

**Meeting Announcement and Agenda of the Cambridge Planning  
Commission  
City Hall Council Chambers  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 7:00 pm**

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*AGENDA*

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
  - A. February 1, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes (p. 3)
4. Public Comment: For items not on the agenda; speakers may not exceed 3 minutes each
5. New Business
  - A. **PUBLIC HEARING**-Ordinance to allow the Keeping of Ducks (p. 6)
  - B. **PUBLIC HEARING**-Preliminary Plat-Parkwood on the Lakes 6<sup>th</sup> Addition (p. 45)
  - C. Final Plat-Parkwood on the Lakes 6<sup>th</sup> Addition (p. 49)
  - D. **PUBLIC HEARING**-Variance for building height at 2000 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (Star Cambridge Apartments) (p. 53)
  - E. Discussion on the use of dumpsters in residential zoning districts (p. 63)
6. Other Business/Miscellaneous
  - A. City Council Update
  - B. Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission (PTRC) update
7. Adjourn

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**Cambridge Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Cambridge Planning Commission was held at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Commissioners Aaron Berg (Chair), Amanda Latsch, Jessica Kluck, David Redfield, and Kersten Conley (City Council Representative)

Members Absent: Robert Boese (excused) and Joe Morin

Staff Present: Marcia Westover (Community Development Director) and Amy Norling (Community Development Administrative Assistant)

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Westover called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff and the Commissioners acknowledged Amanda Latsch and Robert Boese re-appointments to the Planning Commission.

Staff and the Commissioners welcomed the new City Council Representative Kersten Conley to the Planning Commission.

**Organizational Meeting**

Westover opened the floor for nominations of Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Conley nominated Commissioner Berg as the Chairperson of the Planning Commission. With no additional nominations, Commissioner Berg was appointed as the Chairperson by on a 5/0 vote.

Berg opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Berg nominated Commissioner Boese as the Vice Chairperson of the Planning Commission. With no additional nominations, Commissioner Boese was appointed as the Vice Chairperson on a 5/0 vote.

**Approval of Agenda**

Redfield moved, seconded by Latch to approve the agenda. Motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

**Approval of Minutes**

Conley moved, seconded by Kluck to approve the December 7th, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

**Public Comment**

Berg opened the public comment period at 7:06pm and, without any comments, closed the public comment period at 7:06pm.

**New Business**

**A. Keeping of Ducks-review of request and proposed ordinance language**

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Commission directed staff to obtain information from other cities and prepare a draft ordinance for review.

Westover stated that while researching other city's ordinances, she found that the keeping of ducks and chickens were consistently similar to one another, therefore the amendments made to the proposed ordinance are fairly straight forward. Westover reviewed which cities allowed ducks and provided duck ordinance language from multiple neighboring cities for comparison. The Planning Commissioners were provided with a draft ordinance to allow ducks under Section 156.067 Keeping of Chickens.

Berg identified a grammatical correction in the ordinance and Latch asked why the city ordinance prohibits selling eggs, which Westover replied that the keeping of ducks is to allow them to be pets and/or for sustainable food options, and not for sale where it would then become a retail business.

Commissioners directed staff to bring back an ordinance for public hearing and consideration.

**B. 2022 Meeting Schedule**

Westover reviewed the 2022 meeting calendar.

Planning Commission meetings are typically the first Tuesdays of the month, and asked the commissioners to watch their emails in case any dates change.

**C. Commission Bylaws**

Westover provided the Commissioner Bylaws and Code of Conduct with the Commission. There have been no changes since last year, and a copy is kept at the dais in case we would like to refer to it.

**D. Member List**

Westover referred to a confidential handout that listed the Commissioners contact information. Commissioners were told that email is our preferred method of contact.

**E. Chapter 32 Planning Commission of the City Code**

Westover stated that Chapter 32 from our city code is the Planning Commission Guidelines that are reviewed on an annual basis for comments or questions. It has been a few years since it has been amended, and inquired if any commissioners recommend changes. Westover told the commission to let her know if they have any questions.

**F. 2021 Strategic Goal Setting Report**

Commissioner Berg invited Evan Vogel to speak regarding the Strategic Goal Setting Report. Vogel spoke about two goal setting meetings and provided the commissioners with a Strategic Goal Setting pamphlet which lists objectives, the City's Vision Statement, core strategies, and short-term goals.

**G. Review and status of 2021 Planning Commission agenda items**

Westover gave a review and status update of the 2021 Planning Commission Agenda Items.

**City Council Update**

Commissioner Conley updated the Planning Commission on the previous City Council meeting. Evan Vogel also provided an updated regarding previous City Council meetings.

**Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission Update**

Westover stated that the January PTRC meeting was an organizational meeting and the February meeting has been cancelled. Westover gave an update about the local option sales tax which is contributing to Sandquist Park and the trail connection for the Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail.

**Adjournment of Planning Commission Meeting**

Being no further business before the Commission, Latch moved, seconded by Redfield to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:39pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Aaron Berg, Chair  
Cambridge Planning Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Marcia Westover  
Community Development Director

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**PUBLIC HEARING...ORDINANCE 742...KEEPING OF DUCKS...**

**Overview**

A presentation and request to keep ducks was given by Cambridge City resident, Angela Zangl at the December 7, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. At the meeting, the Commission directed staff to obtain information from other cities and prepare a draft ordinance for review.

At the February 1, 2022 Planning Commission meeting, Commissioners reviewed the draft ordinance and information presented by staff. Commissioners recommended bringing the ordinance forward for further recommendations and approvals.

I have attached the draft ordinance to allow ducks under Section 156.067 Keeping of Chickens. While researching other cities, the keeping of ducks and chickens are similar to one another, therefore the amendments made to the proposed ordinance are fairly straight forward.

I checked in with our neighboring cities of Isanti, North Branch, and Princeton. Isanti and North Branch do allow ducks, Princeton does not. I have included the duck ordinance language from Isanti and North Branch, and also Rochester, Albert Lea, and Cottage Grove for comparison.

**Planning Commission Action**

Motion to approve the draft ordinance as presented.

**Attachments**

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Minutes from the December 7, 2021 and February 1, 2022 Commission meetings
3. Code excerpts from other cities
4. General information on ducks

**ORDINANCE 742**  
**TITLE XV LAND USE, CHAPTER 156 ZONING, AMENDING 156.007 DEFINITIONS, 156.038**  
**RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, AND SECTION 156.067 KEEPING OF CHICKENS**

The Cambridge City Council hereby amends and adds the following language in Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning:

**§ 156.007 DEFINITIONS**

**Free Range.** Chickens or ducks housed in a coop that allows for unlimited access to food, water, and continuous access to the outdoors during their laying cycle.

**§ 156.038 RESIDENCE DISTRICTS**

<i>DISTRICT</i>				<i>USE</i>
<b>R-1</b>	<b>R-1A</b>	<b>R-2</b>	<b>R-3-</b>	RESIDENTIAL AND LODGING USES
P	P	P	P	Dwellings, Single Family
		P	P	Dwellings, Two Family
		C	P	Dwellings, Multiple Family
		C	C	Manufactured Home Complexes, pursuant to § 156.064
I	I	I	I	Rooming/Boarding House
		C	P	Townhouses
I	I	I	I	Bed and Breakfasts, pursuant to § 156.070
P	P	P	P	Home Occupations, pursuant to § 156.084
I	I	I	I	Extended Home Occupations, pursuant to § 156.084
I	I			Keeping of Chickens <u>and/or ducks</u> , pursuant to § 156.067

**§ 156.067 KEEPING OF CHICKENS AND DUCKS**

(A) *Purpose.* It is recognized that the ability to cultivate one’s own food is a sustainable activity that can also be a rewarding past time. Therefore, it is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to permit the keeping and maintenance of chicken and/or duck hens for eggs and meat sources in a clean and sanitary manner that is not a nuisance to or detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

(A) *Interim Use Permit Required.* No person shall own, keep, harbor, or have custody of any live chickens or ducks without first obtaining an Interim Use Permit and paying a fee not to exceed \$150.00 for this permit.

(1) The keeping of any poultry besides chickens and/or ducks is prohibited.

(2) Roosters and Drakes are prohibited.

(3) Sale of eggs in a residential district is prohibited.

(4) Live slaughter is prohibited.

(5) Chicken and/or duck fighting shall not be allowed within city limits.

(6) Leg banding of all chickens and/or ducks is required with serial numbers to identify the owner. An owner will have a set range of serial numbers associated for his/her chickens as noted on the Interim Use Permit application for the Keeping of Chickens and/or Ducks.

(7) The maximum total number of chickens and/or ducks allowed on properties are as follows:

a. Less than three (3) acres – 6 chickens and/or ducks total

b. More than three (3) acres – 12 chickens and/or ducks total

(8) Chickens and/or ducks shall not be kept in a residential house or an attached or detached garage.

(9) A separate coop is required to house the chickens/ducks. Coops must be constructed and maintained to meet the following minimum standards:

a. A site plan illustrating the location of the coop and run must be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Administrator.

b. Coops must be located in the side or rear yard and not on a corner side yard.

c. Coops are considered an accessory structure and must meet all accessory structure setback requirements for the zoning district of the property and must be at a minimum of ten (10) feet from a side or rear property line and thirty (30) feet from any residential dwelling on adjacent properties.

d. Coops shall not be located in a drainage or utility easement or in a shoreland protection area or in a wetland setback area.



- e. Construction shall be adequate to prevent access by rodents and predators.
  - f. Coops shall be maintained so they are not unsightly and free from major defects.
  - g. Coops must be constructed of materials which are durable and compatible with your house and neighboring residential properties.
- (10) On properties that are less than five acres in size, outdoor pens are required and must be attached to the coop to fully enclose and contain chickens/ducks within the pen area.
- (11) Free range chickens/ducks on properties less than five (5) acres in size is prohibited. Free range is allowed on properties five (5) acres or greater as long as the animals are supervised and fenced.
- (12) All premises on which chickens and/or ducks are kept or maintained shall be kept clean free from filth, garbage, and any substances which attracts rodents. The coop and its surroundings must be cleaned frequently enough to control odor. Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in a way that causes an unsanitary condition or causes odors detectible on another property.
- (13) All food shall be stored in an enclosed, insect and rodent proof container.
- (14) Dead chickens and/or ducks shall be disposed of according to the Minnesota Department of Health which require ~~chicken~~ carcasses to be disposed of as soon as possible after death, usually within 48 to 72 hours. Legal forms of ~~chicken~~ carcass disposal include offsite burial, offsite incineration or rendering, or offsite composting.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Adopted by the Cambridge City Council this 21st day of March, 2022, after complying with the statutory notice requirements contained in Minnesota Statutes §415.19.

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James A. Godfrey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Evan C. Vogel, City Administrator

## Summary Publication of Ordinance

The City Council of the City of Cambridge adopted Ordinance 742 amending Title XV Land Usage, Chapter 156 Zoning to allow the keeping of ducks in specific zoning districts. The complete ordinance is available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

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Evan C. Vogel, City Administrator

Date of Publication: March 31, 2022

Excerpt from the February 1, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes

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## Excerpt from the December 7, 2021 Planning Commission minutes

### KEEPING OF DUCKS

Westover stated that there is a request to keep ducks in city limits. Westover noted staff is looking for discussion and direction from the Planning Commission on how to move forward with the request to keep ducks. A presentation and request to keep ducks was given by Cambridge City resident, Angela Zangl, 3090 Norway Cir. S.

Zangl spoke to the commission about her perceived advantages of keeping ducks. She said that they are similar to keeping of chickens, but they are more resistant to diseases than chickens, are more heat/cold tolerant than chickens, and they make less noise than chickens. Duck eggs are larger and more nutritious and are laid more frequently than chickens. She also said that ducks are less aggressive and are friendlier than chickens, which makes them easier to own. She also said that ducks need similar housing requirements as chickens, except that they also need a source of water. She said that they need a coop of sorts for protection and containment, and that ducks do not wander far from home, so they can "free-range." Zangl said that she believes that if chickens can be allowed within city limits then so should ducks since they have the similar requirements.

Boese asked Zangl if the ducks would require a change to the chicken ordinance. The ducks would require the same requirements as what is in our chicken ordinance but she recommends that they should be in pairs and have a water source provided. Berg questioned how large domestic ducks get, Zangl replied that they come in many sizes, but not as large as geese. Zangl said that domestic ducks are too heavy to fly.

Westover stated that the city classifies poultry, chicken, turkey as farm animals, and that farm animals are not allowed within city limits. Westover asked how inclusive we should be with our farm animal language.

