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Town of Apple Valley Pigeon Permit Application



FOR TOWN USE ONLY

Date Submitted: _____ Case No.: _____ Received By: _____
Planning Fee: _____ Other Fees: _____ Case Planner: _____

	Initial Deposit	Actual Cost not to exceed
Pigeon Permit	\$473	Actual Cost

****Should processing time exhaust the initial deposit amount, the applicant will be required to deposit additional funds.***

Please type or print legibly in ink

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Property Owner: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Do you own or rent your home? (Circle One) **Own** **Rent** (Property owner must sign permit application granting permission to file the permit application).

PROPERTY AND HABITAT INFORMATION

Assessor's Parcel No.(s): _____ Property Size: _____

Zoning: _____

Description of lofts including size, location, design and construction materials, feed storage method, loft maintenance, exercise and training schedule, number of birds: _____

PIGEON PERMIT STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions shall apply to the raising, housing and handling of racing and/or homing pigeons:

- A. "Pigeon" means a member of the family Columbidae, and shall include "Racing Pigeons", "Fancy Pigeons" and "Sporting Pigeons" as defined in this ordinance.
- B. "Racing Pigeon" means a pigeon which, through selective past breeding, has developed the distinctive physical and mental characteristics as to enable it to return to its home after having been released a considerable distance there from and which is accepted as such by the American Racing Pigeon Union, Inc. or the International Federation of Racing Pigeon Fanciers. Such pigeons are also commonly known as Racing Homer, Homing Pigeon or Carrier Pigeon.
- C. "Fancy Pigeon" means a pigeon which, through past breeding, has developed certain distinctive physical and performing characteristics as to be clearly identified and accepted as such by National Pigeon Association, the American Pigeon Club or the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club. Examples: Fantails, Pouters and Trumpeters.
- D. "Sporting Pigeon" means a pigeon which, through selective past breeding, has developed the ability to fly in a distinctive manner, such as aerial acrobatics or endurance flying. Examples: Rollers, Tipplers and Tumblers.
- E. "Loft" means the structure(s) for the keeping or housing of pigeons permitted by this ordinance.
- F. "Mature Pigeon" means a pigeon aged six months or older.
- G. "Owner" means the owner of pigeons subject to these provisions of the Town of Apple Valley Development Code, Section 9.29.030 "Animal Keeping and Agricultural Uses in Residential Districts".

2. CONDITIONS:

The keeping, breeding, maintenance and flying of pigeons shall be permitted on the following conditions:

- A. The loft shall be of such sufficient size and design, and constructed of such material, that it can be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- B. There shall be at least one (1) square foot of floor space in any loft per each mature pigeon kept therein.
- C. The construction and location of the loft shall not conflict with the requirements of any applicable Building Code or Zoning Code of Apple Valley.
- D. All feed for said pigeons shall be stored in such containers as to protect against intrusion by rodents and other vermin.
- E. The loft shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and in compliance with all applicable health regulations of the Town of Apple Valley and/or applicable agency.
- F. All pigeons shall be confined to the loft, except for limited periods necessary for exercise, training and competition; and at no time shall pigeons be allowed to perch or linger on the buildings or property of others.

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- G. All pigeons shall be fed within the confines of the loft.
- H. No one shall release pigeons to fly for exercise, training or competition except in compliance with the following rules:
 - (1) The owner of the pigeons must be a member in good standing of an organized pigeon club, such as the American Racing Pigeon Union, Inc., the International Federation of Racing Pigeon Fanciers, the National Pigeon Association, the American Tippler Society, the International Roller Association, the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club, or a local club which has rules that will help preserve the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood.
 - (2) Pigeons will not be released for flying which have been fed within the previous four (4) hours.
- I. Pigeons shall be banded and registered with one of the national pigeon associations/registries. The Animal Control Division shall maintain a listed of banded and registered pigeons possessing a Town issued biennial Pigeon Permit.
- J. No more than one hundred (100) homing and/or racing pigeons shall be permitted upon any one recorded property, or any collection of properties under one ownership used as one residential site.
- K. All cages housing pigeons upon a property shall be cleaned at intervals of no more than three (3) days and remain in a sanitary manner at all times.
- L. The holder of a biennial Pigeon Permit shall pay a fee, established by the Town Council, to the Town of Apple Valley, to recover a banded pigeon in the possession of the Animal Control Division.

3. PERMIT:

Upon completion of a Pigeon Permit Application, available from the Town of Apple Valley's Planning Division, wherein the tenant and/or property owner shall certify that appropriate loft(s) exist and comply with any and all applicable building and zoning codes of the Town of Apple Valley or other regulatory agencies, and upon payment of a fee established by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley, a biennial Pigeon Permit shall be issued to the applicant which shall remain in full force and effect unless suspended or revoked or unless the use of the loft(s) shall be discontinued for a period of one year. If a Pigeon Permit Application is submitted by a tenant, the property owner must sign said permit application granting permission to file such a request.

4. RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR INSPECTION:

An Code Enforcement or Animal Control Officer with the Town of Apple Valley may enter and inspect any property or loft at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating either an actual or suspected violation of, or to ascertain compliance or noncompliance with, the provisions of the Town of Apple Valley Development Code, Section 9.29.030 "Animal Keeping and Agricultural Uses in Residential Districts".

5. VIOLATION AND PENALTIES:

A Pigeon Permit shall not be approved for any applicant (whether individual, company or corporation), nor shall a Pigeon Permit be approved at a location where the property owner, a tenant or lessee, has actions pending as provided in either A or B listed below. Further, an approved Pigeon Permit shall be revoked for an applicant or location for either of A or B listed below.

- A. Any combination of two (2) or more outstanding citations of the Town of Apple Valley Municipal Code, or adjudicated citations found in favor of the Town of Apple Valley by a court of competent jurisdiction, issued within the twelve (12) months preceding the date of the Pigeon Permit application and directly or indirectly related to, or similar to, any property, event, activity or use for which the Pigeon Permit application is proposed; or
- B. The individual, company or corporation listed as the applicant upon the Pigeon Permit application has, or where the property owner, a tenant or lessee, of the property listed upon the Pigeon Permit application as the intended site of the raising, housing or handling of homing or racing pigeons, has a Municipal Code violation(s) being processed by the Town of Apple Valley or pending before a Court of competent jurisdiction and directly or indirectly related to, or similar to, any property, event, activity or use for which the Pigeon Permit application is proposed.

Applicant's signature below acknowledges receipt of and agreement with the above standards and condition.

Applicant Name: _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date: _____