

# KEEPING OF CHICKENS AND DUCKS

## FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES



### PERMITS

A **chicken and duck permit** is required prior to having chickens and ducks and must be reapplied for every two years.

- A permit fee of **\$100** is required.
- Evidence of completion of a **poultry keeping course** is required. A list of accepted courses can be found at [cottagegrovemn.gov/chickensandducks](http://cottagegrovemn.gov/chickensandducks).
- A maximum of **6 chickens or ducks are allowed**.
- **No roosters are allowed**.
- All chickens and ducks must be **entirely confined** in a run, coop, building or other enclosure at all times unless supervised.

### COOP AND ATTACHED RUN REQUIREMENTS

A **coop and attached run** is a fully enclosed and covered accessory structure for the keeping or housing of chickens and ducks where they can roam unsupervised.

- Area must not exceed **120 square feet**.
- Height must not exceed **10 feet**. Height is measured from the lowest point of grade of the lot covered by the structure to the:
  - highest point of flat roofs
  - roof deck line of mansard roofs
  - mean height between eaves and ridge of gable, hip and gambrel roofs.
- Must be setback **10 feet from the side and rear property lines**.
- Must be **located in the rear yard**.
- **Cannot** be placed within a drainage or utility easement, wetland, wetland buffer or wetland structure setback area.
- Must be **thoroughly cleaned at least once every week**. All refuse must be disposed of in a clean and sanitary fashion.



### MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

- **R-1 & R-2 districts:** Two structures totaling no more than 2,500 square feet.
- **R-3 district:** One structure totaling no more than 1,000 square feet.
- **R-4 district:** One structure totaling no more than 850 square feet.
- **R-3 & R-4 Non-MUSA districts:** Two structures totaling no more than 2,500 square feet.

For more information and to apply, visit [cottagegrovemn.gov/chickensandducks](http://cottagegrovemn.gov/chickensandducks).  
Contact the City Clerk's office at 651-458-2878 with questions.