Berg inquired if this duck IUP would be similar to the chicken IUP where neighbors would be notified of the application and be given an opportunity to speak, which Westover replied that she hoped to tie the duck ordinance into the chicken ordinance and have them work the same. The Planning Commissioners inquired about how many chicken IUPs there have been in the last year, which Westover replied "none." They asked how many chicken complaints there has been in the last year and Westover stated that the city has received a couple chicken complaints. Shogren told the chair that he would support ducks being similar to the chicken ordinance. Shogren said that Cambridge is more urban, and so he has the same concerns as he had with the chicken ordinance and is in favor of requiring the IUP so that neighbors may express concerns.

The general consensus of the Commission is that staff bring back more information for review along with a potential ordinance and bring it back for further discussion.

The keeping of honeybees is permitted on residential properties within R-1A, R-1, R-2, R-3A, and R-3B Zoning Districts, subject to the following requirements:

A. Apiaries shall:

- (1) Be at least 20 feet from a side or rear property line.
- (2) Be at least 30 feet from any residential dwelling on an adjacent property, public right-of-way or trail easement.
- (3) Not be located in a front yard, drainage and utility easement, shoreland protection area or in a wetland setback area.

B. Beehives shall:

- (1) Have removable frames with a frame depth not exceeding 9 5/8 inches.
- (2) Not consist of more than a ten-frame structure.
- (3) Not exceed six feet in height.
- (4) Be removed within 30 days once colonies are gone.
- (5) Have a water source within 10 feet of the beehive.

C. The maximum number of colonies on properties are as follows:

Lot Size (Acres)	Maximum Number of Colonies Allowed
1/2 acre or less	2
1/2 acre to 3/4 acre	4
3/4 acre to 1 acre	6
1 acre or larger	8

D. Sale of honey commercially is prohibited in residential districts.

E. Beekeeping equipment shall be maintained in good condition. Unused beekeeping equipment must be protected to prevent occupancy by swarming honeybees.

F. The City reserves the right to spray or otherwise treat for mosquitoes and other potential insect disease vectors and is not liable for adverse effects on the health of honeybees that may result from such spray treatment.

G. Registration forms for beekeeping must be completed through the City of Isanti Police Department.

§ 87-1.4 Ducks.

[Added 7-6-2021 by Ord. No. 757]

City of Isanti

The City allows the keeping of ducks on residential properties in the R-1A, R-1, R-2, R-3A and R-3B Zoning Districts, subject to the following requirements:

A. Ducks shall not be kept inside the principal structure.

B. Ducks shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance as defined by the City.

C. Coops or enclosures are required and shall:

- (1) Meet all setback requirements for the zoning district of the property.
- (2) Be at least 10 feet from a side or rear property line.
- (3) Not be located in a drainage or utility easement or in a shoreland protection area or in a wetland setback area.
- (4) Shall be at least 30 feet from any residential dwelling on any adjacent property.

- D. The owner must keep the ducks in a coop or fenced-in area and shall be contained within the owner's parcel at all times.
- E. Duck wings shall be clipped to avoid flight.
- F. The property owner shall maintain the coop or enclosures such that they are in good shape, not unsightly and free from major defects.
- G. The property owner shall properly store all animal feed such to ensure that it does not attract insect or rodents.
- H. The property owner shall dispose of all animal waste in an appropriate manner on a weekly basis.
- I. Ducks are prohibited in multifamily structures and/or homes.
- J. Sale of eggs commercially is prohibited in residential districts.
- K. All coops or enclosures shall be kept at least 10 feet or further from any primary structure.
- L. The maximum total number of ducks allowed on properties are as follows:

Lot Size (Acres)	Maximum Number Allowed
Less than 3 acres	2 ducks
More than 3 acres	4 ducks

**§ 87-2 Violations and penalties.**

[Amended 7-20-2021 by Ord. No. 763]

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided by Chapter 1, Article I.

**Sec 6-82 Domestic Fowl And Honeybees On Lots Smaller Than Five (5) Acres**

1. The keeping of honeybees and/or up to five (5) domestic fowl on a lot that is smaller than five (5) acres does not require a City permit.
2. The total number of domestic fowl may not exceed 5 fowl per acre on a parcel that is less than five (5) acres in size and the coop and other structures must meet applicable setbacks.
3. The principal use of the property shall be single-family residential and contain a singlefamily residential structure. Honeybees and domestic fowl shall not be permitted on vacant properties or those containing multi-family residential uses. Coop structures used to house domestic fowl that are greater than 120 square feet in size shall comply with the Accessory structure limitations on the number and size of residential accessory structures permitted by Chapter 66.
4. The keeping of honeybees and domestic fowl on lots smaller than five (5) acres shall comply with the following standards:
  - a) Hen chickens are permitted. Roosters are prohibited.
  - b) All chickens shall be of the subspecies *Gallus gallus domesticus*, and shall be tolerant of local climate conditions. All fowl species kept on parcels smaller than five (5) acres shall be domesticated varieties. (turkey, goose, duck)
  - c) Guinea fowl are prohibited (members of the Family Numididae, genus *Agelastes*, *Numida*, *Guttura*, or *Acryllium*).
  - d) All domestic fowl shall be contained within the owner's parcel at all times.
  - e) Domestic fowl shall not be kept inside the principal structure.
  - f) Fowl may be slaughtered on the property in locations that are not visible to the public or adjacent properties.
  - g) Coops and attached exercise pens shall be provided for all domestic fowl. Coops and pens shall be fully-enclosed including overhead areas, and shall be constructed of durable materials. The coop shall have sufficient windows for natural light. The floor area of the coop must equal at least two (2) square feet per fowl and the combination of the floor area and pen area must equal at least ten (10) square feet of area per domestic fowl.
  - h) If the coop is larger than 200 square feet, the owner shall obtain a building permit. If electricity is to be provided for heating or lighting, the owner shall obtain an electrical permit.
  - i) Coops, pens and other structures for domestic fowl shall meet the structure setback requirements of the zoning district where the parcel is located, plus all structures shall maintain a minimum setback of twenty (20) feet from dwellings on adjacent properties, and shall be located in rear yards only.
  - j) No person may allow domestic fowl to range freely without fencing or without a mobile pen.
  - k) All food stored for domestic fowl shall be kept in rodent-proof containers stored inside coops or other buildings.
  - l) Structures and areas in which domestic fowl are kept or maintained, including coops and pens, shall be kept reasonable clean from filth, garbage, and any substances which attract rodents. All feces shall be collected regularly and properly disposed of on a regular basis as fertilizer, composted, or transported off the premises.
  - m) Honeybees and domestic fowl shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance as defined by the City.
  - n) Honeybee hives shall meet the livestock setback requirements of this ordinance. The colony shall be maintained in good order and shall not be nuisance to any member of the public.
  - o) The City may enter and inspect any property, including the coop and back yard, at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating a reported violation or to ascertain compliance or noncompliance with the City Code and Certificate of Compliance.

CHAPTER 3-5. - DUCKS

Sec. 3-5-1. - Limitation on number allowed to keep.

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor ducks on any premises unless issued a permit to do so as provided in this chapter. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no permit shall be issued for the keeping or harboring of more than three ducks on any premises.
- (b) A permit may be issued for the keeping or harboring of up to 12 ducks if the applicant is involved in educational or instructional activity, and the need for the greater number of ducks is directly related to the educational or instructional activity.

(Code 1965, § 113B.01; Ord. No. 4351.3, § 1, 8-6-2018)

Sec. 3-5-2. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Duck coop* means a structure for housing ducks made of wood or other similar materials that provides shelter from the elements.

*Duck run* means an enclosed outside yard for keeping ducks.

*Premises* means any platted lot or group of contiguous lots, parcels or tracts of land.

(Code 1965, § 113B.011; Ord. No. 4351.3, § 1, 8-6-2018)

Sec. 3-5-3. - Permit.

No person shall maintain a duck coop and run unless they have been granted a permit by the common council. The permit shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this chapter and any additional conditions deemed necessary by the council to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The necessary permit applications are available in the city clerk's office. Included with the completed application must be a scaled diagram that indicates the location of any duck coop and run, and the approximate size and distance from adjoining structures and property lines. A permit for the keeping of ducks may be revoked or suspended by the council for any violation of this chapter following written notice and a public hearing. The fee for a permit shall be established as part of the fee schedule adopted by the common council. Issued permits will be valid until December 31 of the following year.

(Code 1965, § 113B.02; Ord. No. 4351.3, § 1, 8-6-2018; Ord. No. 4435, § 1, 7-19-2021)

Sec. 3-5-4. - Confinement.



Every person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors ducks must keep them confined at all times while in the city in a duck coop and duck run. Any coop and run shall be screened with a solid fence or landscaped buffer with a minimum height of four feet. Any coop and run shall be at least 25 feet from any residential structure on any other premises.

(Code 1965, § 113B.03; Ord. No. 4351.3, § 1, 8-6-2018)

#### Sec. 3-5-5. - Requirements for duck coops and runs.

All duck coops and runs must be located at least 25 feet from any dwelling on any other premises. All duck coops must meet the requirements of the building and zoning codes, must not exceed ten square feet per duck, and must not exceed six feet in total height. Attached fenced-in duck runs must not exceed 20 square feet per duck and must not exceed six feet in total height. Duck runs may be enclosed with wood and/or woven wire materials, and allow ducks to contact the ground. Duck feed and manure must be kept in rodent-proof and raccoon-proof containers and must not be placed in yard compost piles.

(Code 1965, § 113B.04; Ord. No. 4351.3, § 1, 8-6-2018)

#### Sec. 3-5-6. - Conditions.

No person who owns, keeps or harbors hen ducks shall permit the premises where the hen ducks are kept to be or remain in an unhealthy, unsanitary or noxious condition or to permit the premises to be in such condition that noxious odors are carried to adjacent public or private property. Any duck coop and run authorized by permit under this chapter may be inspected at any reasonable time by a city animal control officer or other agent of the city.

(Code 1965, § 113B.05; Ord. No. 4351.3, § 1, 8-6-2018)

#### Sec. 3-5-7. - Violations.

Any person who keeps or harbors ducks in the city limits without obtaining or maintaining a current permit or after a permit has been suspended or revoked by council action shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

(Code 1965, § 113B.06; Ord. No. 4351.3, § 1, 8-6-2018)

**5-4-13: KEEPING OF FOWL OR POULTRY:**

Any person keeping fowl or poultry in any zoning district on land with three (3) to less than five (5) acres of land within the City of Cottage Grove shall comply with the following:

A. License Required: Any person who keeps fowl or poultry in the City of Cottage Grove must obtain an annual license prior to acquiring the fowl or poultry. The annual license is valid on the date the fowl or poultry arrive on the site and ending on December 31. Subsequent licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31. Applications for licenses must be made to the City Clerk.

1. Annual License Fee: Fees charged for the issuance of an annual license for keeping fowl or poultry will be set by the City Council in the annual fees resolution. An inspection of the coop and outdoor run will be performed annually.

2. Denial; Revocation: The City may refuse to grant or may revoke an annual license if the fowl or poultry become a nuisance, as evidenced by a second substantiated violation (within 12 months of the first substantiated violation).

3. Cruelty To Animals: The City may refuse to grant an annual license to, or may revoke a license from, a person convicted of cruelty to animals.

4. Nontransferable: An annual license is nontransferable and does not run with the land.

5. License Limited: An annual license constitutes a limited license granted to the landowner by the City and in no way creates a vested zoning right.

6. Publications To Be Read: Prior to issuance of a license, the prospective annual license holder must acknowledge they have read the Chicken Run Rescue publication entitled "Recommendations for Municipal Regulations of Urban Chickens (2010)" or similar publications approved by the City.

7. Maintaining Adequate Temperature: Prior to issuance of an annual license, the prospective annual license holder must provide a plan for maintaining an adequate temperature in the coop for safety of the fowl or poultry. The plan must address both extreme winter and summer temperature conditions.

8. Exceptions: Birds or fowl that are temporarily brought into the City for the purpose of participating in an educational program, circus or show, if protective measures are provided to adequately prevent such animals from escaping or injuring the public; or birds or fowl kept in confinement by zoos, circuses or nature centers, if protective measures are provided to adequately prevent such animals from injuring the public are provided.

