



AGENDA

**City Council Work Session
Monday, May 26, 2026
Council Chambers
(following the Regular Meeting at 6 p.m.)**

1. Discussion Regarding Chicken Regulations in Minnesota Cities.
2. 2025 Year End and 2026 First Quarter Budget to Actuals.
3. Adjournment



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

City Council Work Session

1.

Meeting Date: 05/26/2026

Agenda Item:

Discussion Regarding Chicken Regulations in Minnesota Cities.

Recommendation/Action(s):

As a result of the discussion, City Staff will be looking for direction from the Council on possible next steps.

Summary:

In 2023, the City Council provided work direction that City Staff should complete research regarding Backyard Chicken regulations in other cities. Attached is a document that provides a high-level summary of regulations in select cities. This research does not cover every MN city.

Most cities have the requirement that coops and runs require a building or fence permits for their initial construction and include language regarding rodent-proof food containers, that the City may inspect after a permit or license is issued, and that noise and/or smell from the animals may be considered a nuisance.

In discussion with several communities, there are few complaints and few properties that require follow-up inspections. A few of the cities have shared that they have had a permit or license that needed to be revoked. Very few cities reported situations where a complaint regarding a permit or license could not be addressed through their code enforcement techniques. While rare, the research did identify a few problem situations – this said, it was very limited.

Attachments

Summary of Chicken Research

Summary of Urban Chicken Regulations for Minnesota Cities

Updated May 2026

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



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City Council Work Session

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Meeting Date: 05/26/2026

Agenda Item:

2025 Year End and 2026 First Quarter Budget to Actuals.

Recommendation/Action(s):

Report will be provided at the meeting.

Summary:

A report on the 2025-year end and 2026 first quarter budget to actuals will be provided along with an update on some of the Capital Improvement Projects.

Specifically, we wish to give the Council an update on the Air Traffic Control Tower project funding. As the City Council is aware, we were recently awarded \$3.5 Million in Congressionally Directed Spending for the project. On May 18, 2026, the MN Legislature approved our request for \$1.265 Million toward the local match on the project. On May 18, the City also received notice from the FAA on the status of our grant application for the Tower's construction; we were awarded \$5 Million. The total anticipated cost of the project is more than \$26 million.

Staff are continuing discussions with our partners anticipating the Work Session Discussion on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.
