

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

Board of Health
Mary Alley
7 Widger Road
Marblehead, MA 01945

Application for Permit to Keep Fowl

FEE: \$25.00

Permit: # _____

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Part 1 Title XVI Chapter (c.) 111, Section (§) 31, and M.F.L. Part 1 Title XVI c. 111, §115, or the By-Laws under which this Permit is granted, an application for PERMIT TO KEEP FOWL is sought as follows:

***New Application: Yes _____ No _____**

***Renewal Application: Yes _____ No _____**

*(Due date for renewal application is 30 days prior to permit expiration.)
Permits expire at the end of each calendar year.*

***If not renewed by expiration the application will be considered a new application**

Address of property where fowl will be kept (street address):

Type and Number of Fowl:

Indicate type of fowl to be kept and number of each by age and sex (example: chicken, pigeons, rooster, duck):

Year-Round Operation: Yes _____ No _____

Temporary Permit: Yes _____ No _____, if yes, duration requested _____

Zoning District of Site:

Property Owner(s) Information

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address(es): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address(es): _____

If the applicant is not the property owner, include proof of authorization from property owner

Applicant(s) Information

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address(es): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address(es): _____

Please attach:

- (i) A **plot plan**, including the following:
A hand-drawn plot plan is acceptable so long as it is of sufficient detail, including actual dimensions
- a) Topographical information
 - b) Size of lot with structures present (primary residence, septic systems and private wells)
 - c) Certified list of abutters adjacent to the property where the fowl are to be kept.
 - d) Proof of abutter notification (a signed letter of notification from each abutter **or** a U.S. Postal Service receipt of notification for each abutter). Applicant must allow for 14-day comment period after notification as indicated on sample notification letter. (This may be submitted at the time of the hearing)
 - e) Structures planned for the use of intended fowl (including fences and corrals)
 - f) Dimensions of the area where fowl will be kept
 - g) Distance of housing and enclosures from all abutters' structures, property lines, and wetlands
- (ii) A **written management plan** appropriate for the species of animals kept, for the following:
- a) Manure (MMP)
 - b) Feed Management Plan (FMP)
 - c) Pest Management Plan (PMP)

The following are resources that can be consulted to establish compliance with Generally Acceptable Agricultural Practices (GAAP) consistent with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Bureau of Animal Health's "Best Management Practices"

- Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources: Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- UMASS Agriculture & Commercial Horticulture Resources
- UNH Cooperative Extension Programs: Housing and Space Guidelines for Livestock

*I _____, have read, understand and will abide by the Rules and Regulations for the Keeping of Fowls
Name
Within the Town of Marblehead.

*I _____, will notify the Board of Health of any intention to change the number or type of fowl to be
Name
kept. The Board may require a public hearing for any changes.

Upon endorsement, below, this permit is valid from _____ until _____, unless sooner revoked for violation of the requirements of the M.G.L. c. 111 §31, and M.G.L. c. 111, §115, or the By-Laws under which this permit is granted.

Chair/Agent Board of Health

Building Inspector