B. License Application: Any person desiring a license required under the provision of this section shall make written application upon a form prescribed by and containing such information as required by the City. Among other things, the application shall contain the following information:

1. A description of the real property upon which it is desired to keep fowl or poultry.

2. The breed and number of fowl or poultry to be maintained on the premises.

3. A site plan of the property showing the location and size of the proposed coop and run, setbacks from the coop and run to property lines and surrounding buildings (including houses and buildings on adjacent lots), and the location, style, and height of fencing proposed to contain the fowl or poultry in a run or exercise area. Portable coops and cages are allowed, but portable locations must be included with the site plan.

4. Statements that the applicant will at all times keep the fowl or poultry in accordance with all the conditions prescribed by City ordinance and/or the City, or modification thereof, and that failure to obey such conditions will constitute a violation of the provisions of this section and grounds for cancellation of the license and removal of the fowl or poultry from the property.

5. Such other and further information as may be required by the City.

6. A building permit is required for the coop. If electricity is proposed for the coop, an electrical permit is also required.

C. License Conditions:

1. If granted, the license shall be issued by the City Clerk and shall state the conditions, if any, imposed upon the licensee for the keeping of fowl or poultry under this license. The license shall specify the restrictions,

limitations, conditions, and prohibitions which the City deems reasonably necessary to protect any person or neighboring use from unsanitary conditions, unreasonable noise or odors, or annoyance, or to protect the public health and safety. Such license may be modified from time to time or revoked by the City for failure to conform to such restrictions, limitations, or prohibitions. Such modification or revocation shall be effective after ten (10) days following the mailing of written notice thereof by certified mail to the person or persons licensed to keep such fowl or poultry.

2. The City shall grant a license for fowl or poultry after the applicant has sought the written consent of one hundred percent (100%) of the owners or occupants of privately or publicly owned real estate that are located adjacent (i.e., sharing property lines) on the outer boundaries of the premises for which the license is being requested.

Where an adjacent property consists of a multiple dwelling or multi-tenant property, the applicant must obtain the written consent of the owner or manager, or other person in charge of the building and tenants within the building. Such written consent shall be required on the initial application and as often thereafter as the City deems necessary.

3. Each person holding a license to keep fowl or poultry on property with three (3) to less than five (5) acres of land within the City of Cottage Grove shall comply with the following:

- a. Only one annual license for keeping fowl or poultry will be granted per parcel.
- b. The principal use of the specified property must only be single-family residential. An annual license will not be issued for any property which is used principally for something other than single-family.
- c. No person may keep more than a cumulative total of four (4) fowls or poultries.
- d. Keeping a rooster is prohibited.
- e. No fowl or poultry shall be allowed to roam freely without being within a completely enclosed pen.
- f. Keeping live fowl or poultry inside a house or attached garage is prohibited.
- g. Butchering a fowl or poultry must not be in public view.

4. Fowl or poultry must be provided a secure and well ventilated roofed structure ("coop").

- a. Location: The coop may only be located in a rear yard.
- b. Separation From Dwellings: The coop must maintain a minimum one hundred foot (100') separation from all dwellings on adjacent properties and a minimum fifty foot (50') separation from any property line that adjoins public right-of-way or land.
- c. Roof: The roof structure must be fully enclosed, waterproof and windproof.
- d. Sanitation: The floors and walls of the coop shall be kept in a clean, sanitary and healthy condition with all droppings collected on a daily basis and placed in a fireproof covered container until transported off the premises to a proper disposal site. Droppings applied as fertilizer or mixed in with compost is prohibited.
- e. Unattended Fowl Or Poultry: Fowl or poultry must be kept in the coop, run or a detached mobile pen whenever they are unattended by the keeper.
- f. Floor Height: The coop's floor must be a minimum of twenty four inches (24") above the ground.
- g. Floor Area: The floor area of the roofed coop must be equal to at least four (4) square feet of area per fowl or poultry and not greater than fifty (50) square feet.
- h. Windows: The coop must have a minimum of one square foot window per ten (10) square feet floor space. Windows must be able to open for ventilation.
- i. Climate Control: Adequate ventilation and/or insulation to maintain the coop temperature between thirty two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F) and eighty five degrees Fahrenheit (85°F).
- j. Construction: Coops and pen enclosures must be constructed and maintained in a workmanlike manner. Exterior finishes must be constructed of quality weather resistant materials consisting of wood, metal, or engineered composite materials that are similar to the color palette of the principal structure. The coop and

outdoor run must be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair and must not remain in a condition of disrepair or constitute a nuisance. Fiberglass or steel corrugated materials, metal hoops or PVC materials, cotton, nylon or plastic fabrics are prohibited. The coop roof shall be covered with fiberglass shingle roof materials.

k. Number Allowed: Only one coop and outdoor run per parcel.

5. All grain and food stored for the use of the fowl or poultry must be kept in a rodent proof manner.

6. An outdoor run or exercise yard is required and must be constructed and maintained to meet the following standards:

a. Location: The outdoor run may only be located in a rear yard and must maintain a minimum one hundred foot (100') separation from all dwellings on adjacent properties and a minimum fifty foot (50') separation from any property line that adjoins public right-of-way or land.

b. Size: A minimum of ten (10) square feet per fowl or poultry and not greater than one hundred (100) square feet of gross area.

c. Height: Six feet (6') in height to allow access for cleaning and maintenance.

d. Gate: One gate to allow human access to the run.

e. Attached Pen; Construction: The coop's attached pen must be securely constructed with at least a mesh type material and shall have protective overhead netting to keep the fowl or poultry separated from other animals.

f. Attached Pen; Drainage: The coop's attached pen must be well drained so there is no accumulation of moisture or become an erosion issue.

g. Mulch Materials: If the ground surface within the outdoor run area becomes barren soil and without grass covering the area, then mulch materials must be placed on the exposed ground surface.

7. Fowl and/or poultry shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance to occupants of adjacent property.

8. Eggs, chicks, adult fowl or poultry shall not be sold.

9. No person shall keep, maintain or harbor within the City of Cottage Grove any animal or species that is prohibited by Federal or Minnesota law. (Ord. 993, 3-21-2018)

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clearly indicates a different meaning: Small animal means a chicken, rabbit, guinea pig, ferret, duck, goose, turkey, pigeon, dove, pheasant or any other bird or fowl.

(b)

*Permit required.* The keeping of one (1) or more chicken, duck, goose, turkey, pigeon, dove, pheasant or any other bird or fowl shall require a permit. The keeping of five (5) or more rabbit, guinea pig, or ferrets shall require a permit. Site approval for coop or structure for holding of (1) or more fowl of any type shall be conducted by development services staff before animals brought to such site. For the purposes of this subsection, such animals must be at least three (3) months old to be considered mature. A permit to keep animals enumerated in this section must be obtained from the development services department. A permit shall be issued for a two-year period. The fee for the permit required under this section shall be set by the fee ordinance. The permit will not be transferable and no refund will be made. Such permit shall not be construed as allowing the person obtaining the permit to conduct a business in violation of chapter 50.

(c)

*Locational requirements.* A coop, yard or establishment where small animals are kept shall be at least fifty (50) feet from any residence or structure, other than such residence or structure occupied by the owner or occupant of the premises where such animals or fowl are kept. Measurements shall be made from the outer edge of any enclosure or yard within which small animals are permitted to run.

(d)

*Maximum number allowed.* No more than ten (10) small animals are permitted on one (1) property. Outlying district may have twenty-five (25) small animals total. Crowing roosters are prohibited.

(Code 1980, § 10.05, subd. 4; Code 1997, § 14-2; Ord. No. 186, 5d, 10-27-2014; Ord. No. 21-064, 10-12-2021)

- **Sec. 8.004. - Running at large.**

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No small animals, livestock or any other animals shall be permitted to run at large at any time in the city. If such animals are found running at large, they shall be impounded in a safe and suitable place by a police officer and shall not be released until the owner shall pay to the city all charges incurred by the city in connection with the impounding. Any such animal found within any street, alley or other public space

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or on the premises of any person other than its owner shall be deemed to be running at large.

(Code 1980, § 10.05, subd. 1; Code 1997, § 14-3; Ord. No. 186, 5d, 10-27-2014)

- **Sec. 8.005. - Sanitation of structures and premises.**

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All structures, pens, coops or yards in which small animals are kept or permitted shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, shall be dry and well ventilated, shall be devoid of all rodents and vermin and shall be as free from objectionable odors as can be obtained. The city development services department, upon the complaint of any individual, shall inspect any such structure or premises and issue any such order as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Code 1980, § 10.05, subd. 5; Code 1997, § 14-5; Ord. No. 186, 5d, 10-27-2014)

- **Sec. 8.006. - Use of prescribed grazing for land management.**

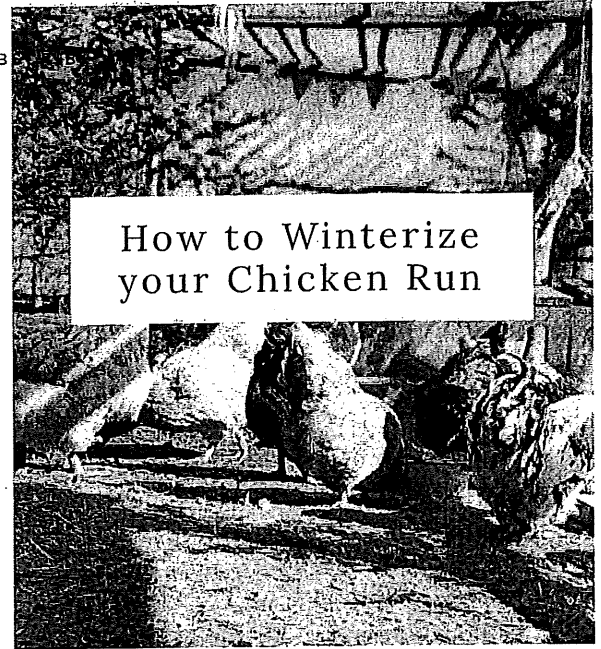
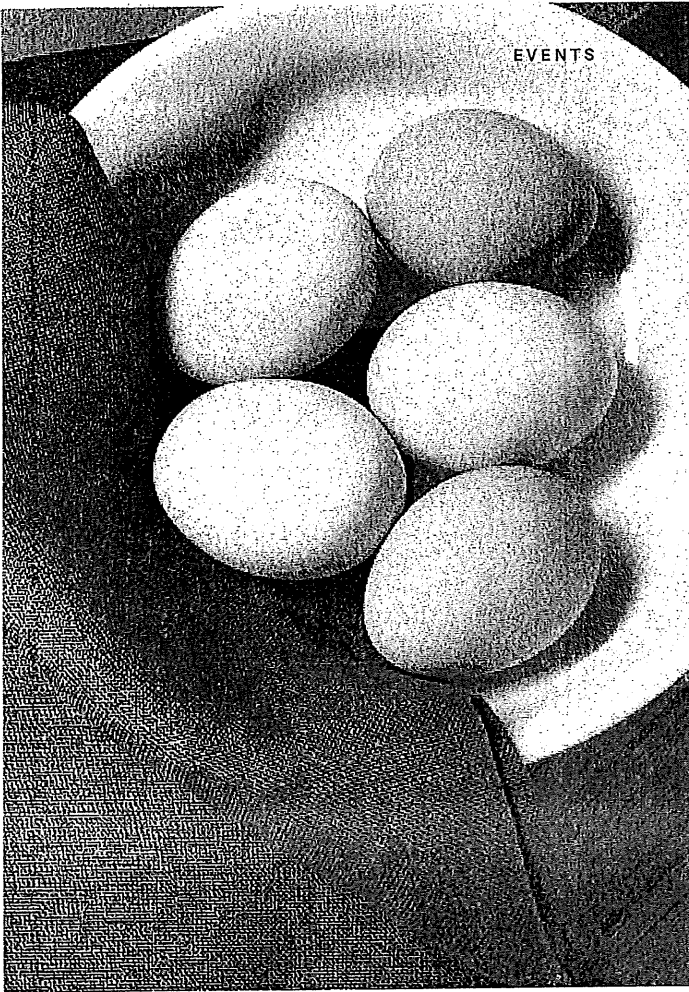
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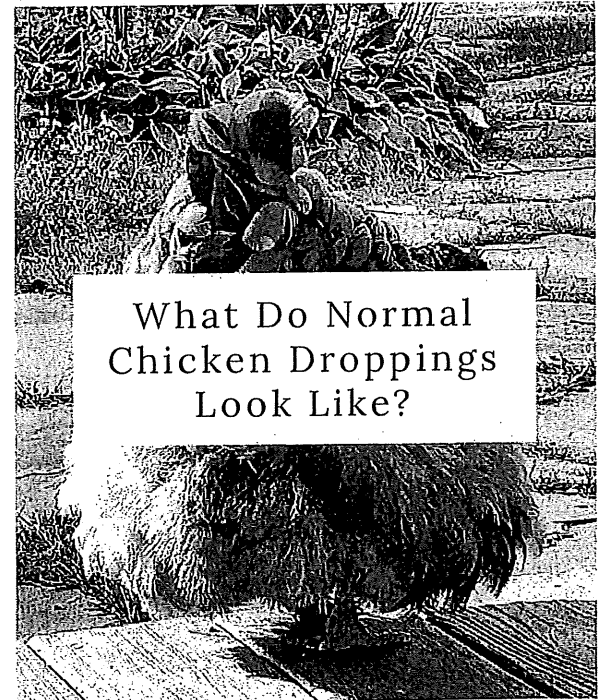
*Purpose and need for policy.* The purpose of this policy is to allow prescribed grazing of approved grazing animals on certain property in the City of Albert Lea for a specific period and for the express purpose of controlling invasive, noxious or unwanted vegetation. Invasive species and/or noxious vegetation pose a significant environmental risk to the Albert Lea environment. Prescribed grazing is intended to provide an alternative to the use of chemicals as a means to control undesired vegetation, as well as an alternative to other land management techniques like mowing, brush cutting and prescribed burning. It is also intended to provide an alternative means to control undesirable vegetation on steep slopes or other challenging terrain where it is difficult for humans to access. Prescribed grazing is not intended to allow the raising or keeping of goats as pets or livestock on property where it is not currently allowed under zoning requirements.

