

# Ferndale Chickens

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Taken from **Municode** (<https://www.municode.com/library/mi/>) primarily. Always check with your city! This list is not comprehensive, and there are many grey areas in municipal code. Contact me if your city should be added to the list!

## Cities that ALLOW chickens & fowl:

### Ada Township

([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/ada\\_township\\_\(kent\\_co.\)/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH78ZO\\_ARTIINGE\\_S78-17KEPELI](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/ada_township_(kent_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH78ZO_ARTIINGE_S78-17KEPELI)) (restricted to zoned area only)

### Addison Township (<https://www.municode.com/library/search?stateId=22&clientId=14&searchText=poultry&contentType=CODES>)

(restricted to zoned areas, acreage limit)

~~Allen Park~~ – UPDATE 2018, though not in municode search online, they have added exclusions for 'fowl'. Please reference the restricted section to access the muni code in pdf format.

**Auburn Hills ([https://library.municode.com/mi/auburn\\_hills/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH14AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S14-2.1KECH](https://library.municode.com/mi/auburn_hills/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH14AN_ARTIINGE_S14-2.1KECH))** (specific chicken ordinance) 6 or less, with permit

**Berkley ([https://library.municode.com/mi/berkley/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH22AN\\_ARTIVCH](https://library.municode.com/mi/berkley/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH22AN_ARTIVCH))** (3 hens) 5 Permits available for the city, 2 taken as of 9/19/2018

**Canton, Charter Township ([https://library.municode.com/mi/canton\\_charter\\_township\\_\(wayne\\_co.\)/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIILADERE\\_APXAZO\\_ART9.00RARUAGDI\\_9.02PEUSST](https://library.municode.com/mi/canton_charter_township_(wayne_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIILADERE_APXAZO_ART9.00RARUAGDI_9.02PEUSST))** allowed in areas zoned Rural Agricultural

**Centerline ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/center\\_line/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH10AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S10-2ANPREX](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/center_line/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH10AN_ARTIINGE_S10-2ANPREX))** (allowed at schools, severe distance restriction)

**Charlotte ([http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/charlotte\\_mi/cityofcharlottemichigancodeofordinances/chapter10animals?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:charlotte\\_mi\\$sanc=JD\\_10-4](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/charlotte_mi/cityofcharlottemichigancodeofordinances/chapter10animals?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:charlotte_mi$sanc=JD_10-4))** (6 hens, permit required, 10 permits allowed for the city)

**Chelsea ([https://library.municode.com/mi/chelsea/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH4AN\\_ARTIIBACH](https://library.municode.com/mi/chelsea/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH4AN_ARTIIBACH))** (4 hens, permit required)

**Clawson ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/clawson/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH14AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S14-3REBAAN](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/clawson/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH14AN_ARTIINGE_S14-3REBAAN))** (severe distance restriction)

**Dearborn ([https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/dearborn/latest/dearborn\\_mi/0-0-0-1957](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/dearborn/latest/dearborn_mi/0-0-0-1957))** (permit required) UPDATE 2020: We've heard that they are not issuing new permits at this time

**East Lansing ([https://library.municode.com/mi/east\\_lansing/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH4AN\\_S4-4KEDOANFOFESTCALEDO](https://library.municode.com/mi/east_lansing/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH4AN_S4-4KEDOANFOFESTCALEDO))** (4 hens, permit required) **application available online (<https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/DocumentCenter/View/587>)**

**Eastpointe ([https://library.municode.com/mi/eastpointe/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH8AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S8-6POGABI](https://library.municode.com/mi/eastpointe/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH8AN_ARTIINGE_S8-6POGABI))** (3 hens allowed with permit) **application available online ([http://www.cityofeastpointe.net/vertical/Sites/%7B7C4055DF-73E1-4D03-A393-4A1D90A24F1D%7D/uploads/2017\\_chicken\\_ordinance.pdf](http://www.cityofeastpointe.net/vertical/Sites/%7B7C4055DF-73E1-4D03-A393-4A1D90A24F1D%7D/uploads/2017_chicken_ordinance.pdf))**

**Farmington Hills ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/farmington\\_hills/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH6AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S6-4KEANOTPEPROTDWRULA](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/farmington_hills/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AN_ARTIINGE_S6-4KEANOTPEPROTDWRULA))** (severe distance restriction)

