

# CITY OF RHINELANDER

## 3.06.07. Keeping of Chickens in the City

(1) *Permit required.* No person shall keep chickens in the city without obtaining a valid permit issued by the Inspection Department. The permit process requires a completed application accompanied by the fee as determined by the City Council. The permit will expire December 31 of each year. A new permit must be reissued annually and a new fee paid with each application.

(2) *Neighborhood approval required.* Before a permit is issued for the keeping of chickens, the inspection department shall notify in writing owners and occupants of each abutting property where the chickens will be kept whether directly or diagonally abutting, or across from an alley. If any owner or occupant protests the letter within ten business days, the permit may only be issued by the City Council after referral to the PPP Committee.

(3) *Keeping of chickens allowed.* The keeping of up to 4 chickens, with a permit, is allowed on a single or two family residential premise, provided the following:

(a) No person shall keep a rooster.

(b) No person shall slaughter any chicken.

(c) Chickens shall be provided with fresh water at all times and adequate amounts of feed.

(d) Chickens shall be provided with a sanitary and adequately-sized enclosure, or coop, and shall be kept in enclosure or a sanitary and adequately-sized and assessable fenced enclosure at all times.

(e) Chicken coops shall be constructed in a workman like manner, be moisture-resistant and either raised off the ground or placed on a hard surface such as concrete, patio block or gravel.

(f) Chicken coops and enclosures shall be constructed and maintained to prevent the collection of standing water, and shall be cleaned of hen droppings, uneaten food, feathers and other waste daily and as necessary to ensure that the coop and yard area do not become a health, odor or other nuisance.

(g) Chicken coops, enclosures and yards combined shall be large enough to provide 16 square feet per chicken. The total area devoted to keeping chickens may not exceed 100 square feet.

(h) No part of any enclosure shall be located closer than 25 feet from any residential dwelling on an adjoining lot. No part of any enclosure may be located closer than 5 feet from any lot line. No part of any enclosure shall be located nearer than 25 feet from a navigable waterway.

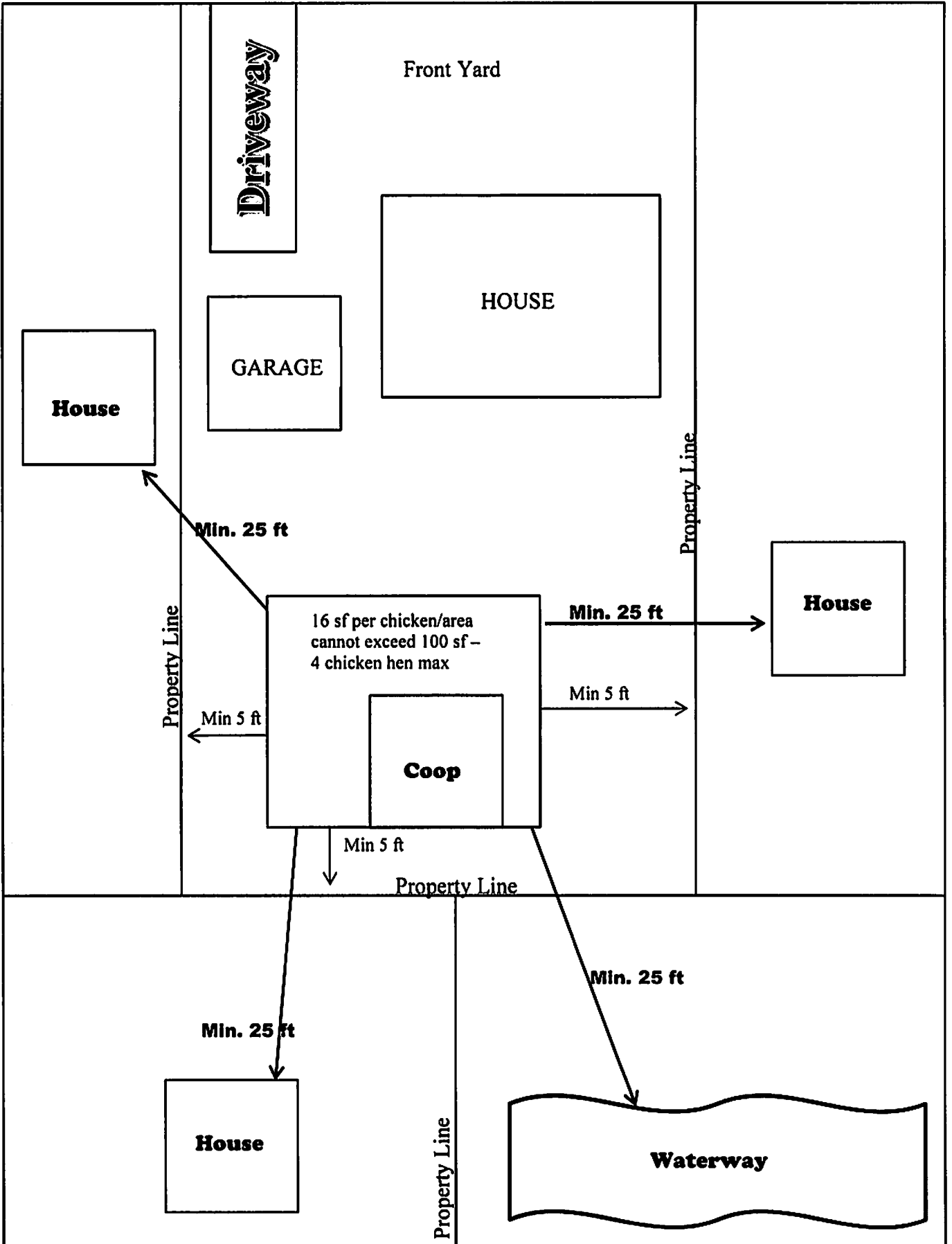
(i) No enclosure may be located in the required front yard area of a lot.

