



**CITY OF MORA**  
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**APPLICATION FOR CHICKEN PERMIT**

Site Address for Chickens \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant and Site Information**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Single Family Dwelling      Rental Property      Zoning District  
 Yes    No                       Yes    No                      \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Renters are required to provide written consent from the property owner.

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Coop and Run Information**

Number and breed of chickens \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions of chicken coop (length and width) \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions of chicken run (length and width) \_\_\_\_\_

Is a fully enclosed / fenced exercise yard provided?    Yes    No

*I hereby certify that the above information is correct and true.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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<p>Application reviewed and approved denied by the Community Development Director.</p> <p>Comments:</p>   <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Application Fee                      \$50.00</b></p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Chicken Permit Number</b> _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Leg Band Number(s) Issued</b> _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p>
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### **SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR CHICKEN PERMIT**

\*\*Return this signed and dated supplement with the Application for Chicken Permit\*\*

#### **Your application must include:**

- The completed and signed Application for Chicken Permit form
- Permit fee of \$50
- Written consent from the property owner, if you're a renter
- Letters of support from all adjacent property owners
- A site plan of your property, including:
  - Property address
  - Property boundaries with dimensions
  - Location of all structures on the property – including the proposed coop, run and exercise yard – with dimensions from property boundaries
- A sketch or image of the proposed coop and run

#### **Requirements for Keeping Chickens (§150.401)**

- No more than three (3) chickens shall be housed or kept on any one (1) property and shall only be allowed on properties with single family dwellings.
- Roosters are prohibited and the keeping of any poultry besides chickens is prohibited.
- Chickens shall not be housed in a residential dwelling unit or an attached or detached garage, except for brooding purposes.
- Grains and feed must be stored in rodent and raccoon-proof containers inside of a structure.
- Leg banding of all chickens is required.
- Chicken fighting is prohibited.
- Outdoor butchering of chickens is prohibited.
- Dead chickens must be disposed of according to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health rules which require chicken carcasses to be disposed of as soon as possible after death, usually within forty-eight (48) hours to seventy-two (72) hours. Legal forms of chicken carcass disposal include offsite burial, offsite incineration or rendering, or offsite composting.
- The city's officer may inspect the premises to ensure compliance with city ordinances.
- Any person no longer keeping chickens must notify the city and remove the coop and run within thirty (30) days of the chickens being removed from the property.

#### **Requirements for Coops and Runs (§150.401)**

A coop is required to house the chickens. The coop must be constructed and maintained to meet the following minimum standards:

1. The coop shall be located in the side or rear yard.
2. The coop shall meet the setback requirements for utility/storage structures for the respective zoning district.
3. The coop shall provide a minimum of nine (9) square feet of interior floor space.
4. Construction shall be adequate to protect chickens from extreme temperatures and prevent access by rodents.

5. The coop must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, devoid of all rodents and vermin and free from objectionable odors. Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in a way that causes an unsanitary condition or causes odor detectible on another property.
6. The coop shall be fully-enclosed.

A fully-enclosed run or exercise yard is required.

Runs must be constructed and maintained to meet the following minimum standards:

1. The run shall be located in the side or rear yard and attached to the coop.
2. The run shall meet the setback requirements for utility/storage structures for the respective zoning district.
3. The size of the run shall be at least sixteen (16) square feet if access to a fenced exercise yard is available. The size of the run shall be at least thirty-two (32) square feet if access to an exercise yard is not available. If the coop is elevated two (2) feet so the birds can access the space beneath, that area may be counted as a portion of the minimum run footprint.
4. The run shall be fully-enclosed.

**Running at Large Prohibited (§150.403)**

- It shall be unlawful for the chicken(s) of any person who owns, harbors or keeps chickens, to run at large.
- Leg banding of all chickens is required and used to identify chicken owners.
- Any expenses incurred by the city in the enforcement of this section shall be the responsibility of the chicken owner. Expenses may include but are not limited to staff time, shelter, and feed.
- Any person who owns, harbors or keeps chickens shall be afforded one warning of running at large. A second occurrence of chicken(s) running at large will result in indefinite permit revocation by the Community Development Director.
- A person who owns, harbors or keeps chickens which runs at large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

*The undersigned hereby applies for a chicken permit and acknowledges review of the provisions listed above; and, attests that the subject premises will be operated and maintained according to the requirements contained herein. The undersigned further agrees that the subject premises may be inspected by the city's officer as provided in City Code §150.401.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_