

Summary of Urban Chicken Regulations for Minnesota Cities

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Common Regulatory Categories

- **Hen Limit** – Maximum number of hens allowed
- **Roosters** – Whether roosters are permitted
- **Coop/Run Setbacks** – Minimum distance requirements from property lines or neighboring structures
- **Permit or License** – Required permits, licenses, fees, or inspections
- **Special Conditions** – Additional restrictions or unique requirements

Blaine (Anoka County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 5 feet from side and rear property lines; 30 feet from dwellings
- **Permit or License:** \$65 permit required

Bloomington (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 30 feet from lot lines; 50 feet from neighboring dwellings
- **Permit or License:** No permit required
- **Special Conditions:** Not permitted on properties with three or more residential units

Brooklyn Center (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 5 feet from property lines; 30 feet from dwellings
- **Permit or License:** No permit required

Burnsville (Dakota County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Rear yard only; 50 feet from adjacent structures; 10 feet from side and rear property lines
- **Permit or License:** No permit required

Center City (Chisago County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 5 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Rear yard placement required; zoning district setbacks apply
- **Permit or License:** \$25 annual permit required

Centerville (Anoka County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Zoning district setbacks apply
- **Permit or License:** \$75 annual permit required
- **Special Conditions:** Minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet required

Chaska (Carver County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 20 feet from residential structures
- **Permit or License:** \$100 two-year permit; \$50 renewal

Coon Rapids (Anoka County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Rear yard only; minimum 10 feet from side and rear property lines; 30 feet from adjacent homes
- **Permit or License:** \$130 permit required

Cottage Grove (Washington County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Rear yard only; minimum 10 feet from side and rear property lines
- **Permit or License:** \$100 permit required
- **Special Conditions:** Poultry keeping course required

Crystal (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens; maximum 10 combined hens, ducks, and rabbits
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 5 feet from lot lines; coop must be closer to owner's dwelling than neighboring dwellings

- **Permit or License:** No permit required

Duluth (St. Louis County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 5 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 25 feet from neighboring dwellings
- **Permit or License:** \$12 annual license required

Eagan (Dakota County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 10 feet from rear lot line; 5 feet from side lot line; 25 feet from residential structures
- **Permit or License:** \$50 annual fee and inspection required

Eagle Lake (Blue Earth County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 8 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 5 feet from rear and side property lines; 15 feet from dwellings
- **Permit or License:** \$75 permit required
- **Special Conditions:** Consent from 75% of adjacent property owners required

Eden Prairie (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 10 feet from property lines; 50 feet from neighboring homes
- **Permit or License:** One-time \$75 registration fee
- **Special Conditions:** Allowed only on R-1 or rural lots

Edina (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Permit or License:** No permit required

Farmington (Dakota County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens on lots under 2.5 acres
- **Roosters:** Prohibited on lots under 2.5 acres
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 60 feet from property lines; 300 feet from dwellings
- **Permit or License:** \$100 two-year administrative permit; \$40 renewal
- **Special Conditions:** Adjacent property owners notified upon application

Golden Valley (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 10 feet from principal dwelling and property lines; 50 feet from neighboring principal dwellings
- **Permit or License:** \$75 initial inspection and \$25 annual license fee

Hopkins (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Rear yard only; minimum 10 feet from side and rear property lines; 3 feet from alley-adjacent rear property lines
- **Permit or License:** \$150 license required; valid while license holder occupies property

Lake Crystal (Blue Earth County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 5 feet from rear and side property lines
- **Permit or License:** Adjacent property owner consent required
- **Special Conditions:** Hens must be leg-banded for identification

Lakeville (Dakota County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 3 hens (varies by lot size)
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 20 feet from lot lines
- **Permit or License:** \$100 permit required

Maple Grove (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens on lots between 1 and 1.5 acres; additional hens allowed on larger lots
- **Roosters:** Prohibited

- **Special Conditions:** Permitted only in R-A or R-1 zoning districts

Minneapolis (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** 1–30 hens depending on permit tier
- **Roosters:** Allowed with neighbor consent
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 15 feet from property lines
- **Permit or License:** Permit, annual renewal, neighbor consent, and education course required; fees vary by number of chickens

Minnetonka (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Rear yard only; minimum 10 feet from residential structures
- **Permit or License:** \$35 multiple animal permit required

Moorhead (Clay County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens; up to 12 on rural lots of one acre or more
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Rear yard only
- **Permit or License:** \$10 annual permit required

North St. Paul (Ramsey County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 15 feet from property lines
- **Permit or License:** \$25 annual license required

Plymouth (Hennepin County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 20 feet from all property lines
- **Permit or License:** \$100 two-year license; no-fee renewal required

Rochester (Olmsted County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 3 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Permit or License:** Permit and coop diagram required

Rosemount (Dakota County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 5 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 10 feet from primary structures; 20 feet from property lines
- **Permit or License:** \$100 initial fee; \$50 annual renewal

St. Paul (Ramsey County)

- **Hen Limit:**
 - Tier 1: Up to 6 hens with neighbor notification
 - Tier 2: Up to 15 hens with petition signed by 75% of neighbors within 150 feet
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 15 feet from property lines
- **Permit or License:** Annual permit required

St. Peter (Nicollet County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 7 feet from property lines; 25 feet from neighboring structures
- **Permit or License:** \$50 initial permit and inspection; \$5 renewal

Shoreview (Ramsey County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens on lots 2 acres or smaller; additional hens possible with conditional use permit on larger lots
- **Roosters:** Prohibited on lots 2 acres or smaller
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 5 feet from side property lines; 10 feet from rear property lines
- **Permit or License:** \$30 two-year license required

Stillwater (Washington County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 5 hens or combination of fowl
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 10 feet from rear yard line; 20 feet from neighboring dwellings
- **Permit or License:** \$50 two-year permit required
- **Special Conditions:** Neighbor notification required within 150 feet; objections may require City Council review; allowed only in RA/RB zoning districts

White Bear Lake (Ramsey County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 4 hens or 100 pigeons
- **Roosters:** Prohibited
- **Coop/Run Setbacks:** Minimum 5 feet from property lines; 50 feet from neighboring habitable structures unless neighbor agreement obtained
- **Permit or License:** \$75 permit; no renewal required

Woodbury (Washington County)

- **Hen Limit:** Up to 6 hens on properties 3.99 acres or smaller; additional hens allowed on larger lots
- **Roosters:** Allowed on properties larger than 5 acres
- **Permit or License:** No permit required