence.

§ 69-21. Duration of permit.

A permit issued as provided in this article shall expire on December 31 on the year in which the same was issued. A permit issued as provided in this article shall not be transferable.

§ 69-22. Conditions of permit.

Permits for the purposes contained in § **69-19** shall be uniform and may, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, contain provisions and conditions, which, in its judgment, may be essential for the welfare and benefit of the people of the Village.

§ 69-23. Revocation of permit.

A.

Any permit for the purposes contained in § **69-19** and annulled by the Board of Trustees upon proof of a violation of any provision of this article.

B.

The proof shall be taken before the Board of Trustees upon notice of not less than two days to show cause why such a permit should not be revoked. It shall hear the proofs and allegations of the case and determine the same summarily and no appeal shall be taken from its determination.

C.

Any person whose permit shall have been revoked or annulled shall not thereafter be entitled to a permit under any provisions of this article.

D.

On an examination pursuant to notice to show cause, as aforesaid, the permittee may be a witness in his own behalf.

§ 69-24. Criteria for permit issuance.

A.

No more than six hen chickens or ducks shall be allowed for each single-family dwelling or multifamily dwelling.

B.

No chicken hens or ducks shall be allowed in multifamily or duplex dwellings without the written consent of the property owner and all tenants.

C.

No roosters shall be allowed.

D.

The coops or cages housing such chicken hens or ducks may not be located in the front yard or side street yard areas, and coops or cages must be located a minimum 10 feet from any side or back property line and at least 20 feet from the nearest dwelling not owned by the applicant.

E.

A separate zoning permit must be approved for any fence or cages, coops and enclosures that are not permanently attached to the ground or to another structure and do not exceed 32 square feet in area nor five feet in height. Any cage, coops or enclosure of larger dimensions must submit an application to Jefferson County for a building permit, in addition to the Village of Carthage zoning permit.

F.

Chicken hens and ducks shall be kept as pets and for personal use only; no person shall sell eggs or meat or engage in breeding or fertilizer production for any commercial purpose. Slaughtering of any hen chicken or duck must be performed within an enclosed structure and not visible to other residents or passersby.

§ 69-25. Sanitation and nuisances.

A.

The chicken hens or ducks shall be kept within both a coop and fenced outdoor enclosure.

B.

The chicken or duck coop must be covered, predator resistant, well ventilated and provide a minimum of two square feet per bird. The outdoor enclosure shall be adequately fenced to contain the chickens or ducks and to protect them from predators and shall provide at least 10 square feet of area for each bird.

C.

The coop, cage and/or outdoor enclosure shall be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent the accumulation of animal waste. Such waste, pending disposal, shall be kept or stored in tightly covered metal containers, or in such a manner as shall be approved by the Board of Trustees so as not to create a nuisance.

D.

Chicken hens and ducks shall be kept only in conditions that limit odors and noise so as not to cause a nuisance to occupants of nearby buildings or properties and to comply with applicable provisions of both the New York State and Jefferson County sanitary codes.

E.

Chicken hens and ducks shall not be kept in a manner that is injurious or unhealthful to them.

§ 69-26. Inspection; enforcement.

Village of Carthage Code Enforcement, Animal Control, Zoning Enforcement and/or Police Department personnel shall have the authority to inspect any property housing permitted hen chickens or ducks to determine compliance regarding this chapter.