



This handout is written only as a guide; it is not intended nor shall it be considered a complete set of requirements.

A permit is required to keep, harbor, maintain, possess or otherwise control chickens in the City of Eagan.

Your permit application must include:

- **Contact information for the permit applicant and property owner**
- **A site plan of the lot, indicating:**
 - Lot lines and dimensions
 - Address
 - All existing structures
 - Location and dimensions of chicken coop and run
 - Location of any fencing
 - Coop and run distance to lot lines
 - Coop and run distance to other buildings

CODE REQUIREMENTS

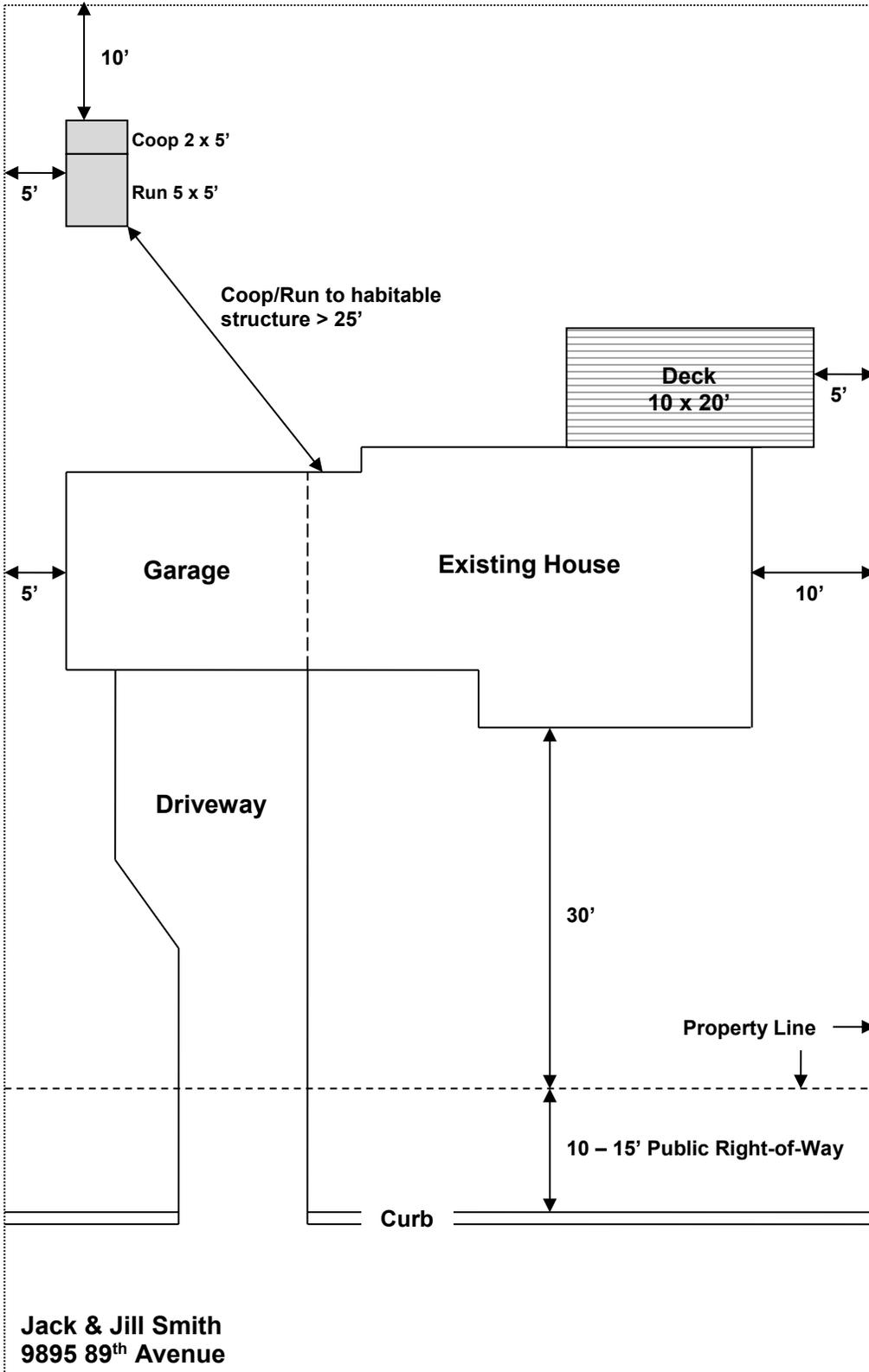
- **Ownership:** The owner of the chickens must occupy the premises for which the permit is issued.
- **Inspection:** The premises, including the coop and run thereon, for which a permit is issued shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by the animal control officer or any other city official to determine compliance with this subdivision, other city code provisions and state laws relating to zoning, health, fire, building or safety.
- **Transferability of permit:** A permit issued hereunder shall be nontransferable. It is unlawful to keep, harbor, maintain, possess, or otherwise control any chicken on property that is not identified on the permit.
- **Feeding chickens:** All feed for the chickens shall be stored in water-tight and vermin-proof containers.
- **Specifications of chicken coop and run:** A chicken coop and run are required. The construction and location of the chicken coop and run shall be in compliance with the applicable building and zoning regulations of the city and the following requirements:
 - The interior floor space of the chicken coop shall be a minimum size of two (2) square feet for each chicken authorized under the permit.
 - The exterior finish materials of the chicken coop shall be: weather-resistant, protective covering material, decay-resistant wood, or if exterior finish wood is not decay resistant, then the wood finish shall be protected from the elements and decay by paint or protective covering (e.g. siding, fascia wrap); and in accordance with the accessory structure regulations set forth in the zoning regulations in this Code.
 - The construction of and materials used for the chicken coop and run must be adequate to prevent access by rodents.
 - The chicken run shall be attached to the chicken coop. The chicken coop and run shall be deemed as a single structure and subject to the accessory structure regulations set forth in the zoning regulations of this Code.
 - The floor area of the chicken run shall be a minimum size of five (5) square feet for each chicken authorized under the permit.
 - The chicken run shall be fully enclosed by fencing or other similar material.
 - No chicken coop or run, or any portion thereof, shall be within 25 feet of the outer perimeter of any inhabitable building.

