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State	City	Chickens Allowed	Roosters allowed	Max Chickens Allowed	Permit required	Coop Restrictions
Alabama	Montgomery	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	"All livestock shall be properly housed with adequate food and water and confined within a fenced enclosure or secure building of sufficient size. The fenced enclosure or secured building shall be maintained in such a manner as to keep any average livestock Animal of the same type from escaping the enclosed area." (Ord. No. 29-2001, § II(5-31), 6-21-2001)
Alaska	Anchorage	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Alaska	Juneau	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Cannot run at large
Arizona	Phoenix	Yes	No	20	No	coop needs to be 80 feet from residence
Arkansas	Little Rock	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	"For turkeys, four (4) square feet per animal over four (4) months of age. For chickens and similar fowl, three (3) square feet per bird over four (4) months of age." and "chickens or similar fowls must be kept at least five (5) feet from owner's residence as well as twenty-five (25) feet from the House of the nearest neighbor."
California	Sacramento	Yes	Zoning restrictions Apply	Yes	No	Proximity, noise, sanitation, zoning restrictions apply.
California	San Francisco	Yes	Yes	4	No	Where the coops or enclosures are located on the outside of or on top of any buildings, premises or structures, the coops or enclosures shall be not less than 20 feet from Any door or window of any building used for human habitation.
Colorado	Denver	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Needs to be clean
Connecticut	Hartford	No	No	Unknown	No	No
Delaware	Dover	Yes	Unknown	25	No	Coop needs to be 20 feet from any lot line.
Florida	Tallahassee	Yes	Yes	No, 1 rooster	No	20 feet to neighboring dwellings.
Georgia	Atlanta	Yes	Yes	25 birds	No	5 feet from owner's dwellings, 50 from neighbors.
Hawaii	Honolulu	Yes	No	2	No	
Idaho	Boise	Yes	No	3	No	None
Illinois	Chicago	Yes	No	Unknown	No	Must be clean and sanitary
Illinois	Springfield	Yes	Unknown	Varies by zone	Yes	
Indiana	Indianapolis	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	
Iowa	Des Moines	Yes	Yes	25 for the first acre 50 per additional acre.	No	Must be 25 feet from neighbors, of sufficient size as decided by Breed associations, and may not be in front yard
Kansas	Topeka	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	50 feet from residences
Kansas	Wichita	Yes	No	12	No for less than 3.	10 feet from any property, 50 feet of an adjacent dwelling.
Kentucky	Lexington	Yes	No	Unknown	No	Chicken can't run at large
Kentucky	Louisville	Yes	Yes	5 Non-crowing birds And 1 Rooster	No	All crowing and non-crowing poultry must be kept on tracts or lots of at least half an acre or more. You can have one crowing and Five non-crowing birds on less than half an acre.
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	Yes	No	3	No	
Louisiana	New Orleans	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	
Maine	Augusta	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Cannot run at large
Maryland	Baltimore	Yes	No	4	Yes	Coop needs to be portable and moved frequently. 25 feet to residences, 2 sqft/hen for pens with feed and nesting boxes, Shade during warm weather
Massachusetts	Boston	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Yes: The fee for an annual permit to keep poultry granted by the Board of Health and Hospitals under subsection 16-1.8 shall be a primary fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars and an additional fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars for each fifty (50) kept.	

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Michigan	Detroit	No	No	Unknown	Unknown	
Michigan	Lansing	Yes	No	5	No	(ii) Chickens must be kept in an enclosure so constructed or repaired as to keep the chickens confined on the owner's property, and to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being Harbored underneath, within, or within the walls of the enclosure;
Minnesota	Saint Paul	Yes	No	3 chickens = \$25, more than 3 = \$72 annually	Yes. Written approval from 75% of owners and/or renters of privately and/or publicly Owned real estate within 150 feet + fees	Construction needs to follow current building code regulations
Mississippi	Jackson	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	
Missouri	Jefferson City	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	coop within 100ft of another person's house unless you have written permission from that Owner stating it's okay.
