Accessory Animal Permit

The City of Mission allows for residents to keep chickens and / or bees within the City provided that the owner obtains an Accessory Animal Permit and obeys certain restrictions regarding these animals. **The fee to apply for a new or renewal permit is $50.00.** Accessory Animal Permits are governed by Section 210.100 of the Mission Municipal Code, and can be reviewed on Mission’s website (www.missionks.org) or at the City Clerk’s office. A table of key restrictions for this permit is provided below.

**Permit Requirements and Restrictions**

**All Permittees**

1. The applicant may not be the subject of more than three (3) of the following, in any combination:
   i. Nuisance and code enforcement complaints within the last year
   ii. Animal Control violations within the last two years

2. The applicant must allow inspections of the animal's shelter and welfare by the appropriate officers of the City, including the City’s Neighborhood Services Officers and Animal Control Officers.

3. No private deed restrictions, covenants, or conditions affecting the subject property prohibit the animal keeping allowed by this ordinance.

**Chickens**

a. No more than six (6) adult hens may be kept.

b. Roosters shall not be kept.

c. Chickens shall be kept in an adequate shelter, such as an aviary, coop, run, or tractor. Such shelter shall be located in the rear yard of the property at least ten (10) feet from any property line.

**Bees**

a. No more than two (2) hives shall be located on a single property.

b. All hives shall be located in the rear yard of the property at least ten (10) feet from any property line.

c. The rear yard shall be surrounded by a exterior fence at least 42 inches in height. A flyway structure or barrier (such as shrubbery or fencing) shall be provided if the exterior fence is less than six (6) feet in height.

d. The keeper shall maintain and manage hives to minimize swarming and prevent the creation of any public nuisance.

e. A source of water shall be provided on the property at all times.
Accessory Animal Permit Application

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________________________

Animal(s) desired (circle): Chickens Bees

Please describe the proposed shelter facilities for these animal(s) and attach a site plan showing the approximate location of the shelter. (City staff can provide you with an image of your yard for the plan).

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I have read the items below. My initials on each line indicate that I understand and agree to abide by the following conditions of this permit:

_____ I authorize the Neighborhood Services Officers and Animal Control Officers of the City to inspect the shelter and living conditions of these animals.

_____ I will ensure that the animals will be kept and maintained at all times in a safe and sanitary manner and will not, at any time, constitute or contribute to a public nuisance.

_____ I will ensure that the animals do not violate the animal control ordinances of Mission. I will not allow them to run at large, emit disturbing noises or odors, or otherwise disturb the peace.

_____ I will obey the requirements and restrictions of this permit, including minimum distances from property lines when erecting or moving an animal shelter.

_____ I will notify the City if there are substantial changes to the shelter arrangements described herein.

_____ If my property is subject to private deed restrictions, covenants, or conditions, said documents do not prohibit the activities allowed by this permit.

In accordance with the Mission Municipal Code, I will continue to meet all of the foregoing conditions and requirements. I hereby swear or affirm that all information in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Official: ____________________________________________ Date: __________