

Backyard Chicken Ordinances Survey Results										
Municipality	Chickens Allowed?	Lot Size	Setback	Enclosure Requirements	Use Restrictions	Quantity Allowed	Nuisance/Predators issues	Cap on lots with chickens?	License needed?	Allow for "tractor coops"?
Village of Bartlett	Yes	6000 sq ft minimum, Residential lots only	10' from all lot lines, rear yard only	The structure shall contain insulated walls and/or an insulated blanket shall cover the structure during the winter months	Outdoor area required of 6 sf per chicken, max of 100 sf permitted for both the covered enclosure and outdoor area	4 Hens, no Roosters	No	Limits to 25 lots. Issued 15 total, have 6 active licenses	Yes	Have not had a request for this. However, they do require the location to be shown on the plat, to verify the setbacks, and therefore would most likely not allow this.
Village of Bensenville	Yes	There are no lot size requirements; however, chickens are only permitted on lots located within single-unit dwelling residential districts.	Chicken coops are only allowed in the rear yard, and must be located a minimum of 10' from any lot line and 10' from the principal structure.	i. The maximum height of a chicken coop is eight feet. Structure must provide a minimum of four square feet of floor area per hen. ii. Coops are prohibited inside a residential unit or attached garage. iii. Any chicken run associated with a chicken coop shall be fully enclosed to ensure that all hens are confined. iv. Coops shall be maintained in a manner that provides adequate lighting and ventilation, and protects chickens from cold weather, precipitation, rodents, predators, and trespassers. Chicken coops must be maintained in a sanitary condition and shall be cleaned of droppings, uneaten feed, feathers, and other waste so as not to become a nuisance.	Chickens are only permitted on lots located within single-unit dwelling residential districts.	Up to 4 hens are allowed per lot. Roosters are prohibited. 1 coop allowed per lot.	No	No, have issued 11. They do not have renewal permits, so some may no longer have chickens.	Yes	Yes. Has not been asked about tractor coops.
Village of Burr Ridge	Yes	1 acre	Rear yard only, 10' rear yard setback. Side and corner side setback is equal to the setback of the principal building	Must be less than 150 SF; chickens must be kept inside overnight	No breeding of animals	Four; no roosters	No	No, have less than 10	No	Yes, only focus on setbacks - as long as the item fits in the buildable area and meets the size requirements, have no objection to coops being moved.
City of Darien	Yes	6,000 Square Feet Min.	20 Feet to All Property Lines, rear yard only, 6' privacy fence required	All Chickens Shall be Kept in Coop Consisting of a Covered Enclosure/Structure with an Attached Covered/Enclosed Outdoor Area  An outdoor area a minimum of ten (10) square feet per hen will be required and a maximum of one hundred fifty (150) total square feet will be permitted for both the covered enclosure/structure and outdoor area. The total height of a coop may not exceed seven feet (7').	Perimeter fencing six foot (6') high, privacy/solid fencing shall be required around the entire rear yard.	6 Max.  Roosters are prohibited.	Per Code, 3 violations in a 1-year period will require removal of the coop.	No, have issued 5	Yes	Yes, but noted the practicality of amending the site plan often.
Village of Downers Grove	Yes	none	50' from any property line	All hens kept in the Village shall be entirely confined in a pen, coop, building, or other enclosure at all times. (Ord. No. 3060, § 3.) (Ord. 5384, Renumbered, 05/06/2014)	Any pen, coop, building or other enclosure used for the purpose of housing Hens located within fifty (50) feet of any property line of the property of the owner of such structure may be erected only after obtaining a permit as provided for herein. (Ord. 5384, Add, 05/06/2014)	Except for hens associated with veterinary hospitals, animal shelters, and educational institutions, no person shall keep more than four (4) hens. Roosters shall be prohibited.	Only a few about roosters; the owners then removed the roosters	No. Have issued 24 hen permits since 2014. No renewal permit needed.	If within 50' of the property line	No, due to setbacks
Village of Lemont	Yes	Chickens: 1 acre or more	Chickens: 150' side and rear lot lines; 200' from any residence on another lot	Same as accessory structures		The number of livestock is limited to one per 20,000 square feet of lot area.	No	No, have issued 0 permits	No	
City of Naperville	Yes	no min, based on zoning district	30' for chicken coop from nearest dwelling unit	6' screening from neighbors		8 - no roosters				
Village of Villa Park	Yes	a minimum of six thousand (6,000) square feet	All enclosures/structures shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from all lot lines and may be mobile.	All hens shall be kept within a covered enclosure/structure with an attached covered/enclosed outdoor area to prevent hens from encroaching onto neighboring properties. An outdoor area minimum of four (4) square feet per hen will be required and a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet will be permitted for both the covered enclosure/structure and outdoor area.  The structure shall contain insulated walls and/or an insulated blanket shall cover the structure during the winter months. All hens and enclosures/structures shall be kept/located in the rear yard only.	No	A minimum of two (2) and a maximum of six (6) hens shall be permitted on properties zoned and occupied for single-family residential uses. Roosters are prohibited.	No	50, have issued 33	Yes	Yes, as long as they are in the setbacks

City of Warrenville	Yes	Chickens may be kept on lots of 10,000 square feet or more in any Residential District	The chicken coup and run must be a minimum of 20' from the interior side lot line and 3' from the rear lot line. Additionally, Chicken Coups are only permissible within rear yards.	<p>A chicken coup and run shall be provided (code definitions below):</p> <p>i. Chicken Coup: A structure exclusively used for the housing of chickens. A chicken coop is not considered a building for the purposes of this Ordinance.</p> <p>ii. Chicken Run: An enclosed outside yard for keeping chickens.</p>	<p>Chickens may be kept on lots of 10,000 square feet or more in any Residential District, provided that:</p> <p>i. no more than ten (10) chickens shall be allowed on a property,</p> <p>ii. no roosters shall be allowed,</p> <p>iii. chickens shall be confined at all times in a chicken coop and chicken run,</p> <p>iv. a chicken coop and chicken run shall be provided as required in Tables 10A and 10B,</p> <p>v. chicken coops shall not be allowed to be located in any part of a home and/or attached garage but may be located adjacent to a principal or other accessory building or within an accessory building</p> <p>vi. chicken feed shall be kept in a predator/rodent proof container</p>	Only ten chickens may be kept on a property and no roosters may be kept	No	No cap, do not track the number	No	Yes, However, do require that all coops be confined within a chicken run, or a barrier which encloses the chickens when they roam. As such, this movable coop would still be permitted, but would require that they be confined within an established run.
Village of Westmont	Yes	Yard location. Hen coops and hen yards may be located in rear yards only of properties used and zoned for single-family residential uses.	Hen coops must be a minimum 20 feet from the rear and side yard property lines. Allowed in the rear yard only.	<p>No more than one hen coop is allowed per property.</p> <p>Hen coops shall contain a minimum five square feet per hen, and shall not exceed 50 square feet.</p> <p>Hen coops shall not exceed seven feet in height.</p>	<p>A permit is required for a hen coop, with a one-time permit fee and review fee (a hen coop is not considered an accessory structure unless larger than 50 square feet).</p> <p>As a condition of the permit, the homeowner wishing to maintain a hen coop must agree to allow access to the property to the village for inspection purposes.</p> <p>If hens are allowed to roam out of the hen coop, the run area or yard needs to have an approved fence. Fence permits are separate from a hen coop permit.</p>	No more than six hens are allowed per property. Roosters are not permitted.	Per Code, 2 violations in a 1-year period will require removal of the coop; 3 total violations will require removal of the coop.	No, only have 1 (local elementary school)	Require a permit	