(b)

*Policy.* Property owners intending to use prescribed grazing must have a property that meets all criteria laid out within this policy. Property owners must hire a contractor who has received a prescribed grazing permit from the city. Contractors must obtain



How to Winterize your Chicken Run



What Do Normal Chicken Droppings Look Like?

## 12 Reasons Why Duck Eggs are Better Than Chicken Eggs

### 1. Duck eggs stay fresher longer

Because duck eggs have a naturally thicker shell and inner membrane (most likely because wild ducks tend



and mud), they will stay fresher, longer.

They are also less likely to break if you drop one by accident.

*I've actually had duck eggs bounce off the ground after dropping them!*

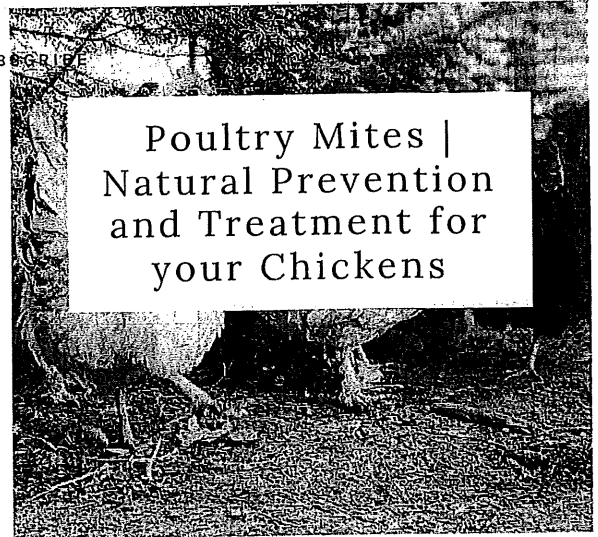
## 2. Duck eggs are richer and creamier

Due to their much larger yolk and higher fat content, duck eggs are richer and creamier, and taste less watery than chicken eggs.

The whites of duck eggs are super thick which makes for a great poached or fried egg.

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### 3. Duck eggs are more "eggy"

The taste of any type of egg does depend on the overall diet of the bird, but I find duck eggs to be more "eggy" and flavorful.

Others have described the taste of a duck egg as "gamey".

Ducks are great foragers if you can allow them some time on grass and will rival your chickens in how



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#### 4. Duck eggs contain more protein + "different" protein

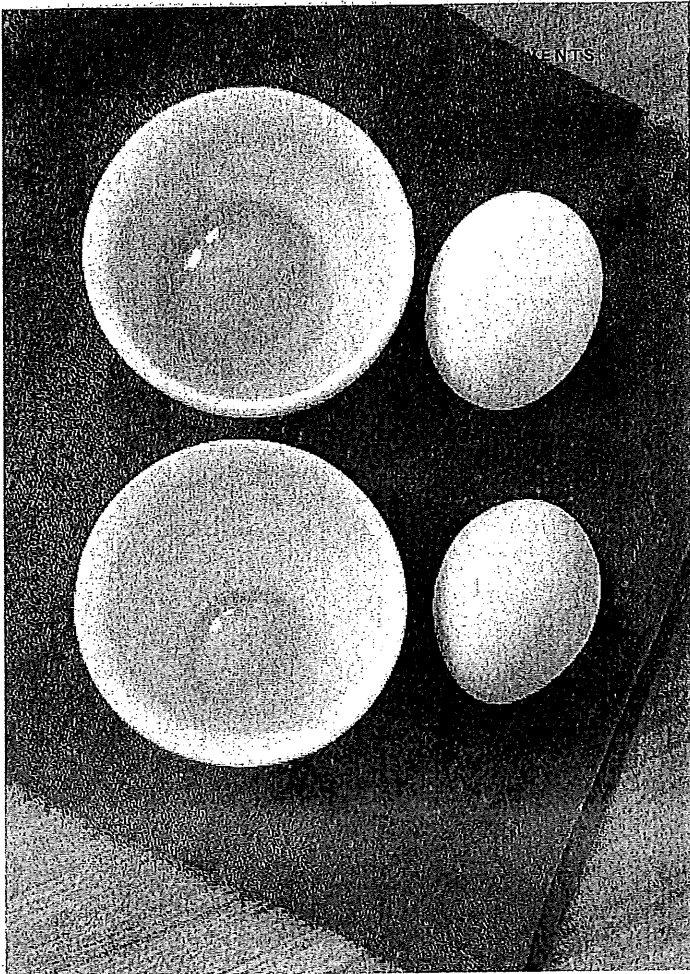
Duck eggs contain more protein than chicken eggs - about 30% more - and it's a different protein, so those allergic to chicken eggs can often eat duck eggs and vice versa.

#### 5. Duck eggs are more nutrient-dense

Any bird allowed to free range or graze on pasture will lay eggs with more nutrients than caged birds.

But ounce for ounce, duck eggs contain more Omega-3, Vitamins A and D, fatty acids, choline, folate, and iron than chicken eggs.





## 6. Duck eggs are better for baking

Because duck eggs contain more fat and protein - and less water - and also have a higher yolk/white ratio than chicken eggs, they tend to produce fluffier cakes, higher meringues and souffles, lighter breads and cookies.



cooked and eaten any way you would cook chicken eggs. Just be sure not to overcook them.

Their low water content can make them rubbery if they're fried or scrambled too long. Cook them just until the whites are no longer watery and you should be fine.

## 7. Duck eggs sell for higher prices

Due to their relative scarcity and superior qualities for baking especially, duck eggs will often sell for a premium to pastry chefs, Asian restaurants or foodies.

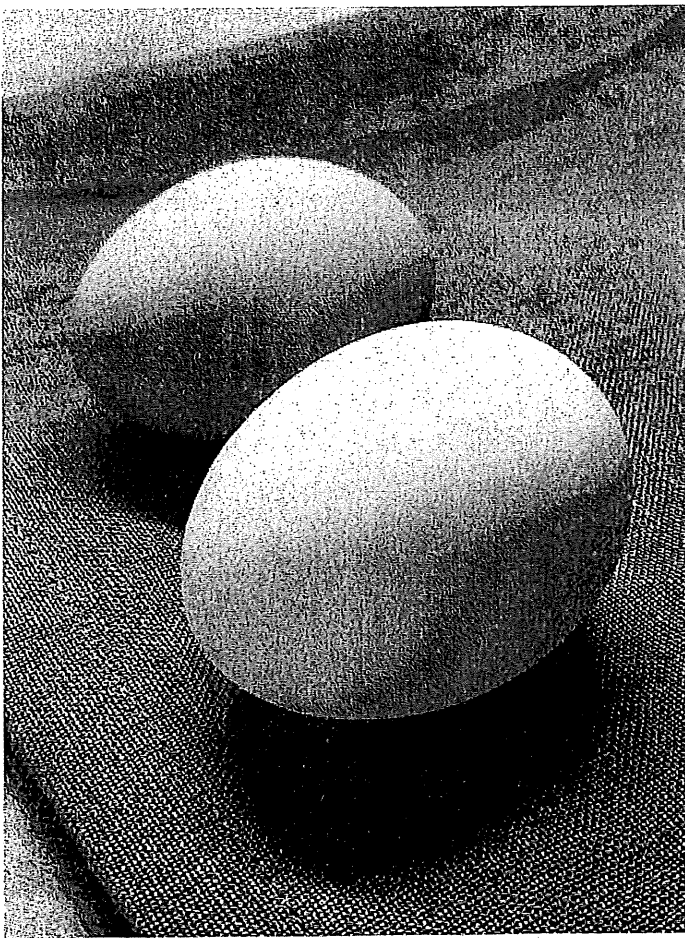
While chicken eggs generally sell between \$2-3/dozen (with organic closer to \$5 a dozen) nationwide, duck eggs often fetch \$6-12 a dozen.

## 8. Lower feed conversion

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your chicken eggs, ducks generally have a lower feed conversion ratio - meaning a duck needs to eat less feed than a chicken does in order to produce one egg.

That will save you money on feed.



9. Duck eggs are larger



ducks generally lay one egg about every day, more or less like chickens, since their eggs are about 30% larger, ounce for ounce you'll end up with more egg volume-wise from your ducks.

## 10. Ducks lay year round

Ducks also tend to lay better year round than chickens.

Because they need a bit less light to stimulate their ovaries to release a yolk, our ducks continue to lay through the winter without added light in their house and are unconcerned by dark, wet days.





## 11. Ducks have a longer productive life

While chickens will only lay at their peak for a year or two and then production will start to drop off, ducks often have a longer, more productive laying life than chickens, laying fairly well for 4-5 years.

12. Ducks are low maintenance with a lower



Ducks are honestly so much lower maintenance than chickens.

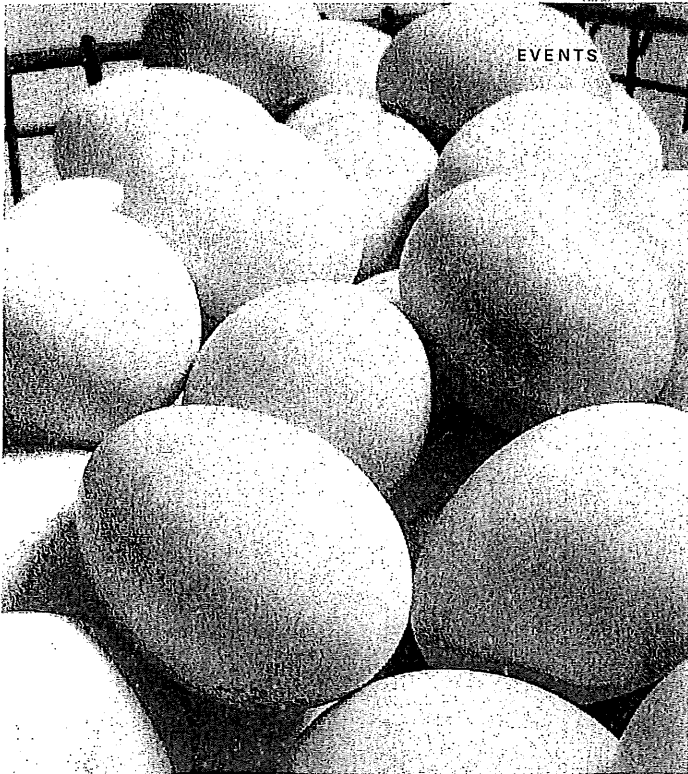
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Ducklings have a far lower mortality rate, not being susceptible to Mareks, Avian flu, or Coccidiosis like baby chicks.

Ducks are also far also cold-hardy, more heat-tolerant, healthier overall, not as susceptible to parasites, and don't destroy your lawn or landscaping nearly as much.





