



TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS

# LIMITED AGRICULTURAL PERMIT APPLICATION

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## **FILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

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**Permit Required:** No person may keep within the town limits any wild animal, livestock or fowl except in the conformance to Section 4-40 of the Town's Code of Ordinances and issuance of this permit.

**Livestock:** Livestock shall include horses, mules, cows, pigs, hogs, goats, sheep, ponies, chickens, ducks, guinea fowl, turkeys, peacocks, llamas and all other animals that typically are kept primarily for productive or useful purposes rather than as pets.

Animals which are usually kept as household pets shall not be considered domestic livestock or fowl. The keeping of certain domestic livestock, fowl, or wild animals shall be allowed with a special use permit by the town council on properties zoned for low-density residential provided that the following conditions are met:

- Cows, bulls, horses, ponies, llamas and other hooved animals are kept in a quantity of one animal per acre in accordance with the State Department of Agriculture guidelines.
- Under no conditions shall the keeping of hogs be permitted within the corporate limits unless the operation is such that it is considered a bona fide farm which falls under the permit of the US Department of Agriculture with a permitted waste management plan, inspected by the Division of Water Quality and the county soil and water conservation district.
- No permit may be issued for any wild animal unless the owner thereof has also obtained a permit from the State Wildlife Resources Commission authorizing him to keep such an animal.

**Chickens:** The keeping of chickens is allowed with the following requirements:

- Limited to ten chickens (no roosters). Hens must be kept inside a pen.
- The coop shall be set back 15 feet from the rear and 5 feet from the side property lines. The coop shall not be located in the front yard or side yard of the dwelling.
- Minimum fence height of six feet, with an additional six inches buried in the ground. The applicant may, with approval from the zoning officer, secure a wire fence to a board or timber around the bottom of the pen instead of burrowing it.
- For lots located within a subdivision, the applicant must have written approval of adjacent property owners via certified mail with return receipt requested. The consent forms become part of the application.
- The Planning, Zoning & Subdivision Administrator on notice from any person of the existence of any conditions, including, but not limited to, noise, odor, an accumulation of rubbish or trash of any kind, which may be detrimental to adjacent property owners, from the coop and/or pen, shall investigate as may be necessary to determine whether, in fact, conditions do exist that need to be addressed.

**Fee:** The filing fee is \$30. *\*Town of Wilson's Mills fees and charges are subject to change without notice.*

**Property Owner Signature:** The application must be signed by the owner and tenant, if different, of the subject property. This application will not be processed unless all information requested is provided.

**Other Permits May Be Required:** Issuance of this Limited Agricultural Permit does not negate the requirement for required Building Permits or other certificates or permits where applicable.

## **SKETCH PLAN REQUIRED**

A sketch plan shall be provided to accurately reflect the nature of the application. It can be drawn by the property owner but shall be drawn to scale and illustrate the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Location of the coop and pen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Location of other buildings, including dwellings, on the lot
- \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from other buildings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from lot lines

## **PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PERMIT INFORMATION:**

Project Address / Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Property (in acres): \_\_\_\_\_ Johnston Co. Tax PIN #: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Livestock:

_____ Horses	_____ Mules	_____ Cows	_____ Pigs	_____ Hogs
_____ Goats	_____ Sheep	_____ Ponies	_____ Chickens	_____ Turkeys
_____ Peacocks	_____ Llamas	_____ Guinea Fowl		

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are these animals classified as "wild animals" by the NC State Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please provide a copy of the permit allowing ownership obtained from the NCWRC.

## **SIGNATURE:**

I certify that all information presented in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that incomplete, inaccurate or illegible applications will not be processed. Further, I grant permission for member of the Town Staff to visit the site for inspections and informative purposes. I agree that if this permit is granted, on the information presented herein, it may be revoked in the event of any breach of representation or any conditions to which may be attached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date