

**RESIDENTIAL – KEEPING OF CHICKENS LICENSE APPLICATION**

Return to:

City of Shoreview  
4600 North Victoria Street  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
(651) 490-4680

**Site Identification:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant:**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ (home)

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner (if different from applicant):**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**Signatures:**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received by City: \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

## FILING REQUIREMENTS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

1. A filing fee of \$30.00.
2. Site plan drawn to scale that show:
  - a. The gross site area, property dimensions and all structures
  - b. The 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. The location of the containment area, including existing and proposed fencing.
3. A written statement that includes:
  - (a) A description of the type and number of chickens to be kept on the premises. A general description of the way the birds will be cared for and raised, shall also be included.
  - (b) A stipulation that the applicant has read and will comply with the performance standards set forth in Section 601.020 (D) of the Shoreview Code of Ordinances pertaining to the keeping of chickens in residential areas.
  - (c) A stipulation that the applicant understands that issuance of a "Residential –Keeping of Chicken License" is for hobby purposes only and does not authorize any activity that constitutes a home occupation or commercial use.

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

(D) Chickens.

- (1) Chickens may be kept within the City limits on residential properties located in the RE, Residential Estate Zoning District and the R1, Detached Residential District, subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) On residential properties less than 2 acres in size:
    - i. A maximum of four (4) hen chickens or pullets are permitted.
    - ii. Roosters are prohibited.
  - (b) On residential properties containing two (2) or more acres in size:
    - i. A conditional use permit may be required for more than four (4) hen chickens or pullets.
    - ii. Roosters may be permitted provided the crowing is not a nuisance.
  - (c) The butchering of chickens is prohibited.

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- (d) Chickens shall be fully contained on the property at all times through the use of fencing.
  - (e) Shelters must comply with all requirements of the Development Code concerning accessory structure and said structures shall not be placed in the front, side yard or side yard abutting a street on residential property. Said shelters shall be setback a minimum of 30-feet from an adjacent principal dwelling.
  - (f) Food materials that are stored outside shall be in closed containers with lids.
  - (g) All containment areas and shelters shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary, and odor free environment and shall be free from the presence of rodents or vermin at all times.
  - (h) Chickens shall not be raised or kept for fighting. Cockfighting is prohibited.
- (2) License. No person shall keep, maintain or breed chickens on property located within the City of Shoreview unless a license is obtained pursuant to the provisions stated herein. Application shall be made on a form provided by the City Manager. The City Council shall from time to time set a fee by ordinance for the initial license and the bi-annual renewals.
  - (3) Inspection. The City Animal Control Officer will conduct an inspection of the property to determine compliance with the license and ordinance standards.
  - (4) License Fee. The license fee must be submitted with the application. The fee will be established by City Council ordinance.
  - (5) Duration of License. A license shall be issued for a period of two years.
  - (6) Issuance of License. Upon completion of the application form, receipt of the license fee, the City Manager shall cause a license to be issued to the applicant.
  - (7) Change of Address. An applicant who has obtained a license shall notify the City Manager of the applicant's address changes within the corporate limits of the City within ten (10) days of an address change.

(1) Accessory Structures.

- (a) On parcels less than 1 acre in size, accessory structures that have an area of 150 square feet to 288 square feet in size are permitted as a conditional use provided the standards in Section 205.082(C)(2)(c) are met.
- (b) On parcels 1 acre or larger in size, accessory structures that exceed the maximum allowable square footage are permitted as a conditional use provided the standards in Section 205.082(C)(2)(c) are met.
- (c) Performance Standards

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- (1) The accessory structure shall be located in the rear yard of the property except as otherwise permitted by this ordinance.
- (2) The accessory structure shall be setback a minimum of 10 feet from the side property line and 10 feet from the rear property line; however, the City may require greater setbacks to mitigate impacts on adjoining properties.
- (3) For parcels 1 acre or larger in size, the lot shall have a minimum area of 1 acre above the ordinary high water line of a lake, ponding area or wetland on the property.
- (4) The accessory structure shall be screened from view of adjacent properties and public streets through the use of landscaping, berming, fencing or a combination thereof.
- (5) The structure shall comply with the standards of Section 205.082(D)(5) of this ordinance.