**Ferndale ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/ferndale/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH5ANFO\\_ARTIINGE\\_S5-8KECH](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/ferndale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH5ANFO_ARTIINGE_S5-8KECH))** (6 hens allowed with permit – increased from 3 allowed as of Sept 2018 )

**Georgetown Township** (<https://www.gtwp.com/documentcenter/view/304>) (6 chickens, zoning restrictions) Section 3.1 (Q)

**Grand Rapids** ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/grand\\_rapids/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIOLRE\\_CH155AN\\_ART4BACH\\_S9.219CH](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/grand_rapids/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIOLRE_CH155AN_ART4BACH_S9.219CH)) (specific chicken ordinance)

### **Harrison Township**

([https://library.municode.com/mi/harrison\\_charter\\_township/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH14AN](https://library.municode.com/mi/harrison_charter_township/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH14AN)) (Unclear- no language banning them, check with city)

**Hazel Park** ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/hazel\\_park/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT6AN\\_CH6.08RAPO\\_6.08.020APKE](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/hazel_park/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT6AN_CH6.08RAPO_6.08.020APKE)) (permit required)

**Holland** (<https://www.cityofholland.com/permitsandinspections/backyard-chickenfowl-permits?fbclid=IwAR3UFLkBD0NvX7stKN27vKMJaPYTEszfDivmQs7dmHnuHD2w5BKafNeQkFY>) (up to 6 chickens depending on amount of land)

### **Holly**

([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/holly\\_township\\_\(oakland\\_co.\)/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH32ZO\\_ARTIVSURE\\_S32-145MAAN](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/holly_township_(oakland_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH32ZO_ARTIVSURE_S32-145MAAN)) Township (class 3 animal, requires certain amount of land)

### **Holly**

([http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/holly\\_mi/titleixgeneralregulations/chapter90animals?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:holly\\_mi\\$anc=JD\\_90.03](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/holly_mi/titleixgeneralregulations/chapter90animals?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:holly_mi$anc=JD_90.03)) (Village of) 3 chickens allowed

**Lansing (City of Lansing)** (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B64q3VhsvqiZWXJEX0tSOVhBT0t1RlZPbFhEVng2QzIFNHZv>)

**Lathrup Village** ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/lathrup\\_village/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH10AN\\_ARTVICH](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/lathrup_village/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH10AN_ARTVICH)) (specific chicken ordinance)

**Livonia** ([https://library.municode.com/mi/livonia/codes/zoning?nodeId=ORNO543\\_ARTVFDIRE](https://library.municode.com/mi/livonia/codes/zoning?nodeId=ORNO543_ARTVFDIRE)) (allowed in specifically zoned areas)

### **Madison Heights**

([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/madison\\_heights/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH5AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S5-4REKECEAN](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/madison_heights/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH5AN_ARTIINGE_S5-4REKECEAN)) (up to 6 allowed, permit required)

### **Mundy Charter Township**

([https://library.municode.com/mi/mundy\\_charter\\_township\\_\(genesee\\_co.\)/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH30ZO\\_ARTXXIVDEST\\_S30-439ANNORAFAN](https://library.municode.com/mi/mundy_charter_township_(genesee_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH30ZO_ARTXXIVDEST_S30-439ANNORAFAN)) (allowed only on farm parcels, 50 chickens)

### **Muskegon Charter Township**

([https://library.municode.com/mi/muskegon\\_chrtr\\_township\\_\(muskegon\\_co.\)/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH58ZO\\_ARTIISPUS\\_S58-64KEAN](https://library.municode.com/mi/muskegon_chrtr_township_(muskegon_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH58ZO_ARTIISPUS_S58-64KEAN)) (allowed ONLY in rural residential RR zone)

**Northville** ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/northville/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH10AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S10-10RAPO](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/northville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH10AN_ARTIINGE_S10-10RAPO)) (distance restriction)

**Norton Shores ([https://library.municode.com/mi/norton\\_shores/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COORNOSHMI\\_CH6AN\\_ARTIILI\\_S6-52LI](https://library.municode.com/mi/norton_shores/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COORNOSHMI_CH6AN_ARTIILI_S6-52LI))** (4 hens for residential)

**Novi ([https://library.municode.com/mi/novi/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH5AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S5-12KEANACUS](https://library.municode.com/mi/novi/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH5AN_ARTIINGE_S5-12KEANACUS))** (MAYBE, unclear, check with city code enforcement) lists accessory animals as allows, only females and no roosters, does not specifically state chickens though