(j) No one may keep any chickens in a manner that causes a nuisance, unhealthy condition or a public health threat.

(4) *Permit revocation.* A permit is subject to revocation by the PPP Committee upon recommendation of the building inspection department. Once a permit is revoked, it shall not be reissued for a period of at least 2 years.

**Cost:** Permit fee \$90    Yearly renewal: \$30

# Anywhere Street





# Rhinelanders Inspection Department

## CHICKEN COOP - MUNICIPAL CODE 3.06.07

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

This is an application ONLY and is not an authorization for construction. This application will be reviewed by the Building Inspector, and if approved, a permit will be issued. Applicant must file with the Inspection Department a complete set of plans showing: site plan, building coop, framing, fencing and electrical details. Drawings are to become the property of the City of Rhinelanders.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoned: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Family  Two Family

Site:  Coop  Fence  Electrical  # of hens \_\_\_\_\_  Owner Approval (if applicable)

Completed Site Plan  Complete Coop Plan  Fence: Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical/Heat Type:  Heat Lamps  Lights  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed by:  Owner  Electrician

All subcontractors with full information, including state required certifications must be listed on separate form!

OWNER INFORMATION:  Owner occupied

Est. Project Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home  Cell  Work

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home  Cell  Work

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT/RENTER INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home  Cell  Work

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home  Cell  Work

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate and agree to comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Rhinelanders and State of Wisconsin and any conditions attached hereto. It is further agreed that we hereby absolve and release the City of Rhinelanders, its agents, from liability, if through the owner or his agent, an error is made in determining the property lines. It is further agreed that the City of Rhinelanders, its agent or agents, have no responsibility as to the determination of the properties lines. I have also read the cautionary statement to owners obtaining building permits attached to this form.  Cautionary Statement signed

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN A PERMIT BEFORE WORK HAS STARTED WILL RESULT IN A TRIPLE FEE PERMIT PENALTY.**

### DECISION

Inspected on: \_\_\_\_\_ By:  Williams  Waydick  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The Inspection Department, in accordance with the findings of fact, hereby determines that the requested Chicken Coop Application  (is)  (is not) in compliance with City of Rhinelanders Ordinance 3.06.07.

Approved  Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_