



Borough of Glassboro

Application for Backyard Chicken License (Backyard Chicken Pilot Program)

The Borough of Glassboro has licensing requirements for residents who desire to participate in the Backyard Chicken Pilot Program. Prior to completing the application, please review the Borough of Glassboro Code, Chapter 490 Section 66, titled Backyard Chicken Pilot, which provides additional information on the rules and regulations that must be met to participate in the pilot program

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Have you ever owned Backyard Chickens? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

1. A license shall not be granted unless the applicant certifies that there are no deed restrictions which prevent chickens from being kept on the property. (Please initial below)

_____ I certify there are no deed restrictions which prevent chickens from being kept on the property.

2. If the property is located within a homeowner's association (HOA) jurisdiction, the property owner must submit written permission from the HOA for the Borough of Glassboro to issue any license set forth in this section

Not applicable to this property

This property is located within an HOA, see attached written permission

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Property Owner (if different from Applicant)

Name of Owner: _____

Home Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of Proper Owner, Certifying Consent:

Signature Date

By agreeing to participate in the Backyard Chicken Pilot Program, the Applicant acknowledges they have read the Code of the Borough of Glassboro, Chapter 490-66, and their property meets the requirements of the Pilot Program. The Applicant acknowledges they may not begin raising hens until they take a class on the basics of raising backyard chickens at their own expense. A list of acceptable classes will be provided by the Borough. Should the applicant at any time desire to withdraw from the Pilot Program, or if a rooster is unintentionally purchased, they will inform the Board of Health office to assist in humanely re-homing the hens or roosters.

The Zoning Officer and a Health Code Official will review this application with the applicant prior to final approval.

Signature of Applicant(s): _____

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Verification of mandatory class attendance: _____

Date and location of mandatory class: _____

Collected by: _____

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CONSENT TO ENTER PROPERTY

I, _____ hereby give my consent to permit the Glassboro Zoning Officer and a Glassboro Health Code Official to inspect the property located at _____ for violations and to assure compliance with the conditions of the license as outlined in the Borough of Glassboro Code Chapter 490-66.

Signature of Property Owner/Applicant

Date

The applicant hereby agrees that they must comply with all conditions set forth in Chapter 490-66 of the Borough of Glassboro Code, entitled Backyard Chicken Pilot, prior to the issuance of a license.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Every license issued pursuant to this section shall expire on December 31st of each year, excluding the first December which occurs after the pilot begins.

If issuance of license is granted, a license fee of \$30 shall be paid to the Borough of Glassboro and the license will be issued by the Glassboro Board of Health.

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Fee Remitted: _____ Date: _____ Method of payment/check #: _____

Zoning Inspection date: _____ Code Inspection Date: _____

Date of issuance: _____ License number: _____ of 25

Zoning officer Signature

Code official Signature

Board of Health Designee signature

ORDINANCE # 22 - 22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 490, HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XIV ENTITLED, "BACKYARD CHICKEN PILOT"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glassboro, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that Chapter 490, Health Rules and Regulations be amended to add a new Article to be entitled "Backyard Chicken Pilot" to read as follows:

XIV. Backyard Chicken Pilot

490-66. Backyard Chicken Pilot

- A. A pilot program for the keeping of backyard chickens is hereby authorized as an exception from Chapter 490, Health Rules and Regulations, Section 32, Keeping of Animals and Fowl and Chapter 107, Development Regulations and Zoning, Section 93 Residential Accessory Use Regulations. Keeping of backyard chickens shall be permitted in the Borough of Glassboro subject to the rules and regulations as specified in this section. The pilot program shall terminate two years from the effective date of the pilot program unless the Borough Council of the Borough of Glassboro acts to continue same prior to that date. In the event the Borough Council does not act to continue the program prior to said termination date, all persons with backyard chickens shall rehome such chickens outside of the Borough of Glassboro within ninety days of the expiration of this pilot.
- B. The following shall be eligible to participate in the pilot program: residents of single-family homes or residents of "twin" homes on lots of at least one half acre, which meet the criteria set forth in this section. If the property is located within a Homeowners Association's (HOA) jurisdiction, the property owner must submit written permission from the HOA for the Borough of Glassboro to issue any license set forth in this section. If a resident applicant is not the owner of the property where the chickens are to be placed, written consent of the owner shall be submitted with the application.
- C. For purposes of this pilot program, no more than 25 household licenses may be issued. Any additional households wanting to participate may be considered on an individual

basis by the Board of Health and placed on a waiting list for an available license.

