



## CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

### **CHICKENS**

\*This handout is only a guide and not a complete set of requirements\*

Chickens are allowed to be kept in Residential areas after obtaining a license from the City. An application for a license must be made to the City Clerk on a form provided by the City.

#### **THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- Name and address of property owner where chickens will be kept
- Number of chickens
- Site plan of property showing proposed location of coop/run
- Drawing or photo of proposed coop/run

The applicant must pay a licensing fee of \$25.00.

#### **CODE REQUIREMENTS:**

- No more than six (6) hen chickens are allowed on a Residential property
- No roosters or adult male chickens are allowed on a Residential property
- Cockfighting is prohibited within the City
- The slaughter of chickens is prohibited on a Residentially used or zoned property
- The owner of the chickens shall live in the home on the property
- Breeding chickens is prohibited
- Chickens shall not be kept inside a home

#### **SHELTER AND ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Only one coop/run allowed per lot
- Chicken coops/runs are prohibited in a front and side yard
- Coops/runs should not be placed within any drainage or utility easement
- Coops/runs should be set back at least 10 feet from neighboring properties and at least 25 feet from the principal structure on a neighboring property
- Fencing must be consistent with zoning codes
- No coop/run should be constructed prior to the time of occupancy of the principal structure
- Chickens shall be treated humanely and provided a secure and well-ventilated roofed structure in compliance with zoning codes
- The structure shall be kept clean and sanitary
- Chickens shall be contained within a coop/run at all times
- The coop/run shall be well-drained so there is not an accumulation of moisture
- Chicken feed shall be stored in a leak-proof container with a tight-fitting cover to prevent attracting vermin

**A license to keep chickens shall be issued for two years beginning March 1 and ending February 28. Applications for a renewal permit may not be made prior to (60) days before March 1.**



**City of Inver Grove Heights  
CHICKEN LICENSE APPLICATION**

**License Period: 3/1/15 – 2/28/17**

**Cost = \$25**

**Section 1: Site/Applicant/Property Owner Information**

1. **Site Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ Inver Grove Heights, MN \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

3. **Daytime Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Applicant E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Property Owner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**Property Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from applicant)

**The above referenced property's Homeowner's Association rules, if any, do not prohibit the keeping of chickens on the property (please initial):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**      \_\_\_\_\_ **No**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Not Applicable**

## Section 2: Coop/Run Information

1. Please provide the total number of chickens to be kept: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please provide the dimensions of the coop: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please provide the dimensions of the run: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Describe the exterior materials to be used for the coop and run. Attach a drawing or picture of the coop.  
  
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5. Will a fence be added in addition to the coop and run? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please provide a description of the fence including location, size, and materials.  
  
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6. Please attach a site plan of the property for depicting the location of the chicken coop and run

# Notice and Applicant Signature

I declare that the information I have provided on this application is truthful, and I understand that falsification of answers on this application will result in denial of the application. I authorize the City of Inver Grove Heights to investigate and make whatever inquiries are necessary to verify the information provided.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

**For Office Use Only:**

Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Notification Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

**Code Compliance Specialist Review:**

Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**City Council Review (if required)**

Council Action Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Additional Conditions:  
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Approve: \_\_\_\_\_ Deny: \_\_\_\_\_