



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Health

Town Hall

242 Union Street

Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO KEEP ANIMALS OR POULTRY

FISCAL YEAR 2017

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Date: _____

**Application to keep animals or poultry in accordance with Chapter 111 Section 31 of the
Massachusetts General Laws.**

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Type and number of animals or poultry requested:

_____.

**I/We the undersigned hereby acknowledge I/We have received a copy of the Rules and
Regulations of the Rockland Board of Health for the Keeping of Domestic Animals.**

Signature _____



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RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE ROCKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH

KEEPING OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS

No. 1:

No person shall keep within the limits of the Town of Rockland in any building or on any premises of which he may be the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant, any cows, cattle, horses, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, birds, or reptiles without first obtaining a permit from the Board of Health.

All such permits will be run on a fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), and may be revoked by the Board of Health at any time for cause. Applications therefore shall be on forms provided at the office of the Board of Health.

No. 2:

Such application shall be accompanied by a plan showing the property to be used, the location of the shelter, stable, and or appurtenances, thereto, a floor plan of the shelter or stable, and the location of any streams, drains, and adjacent dwellings. Information relative to provision for adequate water supply, drainage, the sanitary storage and disposal of manure and other refuse matter must accompany said application.

No. 3:

The owners or persons in control of any building or premises in which goats, live fowl, cattle, horses, cows, sheep, swine, or other animals (excluding dogs and cats kept as pets) are kept shall keep the buildings and premises clean and free from decaying food, filth, dirt and stagnant water.

The buildings and pens shall be whitewashed or disinfected and put in condition as may be ordered by the Board of Health with regular spraying and baiting to prevent insects and rodents from becoming a nuisance and health hazard.

No. 4:

The owner or other person or persons having control of an existing building or shelter hereafter erected or converted into a barn for the stabling of horses or other domestic animals shall keep the barns, stables, and yards, etc., clean, and shall provide a pit constructed of cement or other suitable material for the reception of manure and other refuse matter. Wherever a public sewer is accessible, the Board of Health may, if they deem it advisable, order the connection of such building with such public sewer.



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No. 5:

The maximum number of live fowl kept in a hen house shall be 24. Said hen house shall be no less than 50 feet from any dwelling, no less than 20 feet from any public way, and no less than 50 feet from an abutter.

No. 6:

Any cows, cattle, horses, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, birds or reptiles kept within the limits of the Town of Rockland must be kept within the confines of a fence, pen, corral, or other type of enclosure approved by the Board of Health.

Any such enclosure must be a minimum of 20 feet from a public way, 50 feet from a well, stream, or other water supply, 50 feet from a dwelling or commercial building and 50 feet from a property line.

No. 7:

Live fowl shall be confined at all times and shall not be permitted to run at large. No rooster shall be kept in a residential area.

No. 8:

The keeping of any animal (excluding dogs and cats), the nature of which is considered dangerous is prohibited without a special permit therefore from the Board of Health.

No. 9:

The Board of Health, or its agent, may interview abutters for their approval or objections before acting on all applications.

No. 10:

The penalty for non-compliance with any of the above Rules and Regulations shall be a fine of not more than \$50.00 for every day in which the violation continues to exist.

THESE RULES & REGULATIONS BECAME EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 1977.

Effective June 1, 2010, the cost for an Annual Permit to Keep Animals will be \$50.00 for the first 10 animals and \$5.00 for each additional animal.

Effective June 1, 2010, the cost for Annual Permit to Keep Poultry will be \$5.00 per bird.