**Pontiac ([http://www.codepublishing.com/search/?cmd=getdoc&DocId=348&Index=%2fvar%2fplib%2fdtsearch%2fhtml%2fMI%2fPontiac&HitCount=1&hits=5b4+&SearchForm=D%3A%5Cinetpub%5Cwwwroot%5Cpublic\\_html%5CMI%5CPontiac%5CPontiac\\_form.html](http://www.codepublishing.com/search/?cmd=getdoc&DocId=348&Index=%2fvar%2fplib%2fdtsearch%2fhtml%2fMI%2fPontiac&HitCount=1&hits=5b4+&SearchForm=D%3A%5Cinetpub%5Cwwwroot%5Cpublic_html%5CMI%5CPontiac%5CPontiac_form.html))**(acreage restriction)

**Rochester Hills ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/rochester\\_hills/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=SPBLADERE\\_CH138ZO\\_ART4ZODIPEUS\\_CH4DESTSPUS\\_S138-4.437RAKEAN](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/rochester_hills/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=SPBLADERE_CH138ZO_ART4ZODIPEUS_CH4DESTSPUS_S138-4.437RAKEAN))** (acreage limit)

**Roseville (<https://ecode360.com/7617521>)** (4 hens with permit)

**Royal Oak (<http://ecode360.com/8261474?highlight=chicken#8261474>)** (implied to be allowed, ordinance governs keeping it clean)

**Southfield ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/southfield/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICO\\_TITIXPORE\\_CH113AN\\_S9.76KEOTAN](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/southfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICO_TITIXPORE_CH113AN_S9.76KEOTAN))** (distance limit, potential zoning issues)

**Troy (<https://www.troy.mi.gov/Portals/0/Files/CodeEnforcement/CH090.pdf>)** (permit required)

**Warren (<http://www.cityofwarren.org/images/stories/ordinances/80-766.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3PZl46djyasQCFIxEYOZ4z0j8vHp5R61uZx9W9Lgapx5M1yHP4lS223j4>)** (permit required)  
2018 UPDATE: they will allow 3 hens, however online municode has not been updated.

**West Bloomfield ([https://library.municode.com/mi/west\\_bloomfield/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH7AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S7-1COLI](https://library.municode.com/mi/west_bloomfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH7AN_ARTIINGE_S7-1COLI))** (not specific restriction other than keeping them confined to your property)

**Westland ([https://library.municode.com/mi/westland/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH18AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S18-3KEFAAN](https://library.municode.com/mi/westland/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH18AN_ARTIINGE_S18-3KEFAAN))** (allowed with special permission & land requirements)

**Ypsilanti ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/ypsilanti/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH14AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S14-13KEFECHHE](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/ypsilanti/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH14AN_ARTIINGE_S14-13KEFECHHE))** (specific chicken ordinance)

## Cities that DO NOT allow chickens & fowl:

### **Ada Township**

**([https://library.municode.com/mi/ada\\_township\\_\(kent\\_co.\)/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH78ZO\\_ARTIINGE\\_S78-17KEPELI](https://library.municode.com/mi/ada_township_(kent_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH78ZO_ARTIINGE_S78-17KEPELI))** Sec. 78-17. – Keeping of pets and livestock. The

keeping of more than three dogs and/or cats or the keeping of *poultry*, hogs, horses or other livestock is prohibited within any district except the AGP, RP-1, RP-2 and RR districts; provided, however, that any litter of dogs or cats which causes the aforesaid limit of three to be exceeded shall not constitute a violation of this provision for a period of four months after birth.(Ord. No. O-042682-1, § 3.13, 4-26-1982; Ord. No. O-021710-1, § 5, 2-17-2010)