(D) Required Conditions. In addition to the conditions of Section 205.080(D) (Residential Overview), the following conditions apply:

- (1) Lot Size. A lot of not less than 10,000 square feet with a minimum width of 75 feet and a minimum depth of 125 feet.
- (2) Setback. Dwelling and accessory structures shall have a front yard setback of at least thirty (30) feet but in no event more than forty (40) feet. The side yard setback shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet except that on corner lots, the side yard setback shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet. The rear yard setback shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet. Zero lot line developments are permitted if consistent with adjacent land uses.
- (3) Height. 35-feet maximum.
- (4) Lot coverage. Maximum of 40%.
- (5) Accessory Structures.
  - (a) Maximum Area.
    - (i) Attached Accessory Structure: 1,000 square feet or 80% of dwelling unit foundation area, whichever is more restrictive.
    - (ii) Detached Accessory Structure:
      - a. Area shall not exceed the 75% foundation area of the dwelling unit or 750 square feet whichever is more restrictive.
      - b. Parcels less than 1 acre in size:

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- i. When there is no attached garage or an attached garage that is less than a two-car, a single detached accessory structure may consist of the maximum area allowed in Section 205.082(D)(5)(a)(ii)(a). However, the second detached structure shall not exceed 150 square feet. The area of the second detached accessory structure may be increased to a maximum of 288 square feet upon Conditional Use Permit approval.
    - ii. When there is an attached two-car garage or larger on the property, the total area of all detached accessory structures shall not exceed 150 square feet. The total area of all detached accessory structures may be increased to a maximum of 288 square feet upon Conditional Use Permit approval.
  - c. Parcels that have a lot area of one or more acres:
    - i. When there is no attached garage or an attached garage that is less than a two-car, a single detached accessory structure may consist of the maximum area allowed in Section 205.082(D)(5)(a)(ii)(a). However, the second detached structure shall not exceed 288 square feet.
    - ii. When there is an attached two-car garage or larger on the property, the total area of all detached accessory structures shall not exceed 288 square feet.
    - iii. The maximum allowable square footage for accessory structures may be exceeded upon Conditional Use Permit approval.
- (iii) The combined area of all accessory structures shall not exceed 90% of the dwelling unit foundation area or 1,200 square feet whichever is more restrictive.

(b) Minimum Setbacks

- i. Attached Accessory Structures
  - a. Rear yard setback: Not less than 30 feet or the minimum setback required for the principal structure
  - b. Side yard setback: 5 feet
- ii. Detached Accessory Structures
  - a. Side yard: 5 feet
  - b. Rear yard: 10 feet
  - c. Alleys:
    - i. 20 feet if a garage overhead door faces the alley.

- ii. 10 feet if a garage overhead door is side loaded and does not face the alley.
- iii. Location of the accessory structure shall not interfere with vehicle visibility or traffic movement in the alleyway.
- iii. Accessory structures on corner lots shall be setback the same distance as the principal structure from the street right-of-way except as permitted in 205.080(D)(1).
- iv. No accessory structures shall be located in the front yard of any lot, except for a riparian lot which shall comply with the provisions of Section 203.039 (Riparian Lot-Detached Accessory Structure Permit).
- v. Structures housing non-domestic animals: 100 feet from all property lines except as permitted by the City's licensing provisions.

(c) Height – Detached Accessory Structures

- i. Height of sidewalls cannot exceed 10 feet.
- ii. Maximum height: 18 feet as measured from the highest roof peak to the lowest finished grade; however, in no case shall the height of the accessory structure exceed the height of the dwelling unit
- iii. Storage areas are permitted above the main floor provided they do not exceed an interior height of 6 feet.

(d) Maximum Number of Detached Accessory Structures: 2

(e) Exterior Design and Construction

- (i) The exterior design and materials shall be compatible with the dwelling unit and be similar in appearance from an aesthetic, building material and architectural standpoint.
- (ii) Unfinished metal building exteriors, including corrugated metal siding, untreated non-decay resistant wood, concrete block, cloth, plastic sheeting and other materials that are not compatible with residential neighborhoods are prohibited.
- (iii) All accessory buildings shall maintain a high standard of architectural and aesthetic compatibility with surrounding properties to ensure that they will not adversely impact the surrounding properties and neighborhood.
- (iv) All accessory structures shall have a finished flooring system, with the exception of boathouses.
- (v) No accessory structure shall be constructed prior to the construction of a principal structure.

- (f) Use: Accessory structures are to be used for personal use only and no commercial use or commercial related storage is permitted.
- (g) Escrow: A cash escrow may be required to insure the removal of any accessory structure on the property if said structure must be removed to comply with this Ordinance.
- (h) Evaluation of Impact. The proposed design, scale, massing, height and other aspects related to the accessory structure of any permit requested herein shall be evaluated by the City Manager with respect to the structures and properties in the surrounding area. A building permit may be issued upon the finding that the appearance of the structure is compatible with the structures and properties in the surrounding area and does not reasonably detract from the appearance of the area or city as a whole. Conditions may be attached to the approval of any building permit to ensure that the proposed structure does not have a negative impact on the surrounding areas.

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