

City of South St. Paul
Dakota County, Minnesota

ORDINANCE NO. 1366

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE
SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY CODE TO ELIMINATE THE CAP ON THE NUMBER OF
URBAN CHICKEN LICENSES**

The City Council of the City of South St. Paul does ordain:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. South St. Paul City Code Chapter 15 Article I Section 15-9 regarding animals is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 15-9. Keeping of Certain Animals Permitted.

- (a) *Keeping of chickens on urban residential lots.*
- (1) *License required.* No person shall keep chickens on any residentially zoned property within the city without first obtaining a license from the city. The keeping of chickens on a residential property shall be limited to single-family lots.
 - (2) *Application.* An application for a license to keep chickens shall be made to the city clerk on the form prescribed by the city. The applicant must provide all the information required on the form, including, but not limited to:
 - a. The name and address of the owner(s) where the chickens will be kept;
 - b. The number of chickens to be kept on the property;
 - c. A scaled site plan or property survey showing the proposed location of the building and enclosed outdoor area to house the chickens on the subject property along with the dimensions of the building and enclosure;
 - d. A drawing or picture of the proposed building to house the chickens along with a list of the exterior materials for the building;
 - e. The applicant must pay the fee for the license to keep chickens as set forth in the city fee schedule.
- (b) *Consent from surrounding property owners.* The applicant shall be required to obtain consent from 75 percent of the abutting property owners on a form provided by the city clerk. The city will notify abutting property owners of the pending application.
- (c) *Granting issuance of license.* The city clerk may administratively grant a new or renewal license under this subsection provided all of the following have been met:
- (1) All required submittal information is submitted and complete.
 - (2) Appropriate fee is paid.

- (3) The application filed demonstrates compliance with the requirements of this subsection and any other applicable regulations of this code.
- (4) At least 75 percent of the abutting property owners have consented in writing.
- (5) The applicant has had no more than two property maintenance violations within the preceding 12-month period.
- ~~(6) A maximum of 20 licenses may be issued.~~

SECTION 2. SUMMARY PUBLICATION. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 412.191, in the case of a lengthy ordinance, a summary may be published. While a copy of the entire ordinance is available without cost at the office of the City Clerk, the following summary is approved by the City Council and shall be published in lieu of publishing the entire ordinance:

An ordinance removing the cap on the number of urban chicken-keeping licenses that can be issued for properties in South St. Paul. Previously, no more than 20 licenses could be issued citywide.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in force upon its adoption and publication.

Approved: November 2, 2020

Published: November 6, 2020

Christy Wilcox, City Clerk