**Allen Park** ([https://www.cityofallenpark.org/Services-Departments/Clerk/Ordinance-Information/08-2012-Animal-and-DCACA.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2\\_XERzTd5hwEGK9tVJXIB-IC8z1ZrUOBFGMk12ySvx8HTkOTv6gXvGRTs](https://www.cityofallenpark.org/Services-Departments/Clerk/Ordinance-Information/08-2012-Animal-and-DCACA.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2_XERzTd5hwEGK9tVJXIB-IC8z1ZrUOBFGMk12ySvx8HTkOTv6gXvGRTs)) Sec. 6-50. Restrictions on keeping non-common pets or wildlife.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or raise any non-common pet or wildlife including but not limited to any of the following: (1) Bear; (2) Canine, except and not including any member of the dog family customarily domesticated by man; (3) Exotic bees; (4) Feline, except and not including any member of the cat family not customarily domesticated by man; (5) Hoofed animal, including potbellied pigs; (6) Marsupial; (7) Primate; (8) Raptor; and (9) Reptile, except and not including any non-venomous member of the order Crocodylia under six inches in length. (10) Fowl, except and not including any member of the bird family not customarily domesticated by man that is housed in a cage in a family residence and whose wings have been clipped to prevent flight.

**Birmingham** ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/birmingham/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICICO\\_CH18AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S18-8KEDOANFO](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/birmingham/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICICO_CH18AN_ARTIINGE_S18-8KEDOANFO)) Sec. 18-8. – Keeping of domestic animals and *fowl*. No person shall keep or house any animals within the city except dogs cats, birds, or animals commonly classified as pets. No horse, cow, calf, swine, sheep, goat, chickens, geese or ducks shall be kept in any dwelling or part thereof. Nor shall any such animal be kept on the same lot or premises with a dwelling. This offense is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or \$500.00 fine. (Code 1963, § 9.64; Ord. No. 2075, 11-28-11)

**Bloomfield Hills** ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/bloomfield\\_hills/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICICO\\_CH3AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S3-4LIPR](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/bloomfield_hills/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICICO_CH3AN_ARTIINGE_S3-4LIPR)) Sec. 3-4. – Livestock prohibited. (b)“Livestock” means horses and other equine, cattle, sheep, swine, mules, burros, goats, llamas or other new world camelids, bison, *poultry*, rabbits and other animals used for human food and fiber or primarily for service rather than companionship to humans. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.(c) It shall be unlawful and a violation of this section for any person to possess or maintain livestock within the city. Owners or possessors of livestock shall be responsible for compliance with this section and subject to punishment for violations. For purposes of this section, “possess or maintain” means the act or ability of having or exerting control and influence over livestock, without regard to ownership and “owners or possessors” mean persons who have a right of property in livestock, who have livestock in their care of custody, or who knowingly permit livestock to remain on or about property occupied or controlled by them.

### **Bronson**

([http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/bronson\\_mi/titleixgeneralregulations/chapter90animalregulations?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:bronson\\_mi\\$anc=JD\\_90.03](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/bronson_mi/titleixgeneralregulations/chapter90animalregulations?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:bronson_mi$anc=JD_90.03)) 90.03 KEEPING OF FARM OR WILD ANIMALS. (A) No person shall own, keep or house any farm or wild animals within the city. (B) No horses, cows, swine, goats, sheep, chickens , geese, ducks, donkeys, pigeons or any other farm or wild animal be kept in any dwelling, or part thereof. (C) No such animals or fowl shall under any circumstances be kept on any lot or premises within the city limits.

**Dearborn Heights****([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/dearborn\\_heights/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH6AN\\_ARTIVPRAN\\_S6-66DOANFO](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/dearborn_heights/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AN_ARTIVPRAN_S6-66DOANFO))**

Sec. 6-66. – Domestic animals and fowl. No person shall keep or house any animals or domestic fowl within the city except dogs, cats, canaries or small animals commonly classified as pets which are customarily kept or housed inside dwellings as household pets. (Code 1969, § 9.87)

**Detroit ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/detroit/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICICO\\_CH6ANCORECA\\_ARTIINGE\\_S6-1-3OWHAKEMASETRFAWIANPREXCIZOOTAPACSEVIEAANDIANVISE](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/detroit/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICICO_CH6ANCORECA_ARTIINGE_S6-1-3OWHAKEMASETRFAWIANPREXCIZOOTAPACSEVIEAANDIANVISE))****nodeId=PTIICICO\_CH6ANCORECA\_ARTIINGE\_S6-1-3OWHAKEMASETRFAWIANPREXCIZOOTAPACSEVIEAANDIANVISE)**

