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113B.01. Ducks Limited. Subdivision 1. 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 subdivision 2, no permit shall be issued for the keeping or harboring of more than three hen ducks on any premises.

Subd. 2. A permit may be issued for the keeping or harboring of up to 12 hen 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.

113B.011. Definitions. The term “Duck Coop” means a structure for housing ducks made of wood or other similar materials that provides shelter from the elements. The term “Duck Run” means an enclosed outside yard for keeping ducks. The term “Premises” means any platted lot or group of contiguous lots, parcels or tracts of land.

113B.02. 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 chapter 113B following written notice. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged for each permit which will be valid until December 31 of the following year.

113B.03. 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.

113B.04. Duck Coops. Subdivision 1. 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

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ducks to contact the ground. Duck feed and manure must be kept in rodent and raccoon proof containers and must not be placed in yard compost piles.

113B.05. Conditions. No person who owns, keeps or harbors ducks shall permit the premises where the 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.

113B.06. Violations. Any person who keeps or harbors ducks in the city limits of Rochester 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.

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