

# APPLICATION TO BOARD OF APPEALS

el. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Appeal No. 2022-08

Date 2/22/22

TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, WEST SENECA, NEW YORK:

(we) James & Erin Rathmann of 42 Beechwood Dr

\_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY APPEAL TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FROM THE DECISION OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR ON AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT, WHEREBY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR DID DENY PERMIT TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A PERMIT FOR USE                        | <input type="checkbox"/> A CERTIFICATE OF EXISTING USE      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A PERMIT FOR OCCUPANCY                  | <input type="checkbox"/> A CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A TEMPORARY PERMIT OR EXTENSION THEREOF | <input type="checkbox"/> AREA PERMIT                        |

1. Applicant is the  PROPERTY OWNER  
 CONTRACTOR FOR THE WORK CONCERNED HEREIN  
 PROSPECTIVE TENANT  
 OTHER (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

2. LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY 42 Beechwood Dr

3. State in general the exact nature of the permission required, Requesting chickens (4-6)

4. PREVIOUS APPEAL. No previous appeal has been made with respect to this decision of the Building Inspector or with respect to this property, except the appeal made in Appeal No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

5. REASON FOR APPEAL.

A. A Variance to the Zoning Ordinance is requested because strict application of the ordinance would produce undue hardship, or the hardship created is unique and is not shared by all properties alike in the immediate vicinity of this property and in this use district, or the variance would observe the spirit of the ordinance and would not change the character of the district because: \_\_\_\_\_

(See Attached)

B. Interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance is requested because: \_\_\_\_\_

C. A Special or Temporary Permit or an Extension thereof Under the Zoning Ordinance is requested pursuant to Article \_\_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_\_, Subsection \_\_\_\_\_, Paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ of the Zoning Ordinance, because: \_\_\_\_\_

X James Rathmann  
Applicant's Signature

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Provision(s) of the Zoning Ordinance Appealed, including article, section, subsection or paragraph of the Zoning Ordinance

120-17 (A) (5) Chickens not permitted on property

2. Zoning Classification of the property concerned in this appeal R75

3. Type of Appeal:

- Variance to the Zoning Ordinance.  
 Interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map.  
 Special or Temporary Permit or an extension thereof under the Zoning Ordinance.

4. A statement of any other facts or data which should be considered in this appeal. \_\_\_\_\_

Building Inspector D-B

James & Erin Rathmann  
42 Beechwood Drive  
West Seneca, NY 14224  
February 22, 2022

West Seneca Zoning Board Of Appeals  
1250 Union Road  
West Seneca, NY 14224

To whom it may concern,



We are the Rathmann family, and wish to formally request a zoning variance to allow the raising of chickens at our residence, at 42 Beechwood drive. Our intent is to raise between four and six egg laying hens, with no roosters. The chickens will not have the freedom to roam our fully fenced in backyard, unless we are outside supervising.

We plan to build or buy a chicken coop approximately 58 inches long by 58 inches wide and 64 inches tall. The coop will be situated on the left side of our backyard (facing the house), at least three feet away from the fence, as shown on the sketch of our property survey. We plan to keep the chicken feed in a durable, rodent proof container with secure fitting lid. We currently maintain a neatly kept yard and plan to do the same with our chickens and their coop. We will clean out the coop at least once per week, to keep it organized and provide a safe environment for the chickens.

We have heard many positive experiences of families raising backyard chickens, and are very interested in trying it for ourselves. We think it will be a valuable and rewarding learning experience for our two children and the whole family. We are excited by the prospect of harvesting our own eggs, instead of using store bought. We also enjoy keeping a family garden and think chickens would be a nice addition to that hobby. Also, we are involving the children in the application process, as an introduction to an aspect of local government.

All in all, we hope you will approve our proposal for this variance, and appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

James & Erin Rathmann

NOTE: THIS SURVEY WAS PREPARED WITHOUT BENEFIT OF A CURRENT ABSTRACT OF TITLE AND IS SUBJECT TO ANY STATE OF FACTS THAT MAY BE REVEALED BY AN EXAMINATION OF SUCH.