Sec. 6-1-3. – Owning, harboring, keeping, maintaining, selling or transferring of *farm* or wild *animals* prohibited; exception for circuses, zoos, and other approved activities; separate violations for each *animal*; disposition of *animals* in violation of this section.(a) It shall be unlawful for a person to own, harbor, keep, or maintain, sell, or transfer any *farm animal*, or any wild *animal*, on their premises or at a public place within the City; provided, that *farm animals* or wild *animals* may be kept in circuses, zoos, or laboratories, subject to the approval of the City, where the care or custody is under the care of a trained and qualified *animal* attendant at all times, whose responsibility shall be to see that such *animals* are securely under restraint. (Ord. No. 04-04, § 1, 1-30-04)

**Farmington ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/farmington/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH20OF\\_ARTXOFREAN\\_DIV2DOAN\\_S20-303LIEXVIAN](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/farmington/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH20OF_ARTXOFREAN_DIV2DOAN_S20-303LIEXVIAN))**

(UNCLEAR ; acreage limit, farms can keep, but has on the books an ordinance disallowing livestock) Sec. 20-303. – *Livestock*, exotic or vicious animals. The keeping of *livestock* is prohibited. The keeping of any exotic or vicious animal is prohibited.

**Flint****([http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/flint\\_mi/partiithecodeofordinances/chapter9animalsandfowl?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:flint\\_mi\\$sanc=JD\\_9-15.1](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/flint_mi/partiithecodeofordinances/chapter9animalsandfowl?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:flint_mi$sanc=JD_9-15.1))**

(residential-allowed in agri zoning) 9-15.1 KEEPING OF POULTRY AND THE LIKE RESTRICTED. No poultry or domestic fowl, other than household pets such as canaries and parakeets, shall be kept upon any residentially zoned lot within the City. (Ord. 2058, passed 6-10-1968)

**Fraser ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/fraser/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH32ZO\\_ARTIIGEPR\\_S32-33AN](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/fraser/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH32ZO_ARTIIGEPR_S32-33AN))****nodeId=PTIICOOR\_CH32ZO\_ARTIIGEPR\_S32-33AN)**

Sec. 32-33. – Animals. No animals, livestock or *poultry* of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that non-vicious dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes. (Ord. No. 279, § 3.02, 12-12-96)

**Garden City****([http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/gardencity\\_mi/titleixgeneralregulations/chapter90animals?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:gardencity\\_mi\\$sanc=JD\\_90.01](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/gardencity_mi/titleixgeneralregulations/chapter90animals?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:gardencity_mi$sanc=JD_90.01))**

90.01 PETS; SALE OF ANIMALS; PROHIBITIONS. (A) No person shall keep or house any animals or fowl within the city except dogs, cats, canaries, or animals commonly classified as pets, customarily kept or housed inside dwellings as household pets. (B) No person shall sell, or offer for sale, barter, or give away baby chicks, rabbits, ducklings, or other fowl as pets or novelties, whether or not dyed, colored, or otherwise artificially treated. This division shall not be construed to prohibit the display or sale of natural chicks or ducklings in proper brooder facilities by hatcheries or stores engaged in the business of selling the same to be raised for commercial purposes.(Ord. 11-006, passed 4-25-11)

**Grosse Pointe ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/grosse\\_pointe/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH10AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S10-4KEDOANFOGE](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/grosse_pointe/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH10AN_ARTIINGE_S10-4KEDOANFOGE))** Sec. 10-4. – Keeping domestic animals and *fowl* generally. Except as provided in this chapter, no person shall keep or house any animals or domestic *fowl* within the city except dogs, cats, birds, *fowl* or animals commonly classified as pets. (Code 1980, § 9.84)

### **Grosse Pointe Woods**

**([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/grosse\\_pointe\\_woods/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH6AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S6-3LI](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/grosse_pointe_woods/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AN_ARTIINGE_S6-3LI))** Sec. 6-3. – Livestock. (a) definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Livestock means horses, cows, calves, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens, geese, ducks, pigeons or other like or similar animals or *fowl*.(b) Harboring. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep livestock in the city with the exception of the Grosse Pointe Woods Hunt Club.(Code 1975, § 8-13-2; Code 1997, § 6-157)

**Harper Woods ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/harper\\_woods/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH4ANFO\\_ARTIINGE\\_S4-2ANPREX](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/harper_woods/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH4ANFO_ARTIINGE_S4-2ANPREX))** Sec. 4-2. – Animals prohibited; exceptions. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any animal or *fowl* within five hundred (500) feet of any dwelling, street, alley or public place, except such animals as are commonly kept or housed as household pets; or permit any animal or any *fowl* owned by him or in his possession or control to run at large in any street, alley or public place, or upon the premises of another without express permission of the owner or occupant thereof.

