

Saint Louis Park
Policy on the Keeping of Chickens
September 2011

Residents of St. Louis Park who want to own or maintain chickens on their property will need to first receive written permission, as required by the City Code, from the Building and Energy Department.

City Code Sec. 4-1. Regulating the keeping of domestic animals.

No person shall keep or harbor any fowl, horses, cattle, sheep, goats or swine in the city, or permit the same to be done upon premises the person owns, occupies or controls without written permission from the city.

(Code 1976, § 11-31)

Only chickens will be considered for permission of the identified animals in this code section.

The resident requesting permission must supply the following information on a provided request form; name, address, phone number(s), email address, number of chickens, dimensions of coop and chicken run, type of building materials (plans), site plan showing the location of the proposed coop and fenced run in relationship to all other existing structures, and a plan for keeping the area clean and free of waste material and objectionable odor.

Required conditions for consideration of receiving permission:

- 1) Chickens will only be allowed on a single-family, residential property.
- 2) If the applicant is not the owner of the property; the property owner will need to provide written permission as part of the application process.
- 3) Limit of 4 hens; no roosters.
- 4) Chickens must be maintained in a coop and/or fenced chicken run at all times.
- 5) The chicken coop and fenced chicken run must be located in the backyard area as far as reasonably possible, separated from neighboring properties. A minimum of 10 feet from property lines is suggested. Owner must provide a site plan at the time of request.
- 6) Plans for the construction of the coop and/or chicken run must be submitted with the application and may require compliance with City Codes if applicable.
- 7) The coop and chicken run must be kept in a healthy and sanitary condition in such way that no noxious odors are carried to the adjacent public or private property.
- 8) Chicken(s) are for personal use only; no butchering or sale of eggs or chicken(s) allowed on the property.
- 9) Owner will provide access to the property for a pre-inspection at the time of the request and at any time requested by the city to verify compliance with the conditions or in response to a complaint.
- 10) A written letter of permission to keep chickens will be for a maximum of two years. An extension request will need to be submitted by the owner if they desire to continue keeping chickens.
- 11) The permission may be revoked by the city at any time if the owner fails to comply with all the conditions specified in this policy, if the chickens create a nuisance situation, objectionable odors, unsanitary conditions, or other city code violations on the property.

Approved:

Signed by Brian Hoffman
Department Head

9/29/11
Date



Application for Chicken Permit

This application must be completed and returned to the Building and Energy Department along with a completed Site Plan for approval. An inspection will occur prior to any approval given by the Building and Energy Department.

General Information

*Property Owner: _____ Property Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____ Email: _____

***If the applicant is not the owner; a letter of permission from the property owner is required as part of the application.**

Detail Information

Number of hens: _____ (limit four, no roosters)

Chicken Coop		Chicken Run	
1) Distance from side and rear lot lines		1) Distance from side and rear lot lines	
2) Dimensions of coop		2) Dimensions of run	
3) Height of coop		3) Height of run	
4) Building materials		4) Building materials	

I have enclosed a site plan showing dimensions of the property, existing structures, proposed structures, and all rear and side yard setbacks; and a coop and/or chicken run construction plan.

I understand that if approved will be for two years only and required to be reviewed at that time.

The undersigned acknowledges that this application has been read and that the above is correct and agrees to comply with all the ordinances and laws of the City of St. Louis Park.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: Upon review of the application and/or site inspection Zoning or Building Application for the coop and/or chicken run may be required.

For Office Use Only

Inspector/Date _____ / _____ Comments: _____

Approval/Date: _____ / _____ Comments: _____

Shed or detached deck permit application

Application to construct an accessory building 200 square feet or smaller or detached deck

Fee - \$30

Address: _____

Property owner

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Contractor installing structure (if applicable)

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Location of setbacks

Distance from side property line: _____ Distance from rear property line: _____

Distances to property lines must be noted on site plan.

Information

Length: _____ Width: _____ Height: _____

Siding material: _____ Used for: _____

Other: _____

Additional information required

- Site plan showing location and size of all existing buildings and propose structure. A property survey is preferred; however, a sketch plan of the property is acceptable. Please use a ruler and show dimensions.
- Structure design indicating length, width and height dimension.
- Drawing including how the structure will be anchored to the ground.

The permit applicant acknowledges that it is their responsibility to ensure that the shed is constructed entirely on the property for which this permit is issued and the structure is properly anchored.

Permits issued and inspections made by the city are a public service and do not constitute any representation, guarantee or warranty, either implied or expressed, to any person as to the conformance to applicable city codes.

The undersigned acknowledges that this application has been read and that the above is correct and agrees to comply with all the ordinances and laws of the City of St. Louis Park.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Office use only

Permit number: _____ Fee: _____ App/Date: _____ Issued: _____