



# Chicken Coop and Run

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## Definitions:

**Chicken:** fowl of the genus Gallus and species Gallus Domesticus that is commonly referred to as a domesticated fowl.

**Chicken Coop:** roofed and fully -enclosed structure for the keeping or housing of chickens.

**Hen:** female chicken.

**Rooster:** male chicken.

**Chicken Run:** fully-enclosed outdoor area attached to a coop where chickens can roam.

**Mobile Pen:** light weight easy to move enclosure that provides shelter and protection for hens.

## Rules and Regulations:

- No chickens without a permit.
- 4 chickens for lots greater than 12,000 sq ft up to 6 chickens for lots 21,780 sq ft (1/2 acre) or greater
- Owner must occupy the residence.
- No roosters or crowing hens.
- No breeding.
- No processing or slaughtering.
- Chickens must be protected from weather and predators.
- No free range chickens.
- Chickens must have access to outdoors in an enclosure or fenced in area.
- Fenced area not exceeding 40 sq ft per bird or 6 ft in height.
- Coop must be maintained and in good repair and with sanitary conditions.
- Feces and feed must be collected and stored in leak-proof container to prevent odors and must be discarded properly.
- Feed shall be stored in leak-proof container.
- Dead chickens must be disposed of according to the MN board of Animal Health rules.



## Coop:

- Located in rear yard.
- 6' from owner's dwelling, 20 ft from dwellings on adjacent properties and 10 ft from lot lines.
- Shall be consistent with accessory structure Zoning Code.— No fabrics.
- Use exterior grade siding. i.e. vinyl, wood lap, fiber cement, etc.
- Coop and run must be removed if keeping of chickens is discontinued for 12 months or more
- May have a mobile pen in addition to coop, but fenced area sizing requirements apply.