### **Huntington Woods**

**([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/huntington\\_woods/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH4AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S4-4DOANFO](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/huntington_woods/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH4AN_ARTIINGE_S4-4DOANFO))** Sec. 4-4. – Domestic animals and *fowl*. No person shall keep or house any animals other than domestic dogs, domestic cats, canaries or animals commonly classified as pets, which are customarily kept or housed inside dwellings as household pets. The term “pet” or “household pet,” as used in this section, does not include exotic, wild, vicious or dangerous animals including, but not limited to, any of the following: domestic *fowl*, live monkeys, alligator, crocodile, raccoon, skunk, fox, bear, sea mammal, poisonous snake, constrictor snake longer than six feet in length, member of the feline species other than the domestic cat, member of the canine species other than the domestic dog, or any other animal which would require a standard of care and control greater than that required for customary household pets sold by commercial pet shops. This section shall not apply to any lawfully operated zoo. (Code 1988, § 9.38; Ord. No. 423, § 1, 5-19-1998)

**Mount Clemens ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/mount\\_clemens/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=n15.000ZOORMOCLMACOMIADCOAP212003\\_15.040AR4GEPR\\_15.042SE4.2](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/mount_clemens/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=n15.000ZOORMOCLMACOMIADCOAP212003_15.040AR4GEPR_15.042SE4.2))** 15.042 – Sec. 4.2 ANIMALS. No animals, *livestock* or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any residentially zoned or used property, except that non-vicious dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes. All animals shall be maintained in accordance with applicable City Ordinances.

**New Baltimore ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/new\\_baltimore/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH8AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S8-6DOANFO](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/new_baltimore/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH8AN_ARTIINGE_S8-6DOANFO))** Sec. 8-6. – Domestic animals and *fowl*. No person shall keep or house any animals or domestic *fowl* within the city except dogs, cats, birds, *fowl* or animals commonly classified as pets. (Code 1981, § 9.65)



**North Branch**

**([http://www.northbranchvillage.org/northbranch/departments/ordinances/uploads/24\\_animal\\_nuisance.pdf](http://www.northbranchvillage.org/northbranch/departments/ordinances/uploads/24_animal_nuisance.pdf))** Section 2. RIGHT TO KEEP FARM ANIMALS. No person shall keep or harbor farm animals on any property within the Village limits unless the farm animals are located on a farm which had such farm animals on the effective date of the Village Zoning Ordinance, December 1, 1980 or unless a zoning variance has been granted.

**Oak Park ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/oak\\_park/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH14AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S14-5KEANFO](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/oak_park/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH14AN_ARTIINGE_S14-5KEANFO))**

Sec. 14-5. – Keeping of animals and *fowl*. No person shall keep or house any animals or domestic *fowl* within the city except dogs, cats, canaries or animals commonly classified as pets which are customarily kept or housed inside dwellings as household pets, and excepting further, the temporary keeping of live poultry by any lawfully established live poultry market incidental to the normal course of business. (Code 1973, § 6-5)

**Plymouth ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/plymouth/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH14AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S14-4DOANFO](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/plymouth/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH14AN_ARTIINGE_S14-4DOANFO))**

Sec. 14-4. – Domestic animals and *fowl*. No person shall keep or house any animals or domestic *fowl* within the city except dogs, cats, birds, *fowl* or animals commonly classified as pets. (Ord. No. 99-9, 6-21-99)

**Rochester ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/rochester/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH8AN\\_ARTIINGE\\_S8-5UNKECEANFO](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/rochester/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH8AN_ARTIINGE_S8-5UNKECEANFO))**

Sec. 8-5. – Unlawful to keep certain animals and *fowl*. No person shall keep or house any animals or domestic *fowl* within the city except dogs, cats, birds, or animals commonly classified as household pets. (Ord. No. 1991-15, 8-12-1991; Code 1982, § 9.2-4)

**Romeo ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/romeo/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH4AN\\_S4-1KEWICOLI](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/romeo/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH4AN_S4-1KEWICOLI))**

