

City of Coon Rapids
SUPPLEMENT TO CHICKENS PERMIT

RETURN THIS SIGNED & DATED SUPPLEMENT WITH APPLICATION

Your permit application must include:

- The chicken permit application form**
- A site plan of the lot, indicating:**
 - Lot lines and dimensions of lot
 - Property address
 - All existing structures (house, detached garage, shed, well, etc.)
 - Location and dimensions of chicken coop and run
 - Distances between the lot lines and proposed placement of coop and run
 - Distances between any buildings/structures and proposed placement of coop and run
 - Proposed portable coop locations
- A sketch of the proposed coop and run**
- FYI – if you plan to provide a heat source or light to the coop, an electrical permit will be needed.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING OF CHICKENS (6-702)

- No more than four chicken hens are permitted to be maintained on one property.
- Keeping of roosters is prohibited.
- Food materials must be stored in closed metal containers to avoid pests.
- Food shall not be allowed to accumulate around feeders, runs or coops and must be removed to avoid rodent and vermin.
- All premises on which chickens are kept or maintained shall be kept in a clean, sanitary and healthy manner from filth, garbage and any substances and all droppings and body excretions collected weekly. All waste must be properly disposed of or composted.
- Slaughtering and processing of the chickens on the property is prohibited.
- Chickens must not be housed in a residential house or in an attached or detached garage, except chickens under the age of six weeks for brooding purposes.
- No chickens may be kept or raised in a manner to cause injury or annoyance to persons or other animals on other properties in the vicinity by reason of noise, odor, or filth.

- Dead chickens must be disposed of according to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health rules which require chicken carcasses to be disposed of as soon as possible after death, usually within 48 to 72 hours.

CHICKEN COOPS AND RUNS (6-703)

All persons keeping or maintaining chickens must have a chicken coop to house the chickens and a chicken run.

- **Coop Requirements:**
 - Be fully enclosed, wind proof, and have one square foot of window to 15 square feet of floor space.
 - Constructed with architecturally appropriate building materials including exterior grade siding and either a metal, composite or shingled roof, or in the alternative, coop shall be purchased from commercial source that constructs structures specifically to be used as coops for chickens.
 - Comply with current zoning and building codes.
 - Coop shall be fully enclosed to prevent any escape by the chicken or entrance by migratory birds.
- **Run Requirements:**
 - Fence around the run enclosure shall be securely constructed with mesh type material.
 - Protective overhead netting to keep chickens separated from other animals
- Total area for coop and covered run is limited to no more than 60 square feet.
- Coop and run must be located only in the rear yard.
- Coop and run shall be located at least 10 feet from side or rear lot lines.
- Coop and run shall be at least 30 feet from an adjacent property's primary residence.
- Coop and run must be located at least 50 feet from any well.
- Coop and run must be located more than six feet from the primary structure or any accessory structures on the property.
- Chickens must not be allowed to free range unless rear yards are completely fenced in.
- Coop and run must be removed and site restored if keeping of chickens is discontinued for more than 12 months.

The undersigned hereby applies for a chicken permit and acknowledges receipt of a copy of City Ordinance Chapter 6-700; acknowledges the provisions of the Chicken Code have been reviewed; and attests the subject premises will be operated and maintained according to the requirements contained therein, subject to applicable sanctions and penalties. The undersigned further agrees the subject premises may be inspected by the compliance official as provided in Chapter 6-700 of said ordinance.

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Signature of Applicant

Date