Montana	Helena	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	twenty five feet (25') of the dwelling of another person
Montana	Missoula	Yes	No	6	Yes. \$15/year	Coop needs to be covered, predator-proof chicken house that is thoroughly ventilated, of sufficient size to admit free movement of the chickens, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owners and be at least 2 square feet per chicken in size. No chicken house shall be located closer than 20 feet to any residential structure occupied by someone other than the chicken owner, custodian, or keeper. The chickens shall be shut into
Nebraska	Lincoln	Yes	No	For 1 acre or less: Min.3 Max 20  For each additional acre : 2 times the numbers	Yes. \$50/year	<del>the chicken house at night, from sunset to sunrise.</del> The owner of any large or small animal or fowl shall keep all pens, enclosures, and shelter structures wherein such animals or fowl are kept in a clean and sanitary condition so as not to give off offensive odors which are a source of discomfort to persons residing in the vicinity thereof. The owner of any large or small animal or fowl shall not allow offal, manure, and waste material of such animal to accumulate or remain in the pens, enclosures, and shelter areas, excluding pasture acreage, upon which such animal or fowl resides or is confined in any manner which is conducive to the breeding or attraction of flies, mosquitoes, or other noxious insects or in any manner which endangers the public health or safety or which creates an unhealthy environment. The maintenance or permitting of any of the foregoing conditions on any such lot or parcel of ground is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The owner of any large or small animal or fowl shall in a sanitary manner remove or dispose of all offal, manure, and waste material accumulating from such animal or fowl at least once every seven days. The flooring or pads of all such pens, enclosures, and shelters shall be of a hard-surface material if the total area of the premises is less than 7,500 square feet. It shall be the duty of the Director to enforce the provisions of this Chapter. (Ord. 15515 \$5; April 9, 1990)
Nevada	Carson City	Yes	Unknown	4	Yes	
Nevada	Las Vegas	Yes	No	Unknown	Unknown	Needs to be clean and free from offensive odors.

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New Hampshire	Concord	Yes	No	A lot where poultry is kept or raised as pets shall be a minimum of one (1) acre in size and up to five (5) fowl may be accommodated on the minimum lot. There shall be an additional one-fifth (1/5) acre of lot area provided For each additional fowl.	No	Where livestock or poultry is kept or raised and is intended to be housed, the buildings for such purposes, as well as animal feedlots and manure storage areas, shall be located not less than one hundred fifty (150) feet from any property boundary of an adjacent property which is not in the same ownership as the premises on which the livestock or poultry is intended to be raised. Buildings for the raising or housing of poultry, shall be designed and constructed to provide a minimum of six (6) square feet per animal. In addition, there shall be twenty (20) square feet of exercise yard per animal, and one hundred (100) Square feet of pasture area provided per animal kept or raised
New Jersey	Buffalo	Yes	Unknown	4	No	
New Jersey	Newark	Yes	Yes	6	No	Minimum property lot of 4 acres, and needs to be fenced.
New Jersey	Trenton	Yes	Unknown	50	Yes. \$25/year (need to be renewed on april 30 <sup>th</sup> )	25 feet of any structure owned by another and used for Human habitation. Needs to be kept clean, as well as the feeding area.
New Mexico	Albuquerque	Yes	Yes	15. Max 1 rooster	No	
New Mexico	Santa Fe	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	
New York	Albany	No	No	Unknown	Unknown	
New York	New York City	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	Needs to be clean
North Carolina	Raleigh	Yes	No	4	No	Unknown
North Dakota	Bismarck	No	No			
Ohio	Columbus	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	100 feet from street line.
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	Chapter 8-41 states regarding Confinement of livestock and domesticated fowl required: It shall be unlawful for any person who owns or harbors any livestock or domesticated fowl other than homing pigeons to fail to securely confine the same to property owned or controlled by him. (Ord. No. 23145, § 2, 10-3-06) Chapter 9350.8 states regarding Animal Raising: Commercial (59-8150.3) and Animal Raising: Personal (59-8150.5). G. No rooster shall be tethered closer than 400 feet to any dwelling, church, school building or place of business on adjacent properties. H. No enclosure in which roosters are quartered shall be located closer than 400 feet to any dwelling, church, School building or place of business on adjacent properties.
Oregon	Portland	Yes	No	Three or less without permit	Yes if more than three	
Oregon	Salem	Yes	Unknown	3	Yes, \$50	Needs to be 20 feet from adjacent dwellings and 10 feet from owner's house. Coop cannot be greater than 120 sq ft.