Sec. 4-1. – Keeping within corporate limits. No person shall keep any horses, cattle, swine, sheep, ponies, goats, rabbits, poultry or other animals and *fowl*, except dogs and cats, within the corporate village limits. (Code 1993, § 35.251)

**Shelby Township****([https://library.municode.com/mi/shelby\\_charter\\_township\\_\(macomb\\_co.\)/codes/zoning?nodeId=Zoor\\_ART3GEPR\\_S3.02AN](https://library.municode.com/mi/shelby_charter_township_(macomb_co.)/codes/zoning?nodeId=Zoor_ART3GEPR_S3.02AN))**

Section 3.02. – Animals. No animals, livestock, or *poultry* of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that non-vicious dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Horses may be allowed as per requirements of **section 3.19**

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All animals shall be kept and maintained so as not to create a nuisance. The maintenance of animals is further regulated by **chapter 6**

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article I of the Shelby Township Code of Ordinances. Kennels may be allowed as a special land use in the HM, Heavy Manufacturing District subject to compliance with the requirements of **Section 13.51**

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(Ord. No. 212.5, § 2, 7-20-1999; Amend. of 10-21-2008; Ord. No. 212.89, 9-4-2012)

**St. Clair Shores ([https://www.municode.com/library/mi/st\\_clair\\_shores/codes/compilation-general\\_and\\_zoning?nodeId=n35.050ANFOSTCLSHMICH19EFNO221988\\_35.059FAANPR](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/st_clair_shores/codes/compilation-general_and_zoning?nodeId=n35.050ANFOSTCLSHMICH19EFNO221988_35.059FAANPR))**

35.059 – Farm animals prohibited. Sec. 19-9. No person shall own, keep, harbor, have custody or raise any farm

animal except that one rabbit shall be permitted per residential premises. (chap. 19 eff. Nov. 22, 1988)

**[Sterling Heights \(https://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/sterlinghts/zoningordinance?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:sterlinghts\\_mi\\$anc=JD\\_ZoningSec.3.01\)](https://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/sterlinghts/zoningordinance?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:sterlinghts_mi$anc=JD_ZoningSec.3.01)** SECTION 3.01. PERMITTED USES B. Agriculture, provided that on parcels of less than eight acres, there shall be no raising of livestock, fowl or other animals;

**[Taylor \(https://www.municode.com/library/mi/taylor/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_APXAZO\\_ART14GEPR\\_S14.09KEAN\)](https://www.municode.com/library/mi/taylor/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_APXAZO_ART14GEPR_S14.09KEAN)** Sec. 14.09. – Keeping of animals. (a) Domestic animals, dogs, cats, birds and nonbreeding rabbits are limited to a total of three animals age four months or older per household. (b) Unless otherwise provided in this ordinance, no building or land in any district shall keep, raise, procreate or otherwise allow on the premises any wild or exotic animal, *fowl*, farm animal or livestock. (c) Excluded from this regulation are facilities owned and operated by the city and fully accredited academic institutions. All are subject to the health and sanitation provisions of the City of Taylor and shall not become a nuisance. (Ord. No. 09-434, § 14.09, 1-20-2009)

**[Utica \(https://ecode360.com/14030011?highlight=chickens#14030011\)](https://ecode360.com/14030011?highlight=chickens#14030011)** **[Sec. 2-5-56Fowl—Prohibited. \(https://ecode360.com/14030011?highlight=chickens#14030011\)](https://ecode360.com/14030011?highlight=chickens#14030011)** [Ord. No. 107, 9-2-2009; amended 2-16-2011 by Ord. No. 30] **[\(a\) \(https://ecode360.com/14030012#14030012\)](https://ecode360.com/14030012#14030012)** No person shall have, or keep, or offer to sell any fowl within the City of Utica. “Fowl” includes any live chickens, geese, ducks, pigeons, or doves. **[\(b\) \(https://ecode360.com/14030013#14030013\)](https://ecode360.com/14030013#14030013)** Any permits previously issued shall be grandfathered until such time as the fowl are deceased and at that time said permits shall expire and no new permits shall be granted.

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In January 2023, the price for a dozen eggs in Michigan reached about \$3.60 on average. Consequently, many residents in The Wolverine State, hoping to save money, started raising backyard chickens as a source of fresh eggs. But unfortunately, not every municipality in Michigan allows their residents to keep chickens due to noise violations, among other reasons. The city of Detroit, for instance, does not allow the keeping of chickens. Moreover, your landlord may not permit chickens on their properties even though chickens are legal in your city or town.