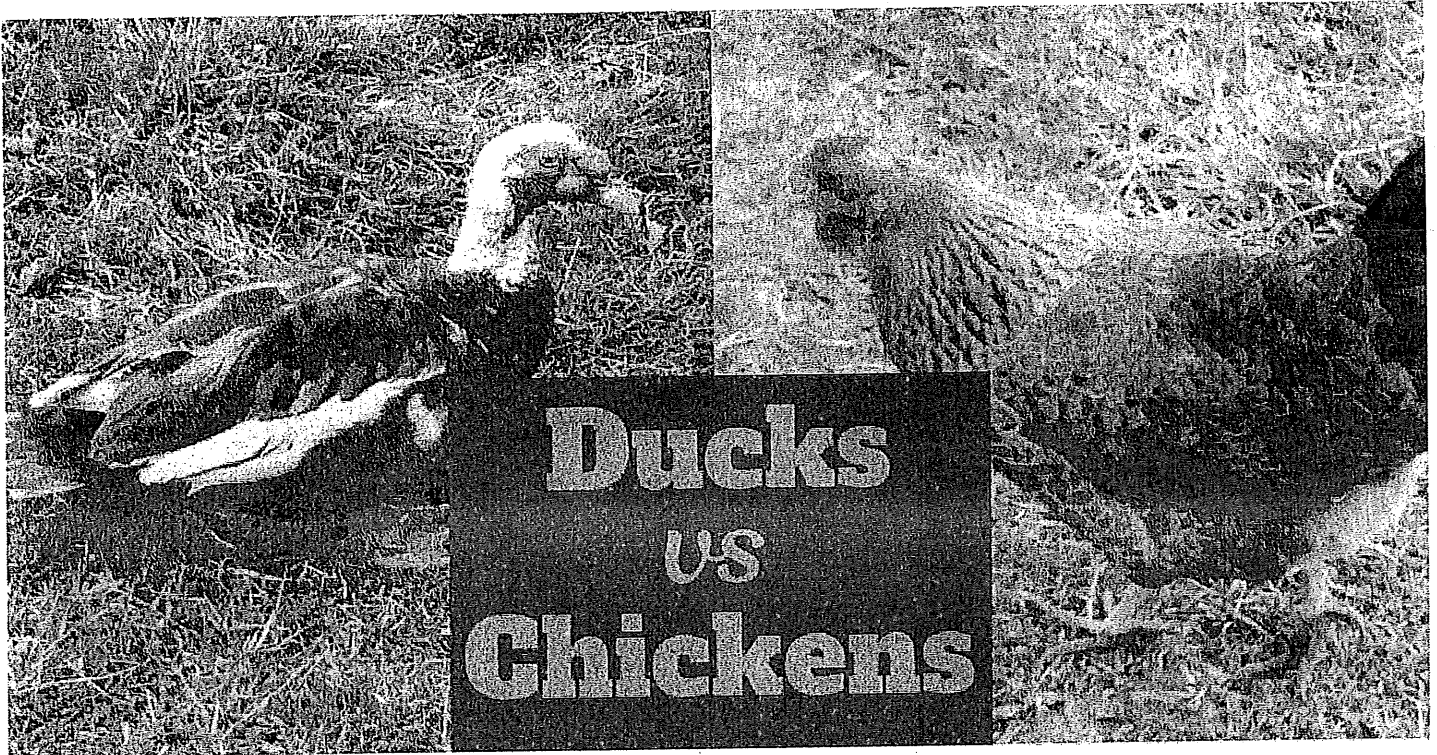


## One Downside to Duck Eggs

One downside to duck eggs is that they only come in three basic colors: a greenish "duck egg" blue, cream or white, and charcoal gray/black. But on the flip-side, those large white eggs are great for coloring at Easter time and more durable and less brittle if you want to blow some out to make ornaments or for Pysanky.



## Are Ducks Quieter Than Chickens?



You need to keep the noise level down in your neighborhood. Which is the quieter bird to raise, ducks or chickens?

**Ducks are quieter than chickens, especially chicken flocks with roosters.**

In your day to day bird raising, ducks and chickens are about the same as far as making noise.

Both ducks and chickens are usually quiet but sometimes, especially if startled, they will squawk or quack about.

I have to admit, I tend to tune out the poultry background noises, since I am used to them and only notice it when I'm editing a video.

The crazy part is, I would actually say that **ducks make more noises than chickens**, but they are not necessarily louder noises.

Ducks are normally making pretty quiet sounds, nothing loud or bothersome to the neighbors.

It's more like ducks do a lot of muttering to themselves as they go about their day. The muttering seems to be constant but pretty quiet.

<b>Bird</b>	<b>Noise level</b>
<b>Duck hen, everyday activities</b>	<b>low</b>
<b>Drake, everyday activities</b>	<b>low</b>
All ducks when startled	high
Setting duck, on nest	low
Setting duck, off nest	high
<b>Chicken hen, everyday activities</b>	<b>med</b>
All chickens when startled	high
<b>Rooster, everyday activities</b>	<b>high</b>

## Ducks are not usually noisy

**Most ducks are not noisy**, unless they are startled.

They make the occasional quiet quack, almost like they are talking to themselves, but nothing too noticeable.

## For ducks, Pekins are noisy

The exception here is the Pekin. **Pekins** seem to be a more nervous and active type duck and **quite “talkative”** no matter what's going on.

We have a few Pekins and it's noticeable how much more chatty they are than the other breeds of ducks. But, I like them anyway!

## **A setting duck who is off of her nest is noisy**

The other time a duck might be more **noisy** than normal is a **nesting duck** hen who is off of her nest getting a quick drink.

She'll waddle out all puffed up (kind of like a turkey) and noisy as can be. She seems to be saying "get out of the road, I'm in a hurry!"

This gal will be louder than normal, but only when she is making a quick dash for a drink. When she's setting on the nest, she's very quiet.

Setting ducks are usually so quiet, in fact, that you'll have to know she is there or notice she is missing and actively look to find her setting on the nest.

## **Overall, chickens are quiet**

Most chickens are pretty quiet. As far as noise goes, if hens are startled, chickens will squawk and flutter about until they calm down a bit.

Also, when a chicken is contentedly scratching around they make almost a purring noise. Of course, this is quiet, you have to be pretty close to the hen to hear the "purr" at all.

Where this goes wobbly is when a chicken (I'm talking about hens, here) makes noise it is louder than the normal level of ducks "talking".

## **Roosters are not quiet**

**Roosters** are a completely different story as far as noise goes. They **are just plain louder than ducks**. Roosters can be quiet, they just usually aren't.

We have numerous roosters and they crow all day and sometimes at night.

Crowing at sunrise, is not the case for most of these guys! They are loud throughout the whole day!

I have to admit, we are used to the roosters and really don't notice the crowing.

Usually it takes someone remarking about it or me editing one of the YouTube videos and I hear crowing in the background.

## Roosters crow in the wee hours

How do I know this? Aren't most people asleep in the "small hours"? Normally, yes, but not during lambing!

We have some ewes due to lamb any minute so we are checking them through out the night. It's January and has been 16-18 degrees overnight lately.

That's cold enough we need to check new lambs, but not too cold or too early for roosters!

I check the ewes at **4 a.m.** and 6 or 7 a.m. and those crazy **roosters are always crowing!**

At 4 in the morning, it's going to be dark for another couple hours yet!

## Muscovy ducks are the quietest duck

If you are wanting the **quietest duck** possible, **Muscovy** is the one for you!

Muscovy ducks can "talk" quite a bit, but they don't quack, they hiss. Sounds crazy, I know, but it's true.

If all you are concerned with is quiet and want to get ducks, consider getting Muscovy ducks.

## Quiet ducks does not equal easy to fence

However, you should know that **Muscovy ducks can fly and roost.** Meaning that quiet, as far as noise goes, does not equal easy to fence.

Not that this is a problem, just something most folks talking about them seem to leave out!

So while they are quiet, we find that they are actually harder to contain than other domestic ducks would be.

## Larger breed chickens will be quieter than smaller breeds

If you want to have chickens, but need the quietest birds available, here are two options.

First option to quieter chickens: **have the hens but not the rooster**. You only need a rooster if you want fertile eggs.

If you don't plan to hatch the eggs, you don't need a rooster with your hens.

Secondly, the **larger breed chickens** will be a bit **quieter than the smaller breed chickens**. This is nothing more than activity level.

Small breed chickens are more energetic, which comes out vocally as well.

Once again, most of the chicken noise comes from a rooster, so if you don't have any roosters, you automatically cut the noise level from your flock.

## Busy chickens are quieter, let them out of the coop

It seems to me that chickens out scratching and pecking through your yard are quieter than chickens that are stuck all day, everyday in a coop.

Being out in the **grass gives the chickens something to do** with their time and energy other than being squawky.

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## Keeping and Caring for Ducks as Pets

With knowledge and the right care these darlings make fun  
pets!

*Reading time: 7 minutes*



With the Easter holiday approaching, baby ducklings often find their way into gift baskets, but with some forethought, knowledge, and planning these little darlings can become treasured members of the family. Here is some useful information for those who might be considering a duck as a pet. Ducks are wonderfully hardy,



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## **Important Points to Remember**

1. Please **DO NOT** keep a duck as a "house" pet. They are **NOT** suited to an indoor lifestyle. Although it may make you happy to keep your duck indoors, understand that you are being cruel to the duck, as they need to live outdoors.
2. Ducks are social animals that get along very well with each other and seldom fight. They are not solitary creatures and will become depressed and lonely quite easily; which will make it difficult for them to survive or thrive. Because they do feel loneliness, isolation, and grief much like humans; leaving a duck alone or caged for long periods of time is not emotionally healthy. **NEVER** keep just one duck; this is cruel. Ducks are highly social animals and this means they need other ducks to live with. While it is possible to keep just one duck, it is strongly recommended that you have at least one other duck for company, while having three or four would be best.
3. Don't get a duck, or any other unusual animal for that matter, just to be different. Think about the animal's needs, and how to give it the life it needs and deserves; not the life you want it to have.

## **Personality Traits**

Ducks are highly intelligent and emotional creatures. They can understand commands, play with toys, play games, give kisses, and beg for snuggles like other birds if you take the time to work with them. If handled frequently and gently from an early age, ducks will become quite sociable with people. It may take some getting used to, but eventually you will figure out what types of activities your duck enjoys. The more you interact with your duck, the quicker you will bond with one another.

## **Fun Facts**





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- Ducks are not subject to parasites, fleas or ticks.
- Sexing ducklings is tricky, and so they are usually sold unsexed. When grown, the sexes may be distinguished by secondary characteristics. For example, in some breeds the males have a mainly green head, whereas the females do not. The rules for sexing by color are dependent on the breed. Ducks can also be sexed by their voices from the time they are about 6 weeks old. The females will begin to quack while the males' voices sound hoarse, like they have laryngitis.

## **Caring for Pet Ducks**

Ducklings must be kept warm and dry for the first three to four weeks. Put a box or cage in a warm place (about 80-85°F, or 30°C), or supply heat with a light bulb. They must be allowed to move into or out of the heat as they choose, so place the lamp in a corner of the cage instead of in the center.

DO NOT leave them with water they can climb into when unsupervised as they could become chilled and possibly drown.

At about 4 or 5 weeks when the ducklings' breasts are covered with feathers, they can be put safely outdoors if it is not too cold. Try to get them used to the outdoors slowly by placing their box or cage outside for longer periods each day. If the weather is nice, they can be outside even when very young.

## **Where can I keep my pet duck?**

- Ducks need minimal shelter. They should have the option of getting out of the rain, sun, and wind if they choose.
- For up to four ducks, a good sized dog house is quite sufficient (2 feet by three feet for 2 ducks; 3 feet by 4 feet for four ducks).
- Make sure that the opening faces away from the prevailing winds.



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includes the local dogs and cats).

- If there are other pets around (yours or anyone else's), make sure the birds are well protected.
- The house should always be bedded with clean straw or wood shavings.
- Fencing requirements are also minimal: a three foot (one meter) high chicken wire enclosure will do, as would a nylon garden fence. Try to arrange at least ten square feet per bird. If dogs are a hazard, the fence must be at least 4 feet high. Remember to keep the fence flush with the ground. If your yard is well fenced already, you may opt to just let the ducks run loose in it.

## **Nutrition**

Waterfowl should be fed unmedicated feed always. For the first two weeks the ducklings should be fed duck starter, which is a special ration for young birds. For weeks 3-7 they should be fed duck grower which is optimal for growth and development. From then on you can feed pullet grower, which is a lower protein, unmedicated chicken feed.

The birds should also have access to GRIT. This is simply ground up stone which they must have to help grind up food in their gizzards (they have no teeth and cannot chew). A bag of #2 grit will last a very, very long time.

