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## **Don't Run A Fowl of the Regulations: Raising Fowl and Small Animals in Minneapolis**

- Criteria for Permit:
  - Fowl such as a chicken, turkey, duck, or pigeon, are only allowed as an accessory use to dwellings.\*
  - Obtain written consent of at least 80 percent of occupants within 100 feet of the applicant's real estate.
  - No permit shall be given to keep any animal/fowl/pigeon within a dwelling unit or on real estate that contains 3 or more dwelling units.
  - These rules won't apply to veterinarians, licensed pet shops, or licensed kennels.
  - A site plan illustrating the location of the small animal coop and run (if applicable) must be reviewed by CPED-Planning division staff prior to submitting a new permit request.
- All one-year permits expire on January 31 of the year after its issuance unless revoked
  - Application fee - \$50 / Renewal Fee - \$40.
- Five-year permits expire on January 31 the 5<sup>th</sup> year after its issuance unless revoked
  - Application fee - \$150 / Renewal Fee - \$40
- Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) will inspect the premise annually or as necessary
- MACC may refuse to grant a permit for failure to comply with criteria. MACC has the right to keep any fees paid by the applicant.
- Standards of Practice:
  - Housing structure for animals shall not be located less than 20 feet from any habitable building on an adjacent property
  - Structure housing animals shall be screened from adjacent residential use.
  - Durable materials to make housing for fowl/small animals shall be compatible with principle structure and adjacent residential properties. This structure will be at the rear of the principle residential structure.
  - Animal Runs shall be used to exercise small animals or fowl and must be in line with the following:
    1. Must be 20 feet from any habitable building on adjacent property
    2. Used area must be fenced or otherwise enclosed.
    3. Shall be located at rear of principal structure.
  - Live slaughter is prohibited

For further information please visit

[http://www.minneapolismn.gov/animals/services/animal\\_permits#small](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/animals/services/animal_permits#small)

Note: Applications for multiple animal, small animal and honeybee permits are not available online. To receive a permit application or for more information, please call 311.



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