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2. Standards

AA. Chickens *(amended 10-11-12, ordinance 691)*

1. Purpose.

It is recognized that the ability to cultivate one's own food is a sustainable activity that can also be a rewarding past time. Therefore, it is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to permit the keeping and maintenance of chicken hens for eggs and meat sources in a clean and sanitary manner that is not a nuisance to or detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

2. Interim Use Permit required.

No person shall own, keep, harbor, or have custody of any live chickens without first obtaining an Interim Use Permit in writing from the City, in accordance with the provisions of Section IV.6 of the Zoning Ordinance and subject to the following conditions:

- a. The keeping of any poultry besides chickens is prohibited.
- b. Roosters are prohibited.
- c. No more than four (4) chickens shall be housed or kept on any one residential lot in any area of the city zoned R-1, R-2, or R-3.
- d. Chickens shall only be allowed on single family home lots.
- e. Outdoor slaughtering of chickens in city limits is prohibited.
- f. Chicken fighting shall not be allowed within city limits.
- g. Leg banding of all chickens is required. The bands must identify the owner's name, address, and telephone number.
- h. Chickens shall not be housed in a residential house or an attached or detached garage.
- i. A separate coop is required to house the chickens. Coops must be constructed and maintained to meet the following minimum standards:
 - 1) Located in the side or rear yard.
 - 2) Meet the accessory structure setback requirements.

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- 3) Construction shall be adequate to prevent access by rodents.
- j. A run or exercise yard is required to be provided and must be enclosed by a fence.
- k. All premises on which chickens are kept or maintained shall be kept clean from filth, garbage, and any substances which attract rodents. The coop and its surroundings must be cleaned frequently enough to control odor. Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in a way that causes an unsanitary condition or causes odors detectible on another property.
- l. All food shall be stored in an enclosed, rodent proof container.
- m. Dead chickens shall 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 48 to 72 hours. Legal forms of chicken carcass disposal include offsite burial, offsite incineration or rendering, or offsite composting.