Ducks love greens to eat; they will keep your yard free of weeds if you allow them free access. Ducks also love other vegetables and grains, and will happily eat your dinner leftovers if they are not spiced too heavily. This includes breads, pasta, and vegetables cut into small bit-sized pieces. Please make sure that ALL fresh food is free of herbicides and pesticides.



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make sure they can get in and out of the pool by themselves. Don't allow the water to get too dirty too. You can use leftover swimming water in your garden or on the lawn for fertilizer so you're not wasting it.

## Other Things to Consider

Feces ... is a BIG issue to consider. If you are familiar with other exotic birds then you probably have heard of bird diapering. While the typical bird diaper system sold is suitable for many types of bird, it will not fit ducks or geese. There is a harness similar to the diaper system that will hold a diaper on a duck or goose -- yet not interfere with swimming or preening. Diapers on ducks should be changed on average of every 4 hours and it is relatively easy to do. For those interested in organic gardening, the bulk of the feces tends to ball up and can be easily separated from the diaper and be used for composting or worm farming.

Many local ordinances and homeowner associations prohibit poultry of any sort, and ducks can spread salmonella and avian flu to humans. Salmonella and avian flu can be avoided with the proper precautions. At a minimum, cleanliness and avoiding exposure are paramount in prevention.

If you are considering a duck as a household (indoor exotic) pet, please do your homework and ensure it is the right choice for you. Ducks can live a long time and deserve a happy, healthy home for the duration. As with all pets, remember to contact your veterinarian when you have questions and to schedule checkups on a regular basis to keep your pet healthy and happy.

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One of our requirements for adopting is the ability to keep animals safe from predators. Some birds will stay on a pond but not all of them will stay on the water, which is the case of chickens who can't swim :) Some adopters do not have a pond so in that case you must build predator proof housing.

When building your pen here are some rules to live by:

**Rule #1** Build your pens to keep predators out not to keep birds in! Birds are easy to contain but raccoons, foxes, coyotes, etc. are hard to keep out. Know what animals are in your area and design the pen with them in mind.

**Rule #2** EVERYONE has predators, EVERYONE! People tell me all the time they don't need to lock their ducks up because they live in the city and there are no predators. When I lived in the city I used to see way more raccoons and possums than I do now. Coyotes are also being noticed in more urban areas and are responsible for taking pet cats and small dogs. Your slow flightless duck won't have a chance.

**Rule #3** It's not "if" it's "when" your ducks will get eaten. It may take months for a predator to find your birds but they will eventually. Once they do find them they tell all their friends you have set out free food too!

**Rule #4** A bad pen is worse than no pen. If you build a pen that isn't secure, you're actually trapping the birds in so they have no chance of escape while predators can freely move in and out of the cage. All or nothing!

**Rule #5** When you adopt domestic animals like ducks and chickens, it's your responsibility to keep them safe. If you ignore the basic needs of these birds and decide to just shoot or kill wildlife that comes in contact with them, you will lose a lot of birds and you will be doing a lot of killing. If you set up a buffet for the wildlife don't be upset when they come take advantage of the free food. They only eat to survive and they will take what's easy. Don't make it easy! Take your responsibility to your pets seriously and provide them a safe secure home.

#### Common Mistakes:

Pens must have a roof! A tarp doesn't count either. It has to be made of heavy wire or be a solid roof. Raccoons are very smart and can be very destructive. They can chew very well and a piece of plastic will take them about ten seconds to rip a hole in. Tarps also accumulate water and can collapse and they don't hold up long term to the weather.

Chain link isn't predator proof, raccoons will eat your ducks right through a chain link pen. They work in groups and scare ducks to one side where another raccoon pulls the ducks head through the chain link. I have seen them even kill swans this way. Four feet of hardware cloth needs to be around the entire bottom of the cage or you can also use wood or other solid material. If you have a chain link kennel it's easier to zip tie hardware cloth along the inside.

You need a floor. Predators can dig and climb. The bottom of the cage needs to be enclosed, whether it's a solid floor or wire buried under the ground. Raccoons can also lift up chain link dog kennels and hop underneath.

Secure door latches - raccoons can open doors and lift latches. Use a padlock or a carabiner clip to secure door latches. An adopter of ours had ducks inside her house and a raccoon broke into the house going through two doors to reach and kill her ducks.

Three examples of latches, the first one shows how a string can be tied through the latch so you don't lock yourself inside. If you ever been stranded inside your chicken or duck pen while you wait for someone to come let you out you know how important this is! Points deducted for no clips to prevent raccoon entry though.

**PUBLIC HEARING...PRELIMINARY PLAT . . . STAR CAMBRIDGE APARTMENTS...  
PARKWOOD ON THE LAKES 6<sup>TH</sup> ADDITION...**

**Request**

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**Overview**

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A final plat accompanies this request. Since no new infrastructure is required, the preliminary and final plat can be reviewed simultaneously. Site Plan Review is also currently taking place. This is done administratively to review all city code requirements, utilities, grading and drainage, and storm pond requirements.

**Parkland**

Parkland dedication has been satisfied with previous plats.

**Area Charges**

Area charges have not been satisfied with previous plats and will be due at time of building permit application.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the preliminary plat.

**Planning Commission Action**

Motion to recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat of Parkwood on the Lakes 6<sup>th</sup> Addition.

**Attachments**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Preliminary Plat

**Resolution No. R22-XXX**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT  
PARKWOOD ON THE LAKES 6<sup>TH</sup> ADDITION  
2000 9<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE  
(PIN: 15.175.0070)**

**WHEREAS**, Star Cambridge Apartments Manager, LLC, (Sambatek, Inc), 12800 Whitewater Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343 is the owner of the property located at:

Outlot G, Parkwood on the Lakes 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota

Is requesting a Preliminary Plat; and

**WHEREAS**, The Planning Agency of the City has completed a review of the application and made a report pertaining to said request, a copy of which has been presented to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, The Planning Commission of the City, on the 1st day of March, 2022, following proper notice, held a public hearing to review the request; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to approve said request, and it was brought forward for City Council consideration.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022, held a regular meeting and discussed this request.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Cambridge, Minnesota, approves the proposed Final Plat.

Adopted by the Cambridge City Council

This 21st day of March 2022

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James A. Godfrey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Evan C. Vogel, City Administrator





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**Planning Commission Acton**

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This 21st day of March 2022

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James A. Godfrey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Evan C. Vogel, City Administrator

# PARKWOOD ON THE LAKES 6TH ADDITION

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That Sambatek, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, owner of the following described property:

OUTLET G, PARKWOOD ON THE LAKES 3RD ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof, Isanti County, Minnesota.

Has caused the same to be surveyed and platted as PARKWOOD ON THE LAKES 6TH ADDITION.

In witness whereof said Sambatek, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signed: Sambatek, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ of Sambatek, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Minnesota

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

I, Jerome C. Wittstock, do hereby certify that this plat was prepared by me or under my direct supervision; that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor in the State of Minnesota; that this plat is a correct representation of the boundary survey; that all mathematical data and bearings are correctly designated on this plat; that all monuments depicted on this plat have been, or will be correctly set within one year; that all water boundaries and wet lands, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 355.01, Subd. 3, as of the date of this certification are shown and labeled on the plat; and all public ways are shown and labeled on this plat.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Jerome C. Wittstock, Licensed Land Surveyor, Minnesota License No. 19552

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by Jerome C. Wittstock.

Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Minnesota

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

CITY ENGINEER, CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, STATE OF MINNESOTA

Approved by the City Engineer, City of Cambridge, Minnesota this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

City Engineer

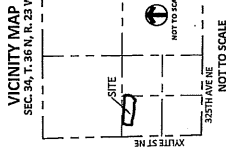
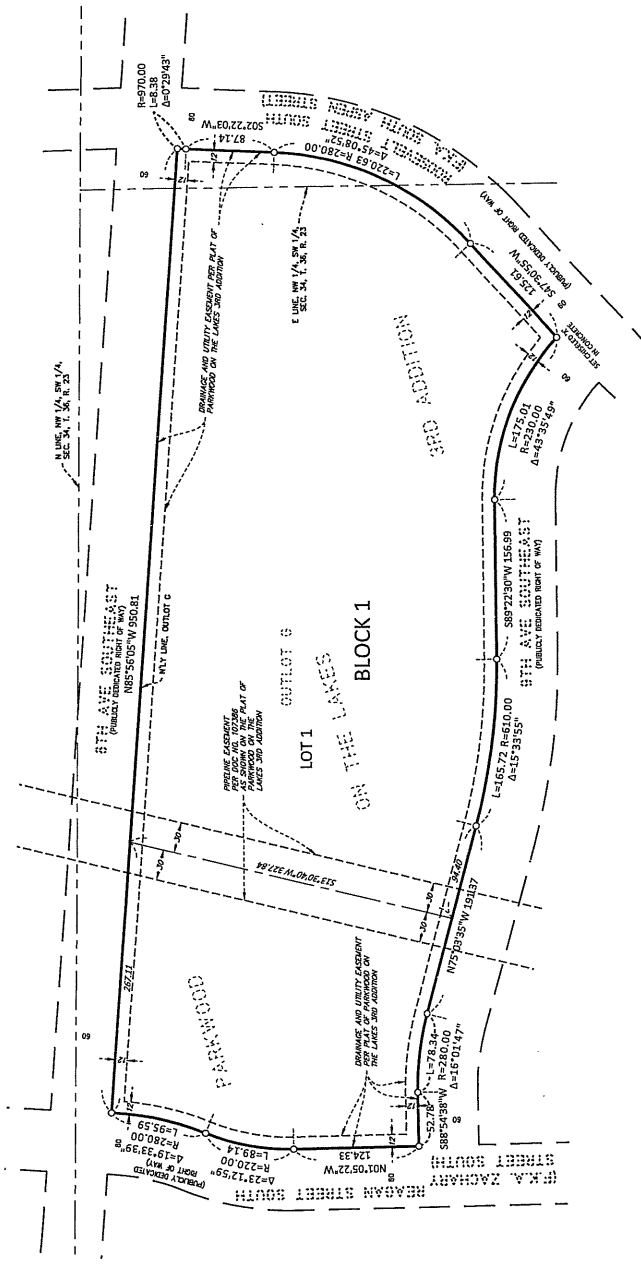
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, STATE OF MINNESOTA

Approved by the Planning Commission of the City of Cambridge, Minnesota at a regular meeting thereof on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Planning Commission, City of Cambridge, Minnesota

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson



O DENOTES 1/2 INCH BY 1/4 INCH IRON MONUMENT SET AND MARKED BY LICENSE NO. 19552, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.  
THE PLAT IS SUBJECT TO ANY RECORDS BY THE LAKES 3RD ADDITION IS ASSUMED TO HAVE A BEARING OF NORTH 85 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST.

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, STATE OF MINNESOTA

This plat of PARKWOOD ON THE LAKES 6TH ADDITION was approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Cambridge, Minnesota at a regular meeting thereof held on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and said plat is in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 350.05, Subd. 2.

City Council, City of Cambridge, Minnesota

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk

COUNTY AUDITOR, TREASURER, COUNTY OF ISANTI, STATE OF MINNESOTA

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 356.03, Subd. 9, these presents in this year 20\_\_\_\_ on the last heretofore described have been paid, filed, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 372.12, there are no delinquent taxes and transfer entered this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Isanti County Auditor - Treasurer

COUNTY RECORDER, COUNTY OF ISANTI, STATE OF MINNESOTA

I hereby certify that this plat of PARKWOOD ON THE LAKES 6TH ADDITION was filed in the office of the County Recorder for public record on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., and was duly recorded as Document No. \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Isanti County Recorder

**PUBLIC HEARING...VARIANCE...BUILDING HEIGHT...STAR APARTMENTS  
(SAMBATEK)**

**Request**

The request by Star Cambridge Apartments Manager, LLC, (Sambatek, Inc), 12800 Whitewater Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343 for a building height variance. The location is 2000 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

**Overview**

Sambatek is proposing to build a 159-unit luxury multi-family apartment building at 2000 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. This property is zoned R-3 Multiple Family Residence District and the use as a multi-family apartment building is permitted. The maximum building height allowed in the R-3 Multiple Family Residence District is 45' according to city code.

As part of their plan to draw a young generation, active adults, and seniors to this site, they are proposing underground parking. A building height variance is being requested because of this parking enhancement. In order to assure the garage elevation is above the ground water level, they would like to elevate the building to exceed 45' in some areas. The average grade around the building will cause the height to be 48' at the highest.

