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RESIDENTIAL- KEEPING OF CHICKENS LICENSE FILING REQUIREMENTS

The following items must be submitted:

1. A filing fee of \$100.00
2. Site plan drawn to scale that shows:
 - a. gross site area, property dimensions and all structures
 - b. location and dimensions of any existing or proposed shelters used to house the chickens and setbacks from the existing property lines and nearest residential structure not on the applicant's property
 - c. location of the containment area, including existing and proposed fencing
3. Residential-Keeping of Chickens License Application

Note that the construction of a chicken coop or an accessory structure or installation of fencing may require a building permit.

Maple Plain - General Regulations

92.09 HARBORING AND KEEPING OF CHICKENS, DUCKS AND GEESE.

(A) Permit required. It is unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, maintain, possess, or otherwise control any chickens, ducks, or geese within the city, except pursuant to a permit issued by the city under this section on a parcel of record zoned for single family detached dwelling.

(B) Permit application and permit fees. An application for a permit hereunder shall be filed with the City Administrator upon an application form furnished by the city. The permit fee shall be in an amount established by City Council resolution. A permit issued hereunder shall be for the duration of 1 year from its date of issuance.

(C) Conditions of permit. A permit granted under this section shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) Ownership. The owner of the chickens, ducks and geese must occupy the premises for which the permit is issued.

(2) Inspection. The premises, including the urban farm animal coop and run thereon, for which a permit is issued shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by the Animal Control Officer or any other city official to determine compliance with this section, other city code provisions, and state laws relating to zoning, health, fire, building or safety.

(3) Specifications for feeding chickens, ducks and geese. All feed for the chickens, ducks and geese shall be stored in water-tight and vermin-proof containers.

(4) Specifications of the coop and run. An urban farm animal coop and run are required. The construction and location of the coop and run shall be in compliance with the applicable building and zoning regulations of the city and the following requirements:

(a) The interior floor space of the coop shall be a minimum size of 2 square feet for each chicken, duck or goose authorized under the permit.

(b) The exterior finish materials of the coop shall be weather-resistant and in accordance with the accessory structure regulations set forth in the zoning regulations in this code.

(c) The construction of and materials used for the coop and run must be adequate to prevent access by rodents.

(d) The run shall be attached to the coop. The coop and run shall be deemed as a single structure and subject to the accessory structure regulations set forth in the zoning regulations of this code.

(e) The floor area of the run shall be a minimum size of 5 square feet for each urban farm animal authorized under the permit.

(f) The run shall be fully enclosed by fencing or other similar material.

(g) No coop or run, or any portion thereof, shall be within 25 feet of the outer perimeter of any inhabitable building.

(h) The coop and run shall meet all applicable setbacks and requirements of accessory structures in this section.

(i) The coop and run shall be kept in a sanitary and odor-free condition, including the regular and frequent removal and proper disposal of any accumulated feces or waste, dirt or filth that could create a safety or health hazard.

(5) Regulations. The keeping, harboring, maintaining, or possessing of any chickens, ducks, and geese under a permit issued pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with the following.

(a) No more than 5 chickens, ducks or geese, or combination thereof, shall be kept or harbored on the premises to which the permit applies.

(b) Roosters are prohibited.

(c) Slaughtering of chickens, ducks, and geese on any property zoned for residential use is prohibited.

(d) No chickens, ducks and geese shall be kept, maintained, housed or permitted inside any residential dwelling or any garage.

(e) No chickens, ducks and geese shall be permitted to run at large. The term RUN AT LARGE is defined as any chickens, ducks and geese freely roaming in any area not on the premises to which the permit applies.

(f) If the chickens, ducks and geese are not contained at all times to the coop and run and allowed to freely roam within the yard, the property shall be enclosed by a fence in accordance with the fence regulations set forth in the zoning regulations of this code and which by material and design prevents a chicken, duck or goose from leaving the premises.

(g) Chickens, ducks and geese shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed a public nuisance.

(h) No eggs shall be sold or offered for sale; all eggs shall be for personal use or consumption.

(6) Revocation of permit. A violation of any provision of this section or any provisions of the permit issued hereunder shall constitute grounds for revocation of a permit.

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