



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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OBTAINING A LICENSE TO KEEP CHICKENS

- A. Any person who keeps chickens in the Residential zones of the City of Cloquet shall obtain an annual license prior to getting chickens. There will be a one-time fee for the inspection of the Chicken facility and then a yearly renewal. The license will run from January 1 to December 31 each year. Applications will be made to the City Planner/Zoning Administrator.**
- B. The minimum lot size in order to have chickens is ¼-acre, 10,890 square feet.**
- C. All licenses shall be conditioned upon passing a mandatory inspection by the City Planner/Zoning Administrator, Building Official or their designated agent.**
- D. The inspector may refuse to grant or revoke a license if the chickens become a nuisance, as evidenced by three admitted or judicially determined violations of the Chicken Ordinance within a 12-month period. Inspections will be conducted to investigate the nuisance.**
- E. The inspector may refuse to grant or may revoke a license to a person convicted of cruelty to animals under a code, ordinance, or statute of Minnesota or other state.**
- F. All reports of such inspections and reviews shall be in writing and maintained by the City of Cloquet.**
- G. A site plan must be submitted and approved before a license to keep chickens will be granted.**

CHICKEN LICENSE REGULATIONS

Each person holding a license to keep chickens within the City of Cloquet residential zones shall comply with the following:

- 1. The principle use of the property where the chickens are kept is a single-family dwelling. The property must be a minimum of ¼-acre in size, 10,890 sq. ft.**
- 2. No resident shall keep more than five (5) chickens (laying hens). No roosters are allowed. No chickens shall be raised for meat and slaughtered within the City.**
- 3. No person shall slaughter a chicken in a residential zone.**
- 4. No person shall keep chickens inside a residential dwelling.**
- 5. Chickens shall be kept in a secure and well ventilated roofed enclosed structure. The roofed structure shall be fully enclosed, wind proof, have one square foot of window to 15 square feet of floor space. The floors and walls of the structure shall be kept clean and sanitary with all droppings and body excrements collected and disposed of properly. Chicken feed and manure must be kept in rodent and racoon-proof containers and must not be placed in yard compost piles.**
- 6. A fenced enclosure may be attached to the coop to allow an outside area. The enclosure shall be secure so the chickens cannot get out and roam. These areas shall be kept clean and sanitary.**
- 7. A floor area or combination of the floor and fenced yard area for keeping chickens shall not be less than 10 square feet of floor space per chicken.**
- 8. Chickens are not allowed to roam the area freely.**
- 9. No coop and enclosed fenced yard shall be located closer than 25 feet to a residential dwelling on adjacent lots.**
- 10. Building permits are not required for structures less than 200 square feet. An electrical permit is required for branch wiring to an accessory building.**
- 11. Coops and enclosed fenced yards cannot be located in the front yard and must meet all minimum setbacks from property lines and structures.**
- 12. Written consent of at least 75% of the property owners or occupants within one hundred (100) feet of the property must be submitted with the initial application. Vacant lots will be considered as giving their consent to allow the chickens.**

CHICKEN LICENSE APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

A detailed site plan must accompany this application. It shall include a drawing of the coop and fenced yard area.

I HEREBY STATE THAT ALL THE INFORMATION HERE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET AND THE LAWS OF MINNESOTA AND THEIR AMENDMENTS.

Signature

Date

Initial Fee \$50

Renewal Fee \$25

For office use only

Date _____

License # _____

Fees paid _____

Site Plan approved _____

Coop Inspected _____