The City requires one garage per unit. In order to meet the requirements of the City and provide a modern luxury style building, they are proposing underground parking. Some above ground garages are also proposed in order to meet the City requirement. A total of 119 stalls will be underground garage parking and 40 stalls will be above-ground garages. Additional open parking will be provided on site. Staff find the underground parking more desirable aesthetically than above ground garages and it allows more green space on the property.

The apartment complex will include a mix of studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom apartments. The amenities proposed include a party room, fitness center and media room. An outdoor patio, children play area, dog park, and dog spa are proposed.

An additional feature is that no Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is being requested for this project. This project will be taxable immediately and staff find this a valuable attribute.

This project meets the goals and intent of the City's Comprehensive Plan. (Housing Goal 1, Policy 1.3): Encourage the development of a balance of housing types, including market rate, low to moderate income, and congregate, to meet the needs of all citizens, including young adults and senior citizens.

In addition, this project meets the intent of the City of Cambridge 2021 Strategic Planning and Goals, Core Strategy #7: Provide diverse amenities for a high quality of life; Provide inclusive housing options.

**Planning Commission Action**

Motion to approve the draft Resolution as presented to allow a variance with the building height not to exceed 48'.

**Attachments**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Applicant submittal: letter, site plan, exterior elevations

Resolution No. R22-XXX  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE FOR A BUILDING  
IN THE R-3 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO EXCEED 45' IN HEIGHT  
FINDINGS OF FACT  
(2000 9<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE)

**WHEREAS**, Star Cambridge Apartments Manager, LLC, (Sambatek, Inc), 12800 Whitewater Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343, has applied for a Variance from the provisions of City Code Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156, Section 156.038 Residence Districts, Subsection (D) Building and lot requirements, on the lot legally described below; and

Outlot G, Parkwood on the Lakes 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota

**WHEREAS**, Sambatek has requested to build a multi-unit apartment building with underground parking that will exceed 45' high; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code Section 156.038, Subsection D indicates the maximum building height in the R-3 district is 45'; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff have completed a review of the application and have made a report pertaining to said request, a copy of which has been presented to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, The Planning Commission of the City, on the 1st day of March, 2022, following proper notice, held a public hearing and following said public hearing, adopted a recommendation that the request for Variance be approved; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022, held a regular meeting and discussed this request; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council finds the seven (7) required standards to approve a variance request have been satisfied and provide the following Findings of Facts for approval of the request:

(1) *General standard*. No variance shall be granted unless the applicant shall establish that conforming to the strict letter of the provisions of this chapter would create practical difficulties.

**Staff find the request for a 3' variance is reasonable given the added amenity of underground parking that will provide a benefit to residents.**

(2) "Practical difficulties", as used in conjunction with the granting of a variance, means that the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the Zoning Ordinance; the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner, and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the area.

**Staff find the property will be used in a reasonable manner, and the underground parking area will greatly benefit users of the building. The property is zoned for a multiple family building. City code requires one garage per unit. The request for underground parking is preferred in an effort to allow more green open space. The circumstances unique to the property include the need to raise the building to avoid water table depths to ensure the garages do not flood.**

(3) *Harmony*. Variances shall only be permitted if they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the City's Ordinances and Comprehensive Plan.

**Staff find the request is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the city's ordinances and comprehensive plan. Specifically, the building will provide inclusive multi-family housing.**

**The Comprehensive Plan specifically identifies Housing Goal 1, Policy 1.3: Encourage the development of a balance of housing types, including market rate, low to moderate income, and congregate, to meet the needs of all citizens, including young adults and senior citizens.**

**In addition, this project meets the intent of the City of Cambridge 2021 Strategic Planning and Goals, Core Strategy #7: Provide diverse amenities for a high quality of life; Provide inclusive housing options.**



(4) *Economic Considerations.* Economic considerations alone shall not constitute a practical difficulty; The alleged hardship shall not include the inability of the property owner to realize a greater profit than if the variance were not granted.

**Staff find that the request is not due to economic considerations alone but to enhance the quality and use of the property.**

(5) *No other remedy.* There are no less intrusive means other than the requested variance by which the alleged hardship can be avoided or remedied to a degree sufficient to permit a reasonable use of the lot.

**Staff find there is no less intrusive means to provide quality, accessible, responsive parking for the building while providing more green space for the site.**

(6) *Variance less than requested.* A variance less than or different from that requested may be granted when the record supports the applicant's right to some relief but not to the relief requested.

**Underground parking is preferred to achieve the parking goals of the City while maintaining green space.**

(7) *Essential character of the area.* In considering whether a proposed variance will have an effect on the essential character of the area, the following factors shall be considered:

- (a) Would the variance be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to the enjoyment, use, development or value of property or improvements permitted in the vicinity;
- (b) Would the variance materially impair an adequate supply of light and air to the properties and improvements in the vicinity;
- (c) Would the variance substantially increase congestion in the public streets due to traffic or parking;
- (d) Would the variance unduly increase the danger of flood or fire;
- (e) Would the variance unduly tax public utilities and facilities in the area; and
- (f) Would the variance endanger the public health or safety.

**Staff find the request will not have an effect on public health or safety, will not cause any undue congestion, nor will be materially detrimental to overall public welfare.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of Cambridge, Minnesota, approves the variance request of Star Cambridge Apartments Manager, LLC (Sambatek, Inc.), for a building height not to exceed 48'.

Adopted by the Cambridge City Council  
this 21st day of March 2022.

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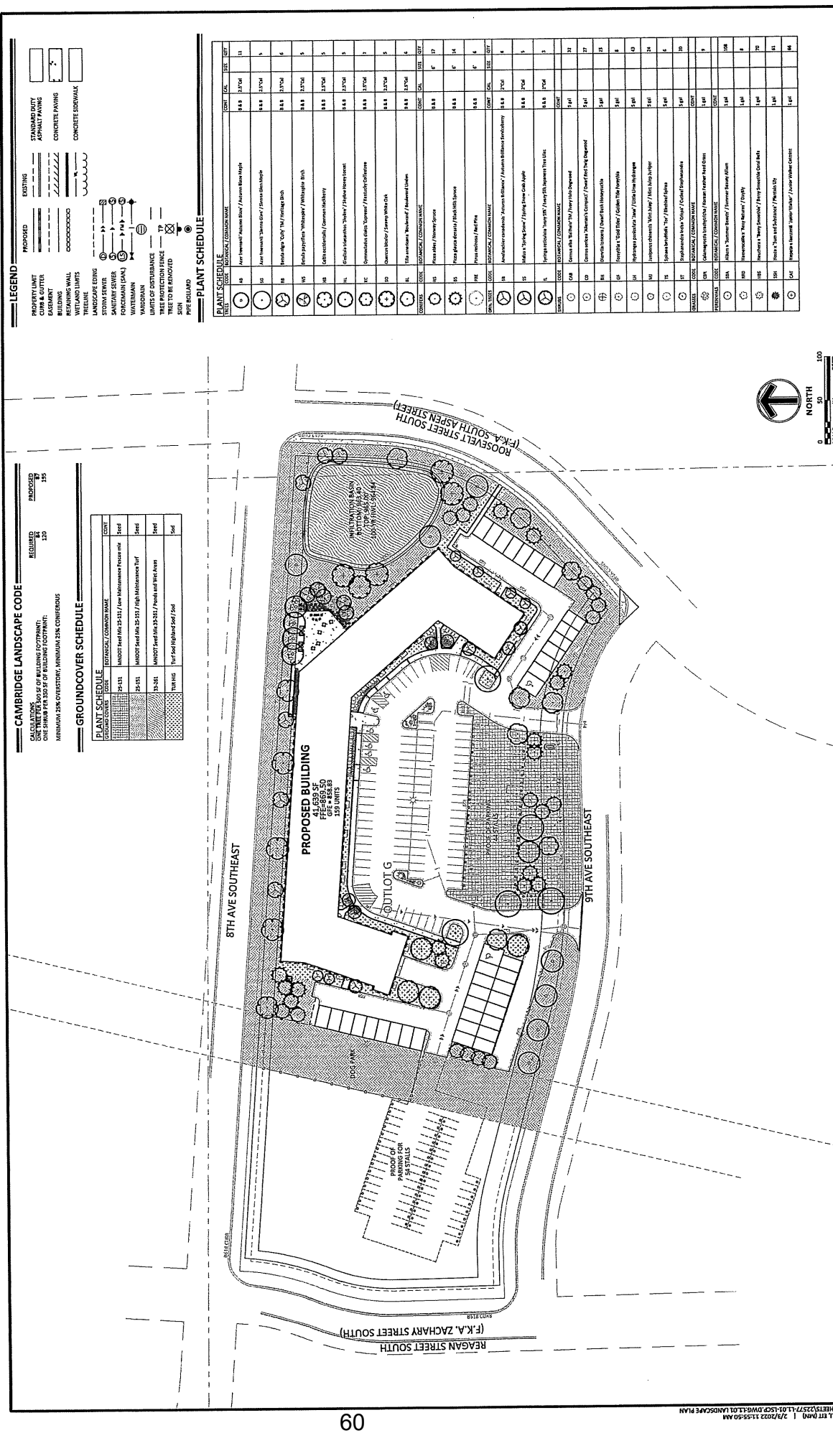
James A. Godfrey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Evan C. Vogel, City Administrator





February 3, 2022

Maria Westover  
Community Development Director  
City of Cambridge  
300 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE  
Cambridge, MN 55008



SUBJECT: Request for City Approvals  
Star Cambridge Apartments (Sambatek No. 22577)  
Cambridge, MN

Dear Ms. Westover,

Congratulations to the staff and leadership at the City of Cambridge for being recognized as the Top 10 Hottest Housing Markets of the Twin Cities. Encouraged by the growth initiatives and economic vitality of the City of Cambridge, on behalf of Star Cambridge Apartments Manager, LLC., we respectfully present the application packet for the proposed Star Cambridge Apartments project. Based on our pre-development meeting with the City staff last month, our application packet includes a Zoning application, Subdivision Approval and Site Plan Review for the City's consideration. The subject property is located in the SE quadrant of Regan Street S. and 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE. The property is platted as Outlot G, Parkwood on the Lakes 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition and consist of 7.28 acres of land.

The project proposes the development of a four story, 159-unit multi-family luxury apartment project in full compliance with the density. The project is situated on the 7.28-acre parcel with access from 9<sup>th</sup> Street SE. The apartment complex will include a mix of studio, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom apartments. The project proposes 119 underground parking stalls, 40 detached garage stalls and 101 surface parking stalls. On-site amenities will include a party room, fitness center and media room. A large outdoor patio is proposed from the party room. Other amenities include children play area, dog park, and pet spa.

In an effort to draw young generation, active adults, and seniors from not only the City of Cambridge but the Primary Market Area beyond the City limits, we are proposing a modern luxury apartment product with underground garage. The architecture will lend itself uniquely as shown on the enclosed elevation views to include stone facia with the first-floor patio elevated few feet above the grade elevation for added security. Because of this architectural enhancement and to make sure the garage elevation is well above the ground water level, we are requesting a variance to allow the project to be few feet over 45 feet height restriction. We believe the underground parking amenity, safety from ground water and security of first floor decks provide an excellent opportunity for the City to grant a code variance regarding height restriction.

Details of our application and submittal is as follows:

**Subject Property Details:**

Address: N/A

PID #: 15.175.0070

Legal Description: Outlot G, Parkwood on the Lakes 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, Isanti County, Minnesota (Abstract Property)

**Submittal Requirements:**

The following information is being submitted for your review as part of our application:

1. Completed Zoning Application Summary Form and Site Plan Review Application
2. Application Fees totaling \$1,670.00 are calculated as follows:
  - a. Variance: \$275.00
  - b. Preliminary Plat: \$500
  - c. Final Plat: \$145.00
  - d. Site Plan Review: \$750.00
3. Four (4) full size and one (1) 11 x 17 Preliminary Development Plans (Existing Conditions Survey, Site Plan, Grading & Erosion Control Plan, Utility Plan, Landscape Plan)
4. Four (4) full size and one (1) 11 x 17 Photometric Plans
5. Four (4) full size and one (1) 11 x 17 Preliminary Plats and Final Plats
6. Four (4) copies of the Preliminary Stormwater Management Plan
7. Four (4) full size and one (1) 11 x 17 colored Architectural elevations
8. Four (4) full size and one (1) 11 x 17 Architectural floorplans

The Development Team is truly excited about introducing this landmark project that's going to be a great addition towards fulfilling the growing housing demand in the City of Cambridge. We appreciate the City's favorable consideration of this application and look forward to working with you on this exciting multi-family project. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this application, please reach me at 763-259-6687 or [emiller@sambatek.com](mailto:emiller@sambatek.com).

