Town of Huntington Accessory Apartment Bureau ACCESSORY APARTMENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Upon completion of all the following, please call 631-351-3009 to schedule an appointment to

submit your application. IF ANY ITEMS ARE MISSING, YOUR PAPERWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. **You must schedule an appointment to submit your application** ****ONLY COPIES OF DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**** SURVEY (COPY) SURVEY SHOWING ALL STRUCTURES (HOUSE, **PROPERTY MUST BE AT LEAST 75'x100' (EXCEPT ADDITIONS, POOLS, DECKS, SHEDS, DRIVEWAYS, ETC.) FOR CUL-DE-SACS) OR YOU MUST GO TO THE THE LOCATION OF, AND ACCESS TO, EXISTING BUILDING DEPT 1ST (ROOM 115) FOR A LETTER OF AND/OR PROPOSED OFF STREET PARKING AND THE DENIAL TO TAKE TO THE ZBA FOR A VARIANCE MEASUREMENT OF THE DRIVEWAY **APARTMENT LOCATION:** IF THE APT. BEDROOMS HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IN PLACE, PROCEED TO THE NEXT STEP; IF THE APT. BEDROOMS REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF (garage conversion, new addition, first floor, OCCUPANCY, PLEASE GO TO BUILDING DEPARTMENT second floor, basement etc.) IN ROOM 115 BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER # of bedrooms in the apartment (CESSPOOL MAY NEED TO BE EVALUATED) ___ APPLICATION ALL SECTIONS COMPLETED, SIGNED AND NOTARIZED, BY ALL OWNER(S) LISTED ON THE RECORDED DEED DRAWING OF APARTMENT AND MAIN DWELLING FLOOR PLAN ON PAPER NO WITH MEASUREMENTS OF ALL WINDOWS AND LARGER THAN 8-1/2"X14" **ROOMS AND TOTAL AREA SIZE OF THE APARTMENT** (SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DECTECTORS MUST BE LABELLED ON ALL DRAWINGS) APPLICATION FEE (BY CHECK, MONEY OWNER OCCUPIED \$175 (AS OF 1/1/09) ORDER OR CREDIT CARD ONLY) WITH A VIOLATION \$500** ****IF INSPECTOR HAS ISSUED A NOTICE OF VIOLATION** FOR AN ILLEGAL APARTMENT** __ DEED (COPY) COPY OF RECORDED DEED SHOWING STAMP OF SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR MOTOR VEHICLE FOR ALL OWNER(S) (COPIES ONLY) NON-DRIVER ID (COPY) TWO PROOFS OF RESIDENCY (COPIES) CURRENT TELEPHONE OR CELL PHONE BILL, BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENT (CHECKING OR SAVINGS), CREDIT CARD STATEMENT, CABLE TV STATEMENT, CURRENT YEAR INCOME TAX RETURN (THESE ARE THE **ONLY ACCEPTABLE ITEMS) CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY**/ FOR ALL STRUCTURE(S) ON THE PROPERTY. COPIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUILDING DEPT. COMPLETION (COPIES) (ROOM 115) 351-2822 5 PHOTOGRAPHS PICTURES CLEARLY DEPICTING THE FRONT, BACK AND EACH SIDE OF THE DWELLING, ONE (1) OF THE DRIVEWAY FROM THE STREET (IN THE EVENT THE FULL DRIVEWAY IS TOO LARGE, TAKE ADDITIONAL STOP: CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO BRING PHOTOS TO SHOW ALL PARKING) IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 631-351-3008 MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE PLANNING LIST OF PROPERTIES WITHIN 500' OF DEPARTMENT (351-3196) ROOM 213: SEE DAVE.

VERIFIED AT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

DWELLING (1 COPY REQUIRED)

Town of Huntington Accessory Apartment Bureau REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT

- 1. The residence lot size must be a minimum of seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet with no less than seventy-five (75) linear feet of frontage width (from side property line to side property line on the street).
- 2. The accessory apartment must have no less than three hundred (300) square feet of habitable living space and not more than six hundred and fifty (650) square feet of habitable living space. (Living space is defined as kitchen, living area and bedrooms. Excluded are bathrooms, hallways, closets and stairways.) The accessory apartment is limited to a maximum of two bedrooms.
- 3. Once the accessory apartment application has been perfected and the first permit has been issued, if you sell the property, the permit may be transferred to the next owner, provided the purchaser executes and submits to the Accessory Apartment Bureau the proper application and legal documentation within ninety (90) days of transfer of title.
- 4. The dwelling must be have a valid certificate of occupancy as a single-family dwelling issued at least three (3) years prior to the date of the accessory apartment application.
- 5. No portion of the dwelling or accessory apartment can utilize any portion of any cellar or attic as habitable living space, unless a waiver is issued by the New York State Building Code Board of Review or other agency having jurisdiction.
- 6. Occupancy is based on the bedroom(s) living space and is limited to one (1) person for each seventy (70) square feet. Any bedroom occupied by more than one (1) person shall contain at least 100 square feet for each occupant thereof.
- 7. Handrails on all stairways (inside and outside).
- 8. Stairways between units or hallway and over boiler must have 3/4 hour fire rated sheetrock.
- 9. One front door. No exterior changes are to alter the appearance of single-family.
- 10. Smoke detectors are required in all bedrooms and common hallways. If applicable, a smoke detector is required in the cellar or basement. Carbon Monoxide detectors are required in the main dwelling hallway near bedrooms (no more than 15 feet from any bedroom door); one near the kitchen area, apartment area and basement/burner room.
- 11. Minimum of three (3) unobstructed off street parking spaces. The number of off-street parking spaces may be decreased if such conditions exist that warrant such action at the discretion of the Zoning Board of Approval. The maximum width of the spaces cannot exceed eighteen (18) feet or twenty-four percent (24%) whichever is the lessor of the lot frontage.
- 12. Exterior of the dwelling must be in good condition and free of debris; and must be maintained in a neat and clean manner.
- 13. No accessory apartment will be contained in any detached/other structure on the lot, other than in the main dwelling.
- 14. Must comply with all requirements of the New York State Building Code and all the laws and housing requirements of New York State and the Town of Huntington.
- 15. Any lease or rental agreement for the accessory apartment must include the provision of \$198-134 allowing inspections of the premises to determine the condition of the dwelling, and all other structures, so as to safeguard the health, safety, morals and welfare of the public.
- 16. Any wall of the proposed accessory apartment area that adjoins other habitable space must meet a onehour fire separation rating. Any wall in the other habitable space which adjoins the proposed accessory apartment area must also meet the one-hour fire separation rating. In most instances, this may be achieved by adding additional gypsum board to the existing walls. If there is habitable space above or below an accessory apartment, the ceiling separating the two areas must meet the one-hour fire separation rating.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AN ACCESSORY APARTMENT PERMIT

- 1. It is a special use/temporary exemption from the Town of Huntington zoning code. It is not a guaranteed right and is renewable upon expiration.
- 2. The permit is granted at the Hearing Officer's discretion for a maximum of one (1) year.
- 3. You must maintain this address as your primary residence and the property must remain owner occupied.
- 4. If you move or sell the property, the permit may be transferred to the next owner, provided the purchaser executes and submits to the Accessory Apartment Bureau the proper application and legal documentation within ninety (90) days of transfer of title.
- 5. Approximately one (1) month prior to the expiration date, you must renew the Accessory Apartment permit. You will be sent a renewal notice with an inspection date. If you do not receive a renewal notice, please call 631-351-3008. All fees paid after the expiration date of the current permit shall be subject to a late fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Payment received 31-59 days late:\$ 75.00Payment received 60-89 days late:\$125.00Payment received 90-120 days late:\$175.00AFTER 120 DAYS LATE, PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION

- 6. An inspection is required for every renewal period. There will be a seventy-five dollar (\$75) rescheduling fee charged to the owner due to a no show appointment, or the inspector fails to gain access to the apartment and/or dwelling if applicable.
- 7. If you do not wish to renew the permit, you must call 631-351-3008 to discuss the requirements for a removal and removal inspection.
- 8. All inhabitants of the dwelling and apartment (owner(s) and tenant(s)) must utilize off street parking.
- 9. Should the Accessory Apartment permit be revoked, a new application cannot be filed or accepted for the same address for three (3) years.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

- 1. Call and schedule an appointment to submit the completed application (631-351-3008). The application and required documents will be reviewed at your appointment, at which time the application fee will be required.
- 2. An Initial Inspection appointment will be scheduled to inspect the entire property and all structures (i.e., attic, basement/cellar, main dwelling and apartment, garages, sheds, decks, pool, etc.)
- 3. A Public Hearing will be scheduled; a public hearing notice will be published in the Town designated newspapers. You will be required to send a mailing to the neighbors in a 500' radius of your property and the letter and list or properties will be obtained at your scheduled appointment.
- 4. Your application will be heard by the Town's Hearing Officer and his recommendation will be submitted to the ZBA for final approval.
- 5. A decision will be rendered by the Hearing Officer within 90 days of the hearing. The decision will be mailed, and if approved, will include the conditions you must meet in order to perfect the permit. A Final inspection will be required once all conditions have been met. Upon payment of the initial permit fee of \$250 and compliance with all the conditions, your initial permit will be issued.

NOTES: The following structures/improvements usually require a building permit and certificate of occupancy; if there is not one, you will be required to obtain one:

Roofed over patio	cellar entrance	deck (8" over grade)
Dormer	extension/addition	finished basement
Garage conversion	pools	sheds