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	Needs to be clean

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Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	Yes	Unknown	5 animals (including dogs and cats)	Unknown	<p>No person being the owner or in charge of any chickens, geese, ducks, turkey or other fowl shall permit the same to run at large upon any public place, unenclosed lands or the premises of another.</p> <p>(a) No person shall keep or harbor any dog, cat or other animal in the City so as to create offensive odors, excessive noise or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort or safety of the public, or otherwise permit the commission or existence of a nuisance as defined herein. (b) Any dog, cat or other animal, which by frequent and habitual barking, howling, screeching, yelping or baying, or in any way or manner disturbs the quiet of any person or the community, or which disturbs or endangers the comfort, repose or health of persons, is hereby declared to be committing a nuisance. No owner or person having custody of the animal shall harbor or permit it to commit a nuisance. (c) Any dog, cat or other animal which scratches, digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of the animal, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. (d) No person being the owner or in charge or control of any dog, cat or other animal shall permit the animal to commit a nuisance on any school grounds, City park or other public property, or upon any private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of the dog, cat or other animal without the permission of the owner of the property. Where the owner or person in charge or control of the animal immediately removes all feces deposited by the animal and disposes of same in a sanitary manner, the type of nuisance</p>
Rhode Island	Providence	No	No	Unknown	Unknown	
South Carolina	Columbia	Yes	No	4 hens on a single premise	<p>Yes.</p> <p>a.</p> <p>A zoning permit for an accessory structure from the planning and development services department; and</p> <p>b.</p> <p>A certificate of inspection from the animal control division, issued pursuant to this section, for which an annual inspection fee of \$5.00 per bird shall be paid, and for which an acknowledgment of the receipt of an informational presentation on proper hen raising, coop design And maintenance shall</p>	<p>Such hens must be confined in a coop not less than 18 inches in height and with a minimum square feet of floor area of two square feet per hen over four months of age, connected to a run of not less than nine square feet for one bird; 12 square feet for two birds; 16 square feet for three birds; or 20 square feet for four birds over four months of age, which shall be fully enclosed. Coops must be completely enclosed and constructed in a uniform manner of a sturdy material that provides protection from potential predators and the elements and properly ventilated. Runs must be constructed of a fencing material that prevents potential predators from getting in and prevents the hens from escaping.</p> <p>The run must be well drained so there is no accumulation of chicken excrement and shall be cleaned regularly with all droppings and excretion disposed of in a manner so as not to cause an odor or attract flies, unless otherwise disposed of in accordance with any federal, state or local health regulations.</p> <p>Coops must be screened from the side or rear lot line by shrubbery or a privacy fence if it comes within 25 feet of the property line And/or 50 feet of the nearest residence other than that of the owner.</p>
South Dakota	Pierre	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	Cannot run at large
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	No	No	Unknown	Unknown	
Tennessee	Memphis	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	<p>No animal or fowl shall be kept or confined where the water, shelter, ventilation and food are not sufficient and wholesome for the preservation of its health and safe condition. No animal or fowl shall be kept in such place or condition as to become a nuisance either because of odor or contagion of disease.</p> <p>It is unlawful for any person in charge of any animal, including, but not limited to cattle, swine, sheep, horses, mules, goats or any offensive animal, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys or other fowl, to permit it to run at large upon any street, alley or unenclosed lot within the city.</p> <p>No person shall keep chickens within the metropolitan government Area in such a manner that a nuisance is created.</p> <p>Chicken cannot run at large</p>
Tennessee	Nashville	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	

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Texas	Austin	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	<p>§ 3-2-16 ENCLOSURE FOR FOWL.</p> <p>An enclosure used to keep two or more fowl must be located at least 50 feet from a residence or business, excluding the residence or business of the fowl's owner or handler.</p>