Sincerely,



Erik W. Miller, PE  
Vice President

**Overview**

The City has been receiving complaints on two different properties in a residential zoning district. Both properties have 2-yard dumpsters as their regular garbage container rather than the typical 96-gallon containers. We also have a request to keep the dumpsters and allow them in our ordinance. The current language does not distinguish what containers are permitted for residential zoning districts.

Please review the current ordinance language attached, the photos and maps (House A & B), and the emails. We will have further discussion.

**Planning Commission Acton**

Discuss Chapter 50: Garbage and Refuse and discuss the use of dumpsters. Chapter 50 is not required to have a public hearing. Therefore, it is not required to be discussed at the Planning Commission level. However, staff would like the Commission to discuss and give a recommendation to Council.

**Attachments**

1. Excerpt from City Code Chapter 50
2. Photos
3. Emails

Excerpt from:

CHAPTER 50: GARBAGE AND REFUSE

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**GARBAGE AND WASTE DISPOSAL**

**§ 50.01 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**Container.** This term includes refuse, garbage, recycling, and yard waste containers.

**Garbage.** Organic waste resulting from the preparation of food and decayed and spoiled food from any source.

**Recyclables.** This term includes paper, plastic, tin cans, aluminum, motor oil, glass and other metal goods, each separated or otherwise prepared so as to be acceptable to the recycling center where they are to be deposited.

**Recycling Center.** Premises within the city approved by the Council for receipt, storage and process of recyclables and premises outside the city approved as a recycling center by the local governmental unit having jurisdiction.

**Refuse.** This term includes garbage and rubbish but shall not include sewage.

**Rubbish.** Nongarbage solid waste such as tin cans, glass, paper, sweepings, clippings, ash and the like.

**Yard Waste.** Vegetative or organic material produced from the care and maintenance of landscaped areas, gardens and lawns. This includes weeds, leaves, grass clippings, dead flowers and plants, pruned branches and stems, roots, and Christmas trees.



# Excerpt from Chapter 50: Garbage & Refuse

## § 50.02 GENERAL REGULATIONS

- (A) *Accumulation of waste.* Any unauthorized accumulation of refuse on any premises is a nuisance and prohibited.
- (B) *Refuse in streets and the like.* No person shall place any refuse in any street, alley or public place or upon private property except in proper containers for collection or other lawful disposal. No person shall throw or deposit refuse in any stream or other body of water.
- (C) *Scatter of refuse.* No person shall deposit anywhere within the city any refuse in such manner that it may be carried or deposited by the elements upon any public place or any other premises within the city.
- (D) *Burying of refuse.* No person shall bury any refuse in the city except in an approved sanitary landfill.
- (E) *Composting Materials.*
- (1) Compost must be fully confined within fencing or an enclosed structure no larger than 4 feet high and 250 cubic feet in area.
  - (2) Compost shall not be located in the front yard and must be located at least 5 feet from side and rear property lines.
  - (3) Compost materials shall be regularly mixed and shall not include items such as meat, bones, grease, whole eggs, dairy products and feces.
  - (4) Compost materials which cause undue odor or rodent harborage may be removed as directed by the City.

## § 50.03 DISPOSAL REQUIRED

Every person shall, in a sanitary manner, store and dispose of refuse that may accumulate upon property owned or occupied by him or her in accordance with the terms of this subchapter. Garbage shall be collected or otherwise lawfully disposed of at least once every two weeks. The owner of any property shall be responsible for keeping such property in accordance with this subchapter and free from refuse violations including vacant land and property.



## § 50.04 CONTAINERS

- (A) *General requirement.* In all zoning districts, all waste material, debris, refuse, recycling materials or garbage shall be properly stored in a closed container designed for such purposes and screened in accordance with this section. No refuse materials may be stored outside of the

containers. All normal accumulations of refuse shall be deposited in such containers, except that leaves, trimmings from shrubs, grass clippings, shavings, excelsior and other rubbish of similar volume and weight may be stored in closed containers not meeting the requirements of division (B) of this section and be properly collected, removed, and disposed.

(B) *Container requirements.* Each container shall be watertight, shall be impervious to insects and rodents and shall be fireproof. Containers shall be maintained in good and sanitary condition. Any container not conforming to the requirements of this chapter, having ragged or sharp edges or any other defect likely to hamper or injure the person collecting the contents shall be promptly replaced after notice by the city.

(C) *Screening and Placement.* All trash handling, recyclable material containers and equipment, except those containers used by a one or two family dwelling in connection with the municipal refuse collection service or those containers used on a temporary basis for a construction or disposal activity, shall be fully enclosed by a gated opaque fence or wall of a sufficient height to completely screen such containers from eye-level view by all adjoining properties and all streets. Refuse or recyclable material containers shall be located within rear or interior side yards. No refuse or recyclable material containers shall be located within any front or corner side yard except if they are stored immediately in front of and adjacent to the garage on a residential property and as identified in (1) below.

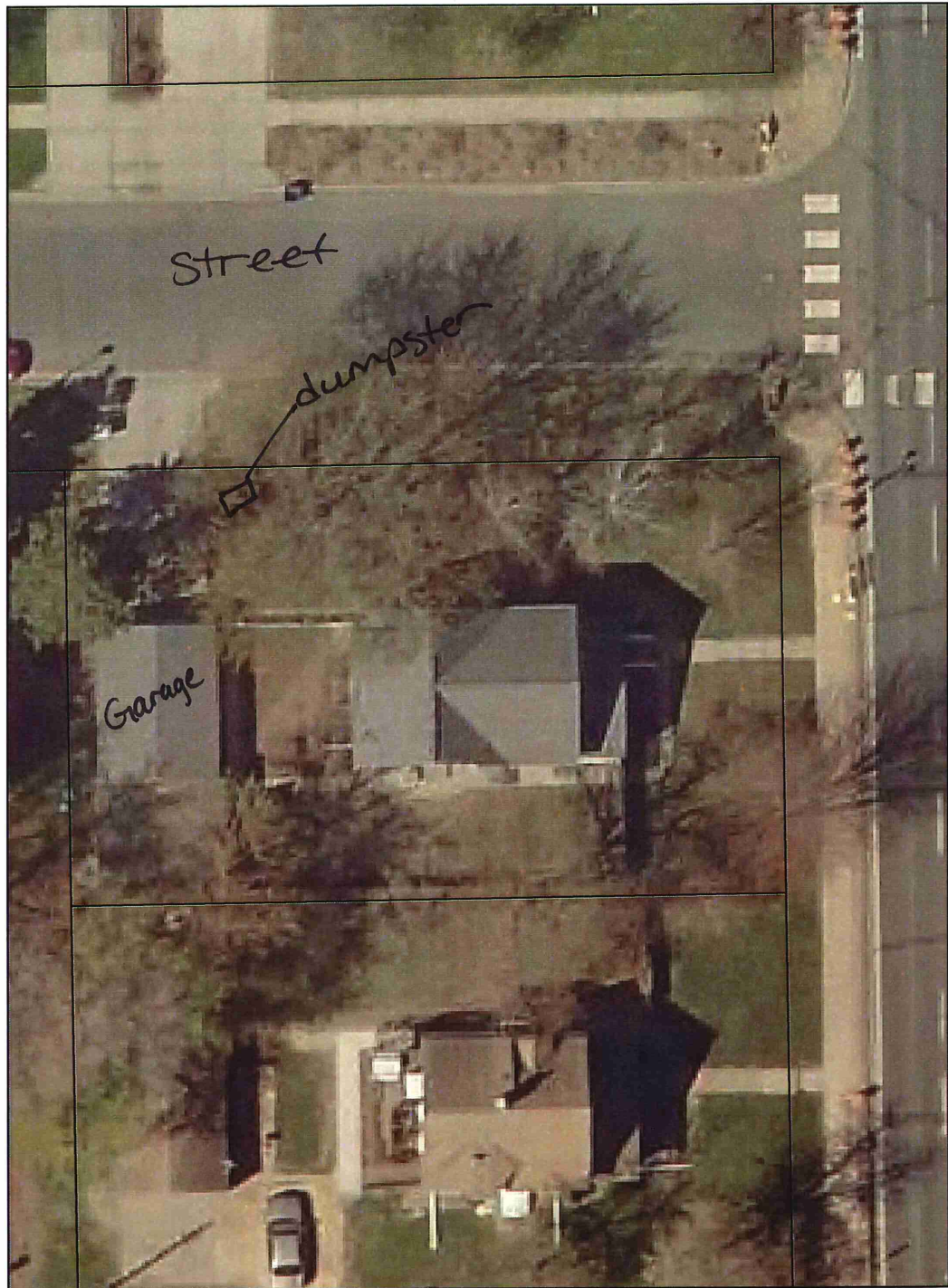
(1) *One and two Family Residences* The total number of containers stored outdoors shall be limited to four containers. Only three of the containers may be visibly stored immediately in front of and adjacent to the garage. Any other containers must be screened from eye-level view by all adjacent properties and all streets when being stored outdoors. If a residence has more than four (4) containers, then those must be stored in an enclosed building.

(D) *Curb Collection.* The container(s) shall be placed at the front property line for collection but shall not be so placed before 8:00 p.m. the night before collection and shall be removed by 8:00 p.m. the day of collection.

(E) *Use of containers.* Refuse shall be drained of liquid and household garbage shall be wrapped before being deposited in a container. Highly inflammable or explosive material shall not be placed in containers.



House A



House A map



House B



House B map

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:43 AM  
**To:** Marcia Westover  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Dumpster progress  
**Attachments:** RB2021-00003 Refuse Container.pdf

Hi Marcia,

The dumpster noted in this e-mail from Carrie is still sitting next to the street. It is 2/11/2022. One day beyond the deadline to remove it, and over 3 months since the resident was given their first notice.

At this point the resident should be getting a \$200.00 fine.

We have been looking at this dumpster for a long time. Not only are they in violation of the ordinance in this regards, but we also believe they may be in violation of how many non-family members are residing there. We do not have confirmation on this, but based on the number of vehicles in the driveway, and the amount of people coming and going, it seems pretty apparent they are in violation.

We know sometimes it takes time working through the city to get things into compliance. That is fine. But we are getting very frustrated with this.

I can only imagine the fuss that would be created if this was happening in some of the more "upscale" neighborhoods in town.

Yes, we are frustrated..

Complaint

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:27 AM  
**To:** Marcia Westover  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Dumpster

Marcia,

6:15 this morning and the garbage truck is banging away as it empties the dumpster across the street. What do we, as citizens, have to do to expedite the removal of the dumpster?  
Or, have them move the dumpster behind their fence.

We anticipate the neighbors' answer is that they have to wait until the weather improves to make the changes to get the dumpster behind their fence. Of course, this is something they had plenty of time to do when they were contacted about the dumpster last October.

The house at the south end of their block has 2 dumpsters in plain site.

The neighborhood

*Complaint*



**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 8:24 AM

**To:** Carri Levitski <[CLevitski@ci.cambridge.mn.us](mailto:CLevitski@ci.cambridge.mn.us)>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Dumpster progress

Hey Carrie,

Any progress on the DUMPSTER issue?

We were reminded of it early in the morning when the garbage truck emptied it.

..... Considerably louder than regular residential garbage containers.

Complaint

# From a resident who wants dumpsters allowed

**To:** Carri Levitski <CLevitski@ci.cambridge.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Garbage services.

Good afternoon Carri,

As we spoke yesterday about dumpster service, I would like to see if the verbage can change to allow a 2yard dumpster in residential areas.

I believe when we spoke we both made good points to adapting to change in the city and it's ordinances.

A resolution to this could take on many forms one being: only allowing 2 yard dumpsters in a BT zoned area vs all residentially zoned areas without regard to property usage. This would be more of a start small approach.

Or

Allowing 2 yard dumpsters in all residential areas.

Or

Allowing them east of 65 or RR tracks, since this area as the alley access and more rental/duplex's.

I think it will be easier to accommodate the older side of town with the access of alleys so they wouldn't be in the front of houses like over in the Joe's lake developments but I think if approved proper screening can be a solution for that area or both.

The math we did yesterday looks to benefit the consumer by 20 gallons with a 2 yard vs (4) 96 gallon cans.

The other added benefit to allowing 2 yard dumpsters is the amount of pick up, typically dumpsters are picked up bi-weekly instead of weekly like can service, reducing the amount of wear and tear on city streets an ally's.

Thanks,