So, where in Michigan can you keep backyard chickens and how many chickens are you allowed to keep? Read on to find out. However, you should note that not all Michigan cities that permit chickens are listed in this article. If you are considering backyard chickens in your city or township, I suggest you first check your local animal ordinances, which can often be found on your city's website or through [Municode](#), to see whether your city permits the keeping of chickens.

## Wayne County, MI

In Wayne County, MI, the city of **Dearborn** allows its residents to keep backyard chickens with a permit. **Westland** residents must obtain a permit to have backyard chickens. The Township of **Northville** allows one chicken per 1/4 acre. Roosters are not allowed in Northville Township, according to [ecode360](#). Residents must have a minimum of 5 acres of land in order to keep backyard chickens in [Van Buren Charter Township](#).

**Plymouth Charter Township** allows no more than six chickens per property. You are allowed to have 6 chickens, excluding roosters, if you live in the city of **Hamtramck**, Wayne County, MI. The city of **Wayne** allows chickens so long

as certain [requirements](#) are met: Chickens coops must be 20 feet away from property lines and 40 feet away from any dwelling. The city of [Woodhaven](#) allows its residents to keep up to six backyard hens.

## Oakland County, MI

Many cities and townships in Oakland County, MI, allow backyard chickens. The city of **Troy** requires that residents obtain an [Animal Permit](#) before keeping backyard chickens. Keeping backyard chickens is allowed in the city of **Southfield**. A maximum of four hens per one acre of land is allowed in the Township of **West Bloomfield**. Those living on more than one-acre properties may keep a maximum of eight hens in West Bloomfield.

**Royal Oak** residents can obtain a permit from the city clerk's office to keep backyard chickens. The city of **Madison Heights** allows its residents to keep up to six backyard chickens, excluding roosters, at one single-family residence. [Madison Heights](#) chicken owners are not allowed to sell eggs.

**Oak Park** residents are allowed to keep chickens under certain regulations including owners must live in a single-family, detached home and chickens must be kept as pets or to lay eggs for personal consumption. Only hens are permitted in the city of [Oak Park](#).

It is legal to keep up to 6 chickens with a permit in the city of **Auburn Hills**. The city of [Ferndale](#) allows its residents to keep a maximum of three chickens (no roosters) in detached structures in areas zoned as R-1 or R-2.

## Macomb County, MI

The city of **Warren** in Macomb County, MI, allows its resident to own a maximum of three backyard chickens with a [permit](#) for personal use only. Warren does not permit the keeping of roosters. **Clinton Township** residents may obtain a permit to keep backyard chickens on properties less than five acres in residential zones. However, before a [permit is issued](#), your neighbors must be **OK** with it.

## Kent County, MI

In **Grand Rapids**, Kent County, MI, residents need to obtain a Backyard Chicken Permit in order to have chickens in their backyards. However, some requirements need to be met first. For starters, you need to check with your adjacent neighbors before you apply for the permit. The [City](#) will deny your application if even one neighbor objects. In addition, you need to meet the property requirement which is at least 3,800 square feet in area and must contain not more than two dwelling units.

[Plainfield charter Township](#) permits its residents to keep backyard chickens on their properties without permits. Roosters

are not permitted in the Township and chicken coops must be kept 25 feet away from property lines.

## Genesee County, MI

In Genesee County, MI, the city of [Burton](#) allows the keeping of up to six backyard chickens, excluding roosters without a permit in agricultural areas. Burton residents living in non-agriculturally zoned areas must first obtain a permit before keeping backyard chickens.

Residents are permitted to have backyard chickens in **Fenton Township**.

## Washtenaw County, MI

In Washtenaw County, MI, the city of **Ann Arbor** allows its residents to obtain either a [2-bird permit](#) or a [6-bird permit](#) before keeping backyard chickens. **Ypsilanti** residents need to obtain a \$25 [Domestic Foul Permit](#) to keep no more than four chickens in single-family dwellings or two-family dwellings.

The city of **Saline** allows its residents to keep up to twelve backyard chickens, according to [The Saline Post](#). People living in the city of **Chelsea** must obtain an [annual permit](#) to own backyard chickens within the city limits.