Texas	Houston	Yes, for public showing, commercial purposes or Medical reason	No	No more than 30 chickens, or 30 turkeys, or 30 geese, or 30 ducks, or 30 pea-fowls, or 30 rabbits, or 30 guinea pigs, and no more than 40 of any combination of such chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, pea-fowls, rabbits and guinea pigs shall be kept upon any lot or enclosure of the size of 65 by 125 feet or less. In the event that such fowl or animals are kept in a larger enclosure, the number so kept and maintained may be increased only in the ratio that the above figures of 30 and 40 bear to the increase in the square footage of such larger enclosure.	Yes	<p>Source: 1992 Code Section 3-2-26; Ord. 031009-9; Ord. 031211-11.</p> <p>Pens, hutches, or houses or any enclosure in which fowl, rabbits or guinea pigs are kept must be cleaned and disinfected daily, must be limed every two days and must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.</p> <p>Litter and droppings from such fowl, rabbits and guinea pigs must be collected daily and stored in a flytight container and hauled away at intervals of not to exceed seven days. Rabbit and guinea pig hutches must have traps or floors to keep droppings or urine From such animals off the ground.</p>
Utah	Salt Lake City	Yes	No	Such larger enclosure.	Yes, \$5/chicken. Max \$40/year	<p>Chickens shall be confined within a secure outdoor enclosed area.</p> <p>1. The enclosed area shall include a covered, ventilated, and predator-resistant chicken coop.</p> <p>a. The coop shall have a minimum floor area of at least two (2) square feet per chicken.</p> <p>b. If chickens are not allowed to roam within an enclosed area outside the coop, the coop shall have a minimum floor area of six (6) square feet per chicken.</p> <p>2. The coop shall be located in a rear yard at least twenty-five (25) feet from any dwelling located on an adjacent lot.</p> <p>a. The coop and enclosed area shall be maintained in a neat and sanitary condition and shall be maintained as provided in Section 8.08.070 of this chapter.</p> <p>b. No chicken shall be permitted to roam outside the coop or enclosed area.</p> <p>3. Chicken feed shall be stored and dispensed in rodent-proof and predator-proof containers.</p>
Vermont	Burlington	Yes	Unknown	3	No	
Vermont	Montpelier	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	<p>It shall be unlawful for any person to keep poultry in the city limits, unless the poultry is confined in a properly fenced enclosure in Such a manner that the poultry cannot escape therefrom.</p>
Virginia	Richmond	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	No	<p>(b)</p> <p>No person shall keep, place or maintain fowl on any parcel of real property in the city which contains less than 50,000 square feet in area.</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>All fowl shall be kept in securely and suitably fenced areas, and no fenced area or pen for fowl shall be permitted closer than 500 feet to any house or other building used for residential purposes by anyone other than the person maintaining such fowl or such person's immediate family.</p> <p>(d)</p> <p>Every person maintaining any area for keeping fowl shall keep it clean, sanitary and free from refuse.</p> <p>All feed or other material intended for consumption by birds shall be kept in containers impenetrable by rats or other rodents, and such containers shall be equipped with tightly fitting caps or lids.</p>

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Washington	Seattle	Yes	No	Domestic Fowl. Up to eight domestic Fowl may be kept on any lot in addition to the small animals permitted in subsection 23.42.052.A.  1. On lots greater than 10,000 square feet that include either a community garden or an urban farm, one additional fowl is permitted for every 1,000 square feet of lot area over 10,000 square feet in Community garden or urban farm use.	No	Structures housing domestic fowl must be located at least 10 feet away from any structure that includes a dwelling unit on an adjacent lot.
West Virginia	Charleston	Yes	No	3	Unknown	Needs to be clean
Wisconsin	Madison	Yes	No	4	Yes. \$10/year	All buildings and basement walls of all storerooms, warehouses, residences or other buildings within the City, all chicken yards or pens, chicken coops or houses, and all barns and stables, shall be so constructed or repaired as to prevent rats from being harbored underneath the same or within the walls thereof, and all food products or other products, goods, wares, and merchandise likely to attract or to become infested with or infected by rats, whether kept for sale or for any other purpose, shall be so protected as to prevent rats from gaining access thereto or coming in contact therewith.  (1) No person shall keep any ducks, geese, pigeons, birds, or other fowl within the City of Madison in any unsanitary condition or within such proximity of dwelling houses or in any manner so as to be a nuisance.
Wyoming	Cheyenne	No, but may be Allowed for showing Provided, that the proper licenses and permits for the event Have been Obtained from the city.	No	No	Yes	