



# Keeping of Chickens Permit Application

## for Single Family Residential Properties

Please submit via email to [permits@wayzata.org](mailto:permits@wayzata.org) to submit your application. Applications will be processed once all items are submitted.

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address Where Chickens Will Be Kept: \_\_\_\_\_

### Required documents to be submitted with application:

- A drawing of the proposed coop and attached run on a land survey or a scaled site plan. Setbacks from all adjacent property lines and size of the chicken coop/run must be noted. The fence location and height must be shown if applicable.
- An image or drawing with dimensions of the proposed chicken coop and run.
- \$52 application fee.** Fee is payable via cash, check, or card. A 3% convenience fee is applied is paying by card.

### Initial next to each statement:

- \_\_\_\_ I will adhere to all the restrictions listed in Wayzata City Code § 930.01.D for keeping chickens.
- \_\_\_\_ I have checked with my HOA on any chicken-specific bylaws or covenants, if applicable.
- \_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the educational material on keeping chickens that are linked below.
- [University of Minnesota Extension Information](#)
  - [Recommendations for Municipal Regulation of Urban Chickens](#)
  - [Backyard Urban Chicken Class – University of Florida: IFAS Extension](#)
- \_\_\_\_ 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 Wayzata City Code and Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Permit Checklist

#### Permit

- A Chicken Permit is required prior to having chickens.
- There is no renewal process for this permit.
- The one-time permit fee is \$52.

#### Chickens

- A maximum of 4 hens are allowed.
- No roosters are allowed.
- All hens kept in the city shall be entirely confined in a run/coop, unless the rear yard is completely enclosed with a four-foot-tall fence.

### Chicken Coop and Run

- Must follow the accessory structure setbacks for each zoning district.
- The chicken coop and run must be located in the rear yard.
- The chicken coop may not exceed 50 square feet and the chicken run may not exceed 100 square feet.
- All coops and runs must be kept in a healthy and sanitary condition, and in such a way that no noxious odors or unsanitary drainage impacts adjacent properties.

If you have any questions on this application or the restrictions for keeping chickens you can contact Nick Kieser, Parks and Environment Planner at (952) 404-5313 or [nkieser@wayzata.org](mailto:nkieser@wayzata.org).

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 930 (ANIMALS) OF  
WAYZATA CITY CODE TO ALLOW FOR KEEPING OF CHICKENS**

930.01.D.

Chickens are allowed on single family residential properties, subject to the following requirements:

1. A Chicken Keeping Permit must be applied for and approved by the City prior to keeping any chickens on the property.
2. A site plan must be submitted with the permit application, including plans for construction of the coop and/or chicken run, which must comply with City Building Code if applicable.
3. No more than four (4) hens may be kept on a property; no roosters may be kept.
4. Chickens must be maintained in a coop and/or fenced chicken run at all times unless the rear yard is completely enclosed by a fence adequate to contain animals. The fence must be a minimum of four (4) feet in height in addition to complying with the other regulations applicable to fences.
5. All chicken feed must be placed in a pest and rodent free container.
6. The size of chicken coops may not exceed 50 square feet, and the size of chicken runs may not exceed 100 square feet. Chicken coops must be a minimum of five square feet per chicken, and the chicken run must be a minimum of 25 square feet.
7. Chicken coops and fenced chicken runs must be located outside the accessory structure setback of the applicable zoning district.
8. The coop and chicken run must be kept in a healthy and sanitary condition, and in such a way that no noxious odors or unsanitary drainage impact adjacent public or private property.
9. Chickens may be kept for personal use only. Butchering of chickens and the sale of chicken and eggs on or from the property is prohibited.
10. Property owners and applicants must provide access to their property for a pre-inspection at the time of the permit request, if needed, and at any time thereafter as requested by the City, to verify compliance with the conditions of this Chapter or in response to a complaint.

11. A Chicken Keeping Permit may be revoked by the City at any time if the Permit holder fails to comply with all the conditions specified in this Chapter, the Chicken Keeping Permit and application, or if the chickens create a nuisance, objectionable odors, unsanitary conditions, or there are other City Code violations on the property.