- D. There shall be a limit of four (4) chickens per license. No roosters are permitted.
- E. The coop and enclosed run shall be kept in the rear yard at least 25 feet from the habitable portion of the neighboring residential dwelling and ten feet from each property line. Detached garages, and accessory buildings shall not be considered a 'residential dwelling' for the purposes of calculating the required distance. Chickens may roam outside of the coop area in a backyard suitably fenced to keep them contained provided that a resident age 18 or older is present the entire time.
- F. No person shall keep chickens on his or her property without first obtaining a license from the Board of Health office and paying the required fee therefor. No license shall be issued unless the applicant therefor has demonstrated compliance with all criteria set forth in this section and the Zoning Officer and Health Code Official have approved the application as well as the coop. Every license issued pursuant to this section shall expire on December 31 of each year, excluding the first December which occurs after the pilot begins. A license shall not be granted unless the applicant certifies that there are no deed restrictions which prevent chickens from being kept on the property.
- G. A license fee of \$30.00 shall be paid for each license issued pursuant to this section.
- H. Each applicant wishing to participate in the pilot program, or desiring to keep backyard chickens thereafter in the event the pilot program is not terminated shall be required to take a class on the basics of raising backyard chickens at their own expense. Proof of attendance must be presented with the completed application. The Borough will provide a list of acceptable classes for anyone who has not previous met this requirement. The application will be reviewed for completeness with the applicant prior to final submission. Applicants agree to allow Board of Health members, local or county health inspector, Zoning Officer and/or the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the property for any violations pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- I. The following regulations and conditions for the keeping and housing of chickens shall be complied with:
 - 1. The coop shall be the appropriate size for the number of chickens, which shall be at least three feet by three feet of space for chickens with a maximum size of 10 feet by 10 feet. The coop shall be inspected by the Borough prior to the granting of a license. Maximum


- height is 8 feet.
2. The coop shall be dry and well ventilated with windows to admit sunlight.
 3. The coop must be kept clean.
 4. The coop and enclosed run must be made predator-proof and a minimum of six feet high.
 5. Clean water must be provided, and food must be kept tightly closed in a metal container away from the coop and run at night.
 6. The yard in the area where the coop located shall be clean and free from odors.
 7. There shall be no slaughter of chickens on site under this pilot program.
 8. Waste will be handled in such a way as proper composting to prevent offensive odors or disposed in an environmentally friendly manner. Waste shall not be disposed of as part of the normal trash collection and recycling collection.
 9. There shall be no selling of eggs.
 10. The coop shall include a permanent roof as part of its construction.
 11. The coop shall be painted and maintained so that at no time is unpainted wood visible from the exterior of the coop.
 - J. When a complaint is received by the Borough, it will be forwarded to the Health and Housing office for investigation by the Code Officer and a member of the Board. If a violation of this section is confirmed, solutions will be discussed with the offending resident to allow him or her to meet the requirements of the pilot program as soon as possible. However, if after 30 days, the violation has not been remedied, the Code Official will start enforcement proceedings determined by Code. The Board of Health will assist anyone desiring to no longer participate in the backyard chicken program to relocate his or her chickens.
 - K. Violations and Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, community service, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 90 days, or by any combination of such fine, community service and imprisonment as the Court may determine. Each violation of any of the provisions of this article and each day the same is violated shall be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct offense.

Section 2. Repealer: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.


Section 3. Severability: Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law

BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO


JOHN E. WALLACE, III, Mayor

Attest:


KAREN COSGROVE, Municipal Clerk

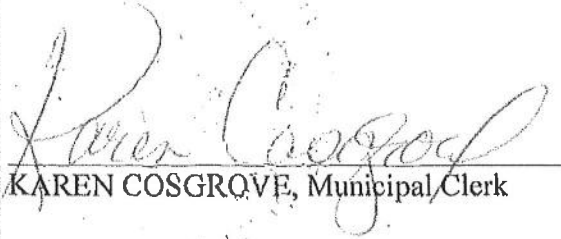
ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Cossabone	✓			
Mr. D'Alessandro	✓			
Mr. Fiola	✓			
Mr. Halter	✓			
Ms. Miller	✓			
Ms. Spence	✓			

TALLY:

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The foregoing Ordinance was finally adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glassboro on July 26, 2022.



KAREN COSGROVE, Municipal Clerk

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