



PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION  
Bureau of Wildlife Protection  
2001 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
717-783-8164

**To:** Municipality Codes Enforcement Officer or Designee  
**From:** Pennsylvania Falconry Permit Applicant  
**Reason:** Verification of Local Ordinances Related to State Falconry Regulations

**Name of Falconry Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Falconry Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The individual named above has made application to the Pennsylvania Game Commission to acquire a falconry permit. The sport of falconry is regulated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and additional information about these regulations can be viewed on the PGC website at [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us).

The Pennsylvania Game Commission requires that falconry permit applicants obtain verification of any local ordinances that might relate to the falconer legally housing and caring for the raptor within the municipality of the proposed falconry facility.

**To be completed by the municipality codes enforcement officer of designee:**

The municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ understands that the permit applicant is requesting to house a raptors, at the address listed above, under the legal authority of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

This municipality does **NOT** have any ordinances that will restrict the applicant from housing a raptor for the purposes of falconry:

Signature of Zoning Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Township/Municipality/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This municipality **DOES** have ordinance(s) that could prohibit the housing a raptor for the purposes of falconry.

Please List All Relevant Ordinances:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Definitions:**

- Falconry:** Caring for and training raptors for pursuit of wild game, and hunting wild game with raptors.
- Exotic** (as defined by Title 34 P.A.C.S. § 2961 and 58 Code §147.1) The phrase includes, but is not limited to, all bears, coyotes, lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, cougars, wolves and any crossbreed of these animals which have similar characteristics in appearance or features. The definition is applicable whether or not the birds or animals were bred or reared in captivity or imported from another state or nation. Members of the family Felidae except those species commonly called house cats and members of the family Canidae except those licensed by the Department of Agriculture.
- Raptor:** Live migratory birds of the order *Falconiformes* or the order *Strigiformes* other than the Bald Eagle—*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*—or the Golden Eagle—*Aquila chrysaetos*, wherever its place of origin, whether or not raised in captivity or a hybrid of those species.
- Apprentice Raptor Restrictions:** Pennsylvania apprentice falconers may only possess a redtail hawk or an American kestrel. Both species are categorized by the Pennsylvania Game Commission as NATIVE species.

### **Available Resources:**

- Pennsylvania Game Commission:** [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us)
- Pennsylvania Falconry and Hawk Trust:** [www.pfht.org](http://www.pfht.org)
- North American Falconers Association:** [www.n-a-f-a.org](http://www.n-a-f-a.org)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services:** [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)