

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE
Zoning Office
2207 Lawrence Road
Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

HOME AGRICULTURE APPLICATION – Fee: \$25.00*

*The required fee must be submitted with the application

DATE: _____

PROPERTY OWNER: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-mail: _____

BLOCK: _____ LOT NO.: _____

Signature of Property Owner

(applicant hereby acknowledges and agrees to requirements listed below):

Home agriculture is permitted in all residential zones and must meet the following provisions found in §429.H of the Land Development Ordinance:

1. Home agriculture activities shall be confined to side or rear yards, except that chicken raising and keeping shall be confined to the rear yard, only.
2. Home agriculture activities shall not interfere with lot drainage swales and septic fields.
3. The following requirements shall pertain to the raising and keeping of chickens:
 - a. Prior to the raising and keeping of chickens, the occupant shall obtain a zoning permit. The Zoning Officer shall have the right of periodic entry upon the premises for determining compliance with these regulations.
 - b. The number of chickens permitted on the premises shall be limited by the size of the residential lot as indicated in the following table:

No. of Chickens	Minimum Lot Size
2	5,000 sf.
3	10,000 sf.
4	15,000 sf.
5	30,000 sf.
6	40,000 sf.

No chickens shall be permitted on a lot of less than 5,000 sf.

- c. All chickens kept on residential lots shall be hens. In the event that un-sexed hatchings or fertilized eggs are male, such chicken shall be removed from the premises before they turn 3 months of age or first begin crowing, whichever occurs first. Failure to remove such chicken shall be grounds for the revocation of the zoning permit and removal of all chickens from the premises.
- d. All chickens shall be housed and maintained in a humane manner and in accordance with good agricultural practice. The premises shall be kept in a clean and sanitary manner at all times. Each chicken raising and keeping area shall be free from vermin and rodent infestation. The Animal Control Officer and Health Officer shall have the right of entry to determine compliance with these regulations.
- e. Chickens shall be sheltered in a chicken coop that has a minimum square footage of 6 sf. and 2 sf. per chicken, whichever is greater in size. No chicken coop shall exceed the floor area size limitation for tool sheds in §429.P. The chicken coop shall be fully enclosed. The chicken coop shall not be taller than 6 feet above the ground surface. Chicken coops shall comply with the accessory structure setbacks from the zoning district, but in no event shall the setback be less than 10 feet from any property line or habitable structure on the same lot or 30 feet from a habitable structure on an adjacent lot. Chicken coops shall be kept in good repair, have waterproof roofs and walls, be adequately lighted by natural or artificial means, and be ventilated.
- f. A fenced chicken run of up to 6 feet in height that meets the same setback standards for the chicken coop shall be permitted. Chicken runs shall be a minimum size of 100 sf. and a maximum size of 400 sf.