- The chicken coop and run shall be setback at least 10 feet from the rear lot line and at least 5 feet from the side lot lines. On properties zoned Estate, the coop and run shall be setback at least 10 feet from the rear and side lot lines. The chicken coop and run, or any portion thereof, shall not be located in the front yard, which is defined as any area located between the front lot line and the front setback line or front building line, whichever is further from the front lot line, running from side lot line to side lot line.
- The chicken coop and run shall be kept in good repair as to be in compliance with the property maintenance regulations elsewhere in this Code.
- The chicken coop and run shall be kept in a sanitary and odor-free condition, including the regular and frequent removal and proper disposal of any accumulated chicken feces or waste, dirt or filth that could create a safety or health hazard.
- The chicken coop and run shall be immediately removed if a permit granted under this subdivision expires or is revoked.
- **Regulations:** The keeping, harboring, maintaining, or possessing of any chicken under a permit issued pursuant to this subdivision shall be in accordance with the following:
 - No more than five (5) chickens shall be kept or harbored on the premises to which the permit applies.
 - Roosters are prohibited.
 - Slaughtering of chickens on any property zoned for residential use is prohibited.
 - No chickens shall be kept, maintained, housed or permitted inside any residential dwelling or any garage.
 - No chicken shall be permitted to run at large. The term “run at large” is defined as any chicken freely roaming in any area not on the premises to which the permit applies. The chicken shall be deemed to be permitted to run at large when the premises to which the permit applies is not securely enclosed by a proper boundary fence as to prevent a chicken from leaving the premises.
 - If the chickens are not contained at all times to the coop and run and allowed to freely roam within the yard, the property shall be enclosed by a fence in accordance with the fence regulations set forth in the zoning regulations of this Code and which by material and design prevents a chicken from leaving the premises.
 - Chickens shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance. Any violation of the provisions of this subdivision shall be deemed a public nuisance.
 - No chicken eggs shall be sold or offered for sale; all chicken eggs shall be for personal use or consumption.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

- **Animal Control** – After a permit application is approved and the chicken coop and run are constructed, an Animal Control Officer will inspect the space for compliance. Once the structures are approved, your chicken permit may be granted.

Example Site Plan



Provide one (1) copy of a Site Plan

(on Registered Land Survey or County Plat Map)

Show on Plan:

- Lot lines
- Lot dimensions
- Street name
- Address
- Owner name(s)
- All existing structures
- Driveway
- Special easements
- Location and dimensions of chicken coop and run
- Location of any fencing
- Coop and run distance to lot lines
- Coop and run distance to other buildings

Gopher State One Call

(for utility locations)

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