

Keeping of Chickens Permit Application

For Single Family Homes (RSF-1, RSF-2, RSF-3, SF-PUD)

Please submit via email to planning@plymouthmn.gov to submit your application.
Applications will be processed once all items are submitted.

Property Owner Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Information:
(if different from above) _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____

In addition to this application, please submit:

- A side view drawing of the proposed coop and attached run, including construction materials and proposed height of both from ground level.
- A drawing of the proposed coop and attached run on a land survey or a scaled site plan. Setbacks from all adjacent property lines must be noted.
- Evidence of completion of a chicken keeping course.
- \$100 application fee.

I agree that:

- The corner monuments of the property have been found, and property lines defined.
- I have completed an educational course on chicken keeping from a reputable institution.
- The coop and attached run are not within a wetland or wetland buffer, required rain garden, nor do they sit below the ordinary high-water level of a lake, stream, or pond.
- I will check with my HOA on any chicken-specific bylaws or covenants, if applicable.
- I will reapply for a keeping of chickens license in two years (at no fee).
- I will apply for a home occupation license if I decide to sell eggs, as well as any requirements from the state.
- The coop and attached run will be installed within 180 days from issuance of permit.
- I acknowledge that the above information is correct, and that I will ensure that the coop and attached run are constructed and installed in accordance with the approved plans submitted and the regulations set forth in the City of Plymouth City Code and Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant's Signature



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Overview

Permits

- ✓ A Chicken Permit is required prior to having chickens and must be reapplied for every two years. The one-time permit fee is \$100.

Number of Hens

- ✓ A maximum of 6 hens are allowed. **No roosters are allowed.** All hens kept in the city shall be entirely confined in a run, coop, building or other enclosure at all times, unless supervised.

Coop and Attached Run Requirements

- ✓ Must be **setback at least 20 feet** from all property lines.
- ✓ Must be in the rear yard.
- ✓ *Shall not exceed 120 square feet.*
- ✓ **The maximum height is 10 feet.** The height is measured from the lowest point of grade for that portion of the lot covered by the building to the highest point of the roof for flat roofs, to the roof deck line of mansard roofs, and to the mean height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip, and gambrel roofs
- ✓ All coops and runs **shall be thoroughly cleaned at least once every week** and all refuse shall be disposed of in a clean and sanitary fashion.

Maximum Number of Detached Accessory Buildings

- ✓ No more than two per property (e.g. shed, detached garage, gazebo, coop).
- ✓ No more than one detached accessory building that contains over 200 square feet per property.

Educational Resources:

- ✓ University of Minnesota Extension Service – email marti067@umn.edu
- ✓ [Backyard Urban Chicken Class – University of Florida: IFAS Extension](#)

