

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR A CHICKEN PERMIT?

- Permit forms are available at City Hall and City website
- Permit form must be signed and fee's paid once approved
- A scaled drawing of where the coop & run will go including distance from properties and parcel boundaries.
- The number and breed of chickens you intend to keep
- Signed authorization by either the property owner or home owners association if applicable.
- Obtain an electrical permit if you plan to include electrical to the coop.
- Identify a detailed feces and waste removal plan

### Who do I call if I want to complain about someone's chickens?

Contact City Hall and make a citizen complaint. The City will need the address of property that has the chickens and the reason for the complaint.

## WEBSITE RESOURCES

### City of St. Francis

<http://stfrancismn.org>

City Code Chapter 8

### University of MN Extension

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/food/small-farms/livestock/poultry/>

### Chicken Run Rescue

<http://www.chickenrunrescue.org/>

### MN Dept. of Agriculture

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/about/divisions/dairyfood.aspx>

Sale of locally home or farm raised poultry [http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/inspections/~/\\_media/Files/food/foodsafety/poultrysales.ashx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/inspections/~/_media/Files/food/foodsafety/poultrysales.ashx)

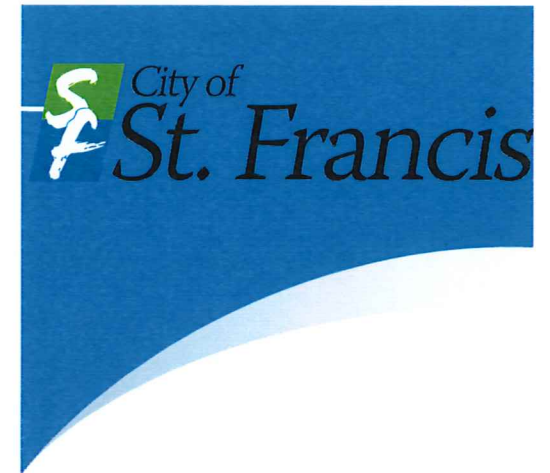
## CONTACTS

City Hall 763-753-2630

Building Official 763- 235-2317

Electrical Permit 320-396-2648

MN Dept. of Agriculture Dairy & Food Inspection (sale of eggs) 651-201-6027



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**Website: [stfrancismn.org](http://stfrancismn.org)**



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Are any permits required to have chickens?

All properties that are under 5 acres that are requesting to have chickens must obtain a permit. Properties over 5 acres are not required to have a permit but must meet animal requirements per City Code.

Only 20 permits will be allowed citywide for properties less than 2.5 acres

### 2. How many chickens are allowed?

Properties under 2.5 acres = 5 maximum

Properties 2.5 to 5 acres = 10 maximum

Properties over 5 acres—see city code

### 3. Does approval only go by property size?

No. Your zoning district also matters. Some districts prohibit chickens and farm animals completely.

### 4. I do not own my home, May I still have chickens?

Depending on parcel size and zoning, you may be able to have chickens as long as the property owner agrees and signs permit form

### 5. Can I keep chickens in my home or garage?

Chickens can NOT be kept inside the home or garage. They must remain in the coop or run at all times.

### 6. Can I put the coop/run anywhere on my property?

Coops & runs must be at least 15 feet from side lot lines and must be closer to your house than your neighbors.

### 7. How big should a coop be?

Coops shall have a maximum footprint area of 10 sq. ft. per chicken and a minimum of 5 sq. ft.



### 8. What size should a run be?

Runs shall have a maximum footprint area of 20 sq. ft. per chicken and a minimum of 10 sq. ft.

### 9. Can I have a rooster and breed chickens?

Roosters and breeding of chickens on properties less than 5 acres is not permitted.

### 10. If I move can I take my permit with me?

The permit is only good for the owner that applied at the address it was applied for. The Permit does not transfer to a new owner and it cannot be moved to a new home even within the City.

### 11. How long is the permit good for?

Permits do not expire. However, if you do not communicate with the City it may be at risk of it being revoked.

### 12. Will the city inspect my property?

Yes, an inspection is required as part of the permit process. This is done to verify health, safety and location of the structures. If a complaint is received, the City will again visit the property to investigate the issue.

### 13. Can my permit be denied or revoked?

Owners of chickens hold a great deal of responsibility to follow City Code. A permit will be denied or revoked for issues of non-compliance, inaccurate permit information, creating a nuisance or any public health or safety issues.

