

## **City of St. Louis Park**

### **Keeping of Chickens Policy**

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 City Code, from the Community Development 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, § 11-310)

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 a way that no noxious odors are carried to 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 chicken(s) create a nuisance situation, objectionable odors, unsanitary conditions, or other city code violations on the property.

## Application for chicken permit

This application must be completed and returned to the Community Development Department along with a site plan for approval. An inspection will occur prior to any approval given by the Community Development Department.

### General Information

**Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant (If different from property owner)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Chicken/Coop/Run Details

**Number of hens:** \_\_\_\_\_ (limit four, no roosters)

Chicken Coop		Chicken Run	
Distance from side and rear lot lines		Distance from side and rear lot lines	
Dimensions of coop		Dimensions of run	
Height of coop		Height of run	
Building materials		Building materials	

- I have enclosed the shed & chicken coop application, 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, it will only be for two years and will require review after two years

The undersigned acknowledges that this application has been read and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Inspector/Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval/Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Shed, chicken coop or detached deck permit application

Application to construct an accessory building 200 square feet or smaller or detached deck  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Property owner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contractor installing structure (if applicable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permit number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ App/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Issued: \_\_\_\_\_