Town	Chickens Allowed?	Max # Chickens	Roosters Allowed	Permit Required	Coop Restrictions	Other Restrictions	Relevant Codes	City Contac	More Info	Date of Verification
Agawam	No		No				Article II section 180-17 G		http://ecode360.com/6567825	04/17
Amherst	Yes		Yes	Yes, Health Dept.			See link	health depart	https://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19078	
Arlington	Yes	6	No	Yes	Structure must co	Noise and odor must not be perceptible at property line			http://www.arlingtonma.gov/home/	04/17
Ayer	Yes	depends on zone	Yes	Yes, http://www.ayer.ma.u	Available from Board of Health			Board of He	http://www.backyardchickens.com/	04/17
Belmont	Yes	5	No	Yes, $25/yr				Board of He	Call Board of Health: 617-993-272	04/17
Boston	Depends on Neighborhood	6	No	Yes	See Article 89		Article 89	Boston Planr	http://www.pvpc.org/sites/default/fi	04/17
Boxford	Yes	N/A	Yes	No			Chapter 196-13 (3)		http://www.ecode360.com/ecode3-l	04/17
Brockton	Yes						New Urban Ag Plan coming out shortly		http://www.ablueprintforbrockton.com/urban-agriculture-plan/	
Brookline	Yes	25		No		100 feet from existing residence buildings o	Article 4, Table 57		http://www.brooklinema.gov/Docur	04/17
Cambridge	new regs in process		No	Yes	See "more info"	See "more info"		Kari Sasporta Cambridge P ksasportas@	http://www.cambridgepublichealth.	04/17
Chicopee	Yes			No			Chapter 275, Article IV, Section 275-52		http://www.ecode360.com/ecode3-l	04/17
Concord	Yes	no limit give	yes	yes, http://concordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1432						
Danvers	Yes	15 on lots 20,00 sq ft or	smaller; 1 additional anir	No		See "More Info"			http://ma-concord.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1433	
Fitchburg	No									04/17
Foxborough	Yes	N/A	only on parcels of 2 acre	Yes	50 ft. from property line and 100 ft. from wells			Board of He	http://www.foxboroughma.gov/Pag	04/17
Framingham	Yes	6	No	Yes, http://www.framingh	See permit link	See permit link		Board of He	http://www.framinghamma.gov/Do	04/17
Freetown	???									
Great Barrington	Yes	no limit give	No	Yes			See "More Info"	Board of He	http://www.townofgb.org/Pages/GBarringtonMA_Health/Minimum%20Standard%20for%20Keeping%20of%20Animals.pdf	
Greenfield	Yes			yes					http://greenfield-ma.gov/files/Zonir	04/17
Holland	???	depends on lot size	Yes		depends on lot size			Town Clerk	http://hollandma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/HollandMA_WebDocs/bylaws	
Holyoke	Yes	no limit given	Yes	No		100ft from abutting property lines and year	Section 2, Section 4.3	Board of He	http://www2.holyoke.org/wp-conte	04/17
Lawrence	Yes		No	Yes			Board of Health Reg 28-29	Board of He	http://www.cityoflawrence.com/bo	04/17
Lowell	No						§ 104-34		http://ecode360.com/8183613	04/17
Maynard	Yes	up to animal inspector, d	Yes	No (see coop restriction)	Must be approved by animal inspector		Building code 22.2.2	Jennifer Con	http://www.backyardchickens.com/	04/17
Medford	No		No				Article IV, Division 3, Section 94-192 of City of Medford Ordinances			04/17
Milford	No, except on parcels greater than 5 acres						2.3		http://milford.ma.us/uploads/forms/	04/17
Natick	Yes	depends on license	No	Yes, http://www.natickmance; 15ft from property boundary			Chapter VI of Board of Health	Board of He	http://www.natickma.gov/Documen	04/17
New Bedford	Yes						Appendix A, Table of Principle Uses		https://www.municode.com/library/	04/17
Newton	Yes	none	No	Yes, http://www.newtonm	10 feet from side and rear property line, 40 ft. from front property line			Health and H	http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/	04/17
Northampton	Yes	6	No	No		property must be at least 30,000 sq ft. for 1	Article 350-5.3	Building Cor	http://ecode360.com/11957346	04/17
Northboro	no laws prohibiting							Board of Health		04/17
Palmer	not explicitly stated	no limit given	not explicitly stated				Article IX	Health Department		04/17
Peabody	Yes	6	No	Yes	Yes		ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL Sec. 6	Board of He	https://www.municode.com/library/	04/17
Plymouth	no laws prohibiting	no limit given								04/17
Quincy	not explicitly stated									04/17
Reading	Yes	6	No	Yes (see links)	minimum of 2.5 sq ft. per bird		Section 2, Keeping of Animals	Health Servi	http://www.readingma.gov/sites/rea	04/17
Salem	no laws prohibiting	no limit given	Yes	No			No specific ordinances addressing	Animal Cont	http://www.backyardchickens.com/	04/17
Sharon	Yes		No	Yes		Must be more than 50 ft from wells, propert	§ 300-4.6. Agricultural uses.	Board of He	http://www.townofsharon.net/sites/	04/17
Somerset	Yes	no limit given						Zoning Boar	http://www.townofsomerset.org/site	04/17
Somerville	Yes	6	no	Yes, Board of Health	not in front or side	http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/f	Article 7 of Urban Ag Ordinance		http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/	04/17
Southwick	Yes	25 on 40,000 sq feet	Yes	No	100 ft from street and dwellings on adjacent lots		Article IV,section 185-12 Reside	Board of He	http://ecode360.com/10448535	04/17
Springfield	not explicitly stated									04/17
Waltham	???							Building Department		04/17
Westfield	depends on zone	6	No	Yes	Backyard	50 ft. away from any property line	Article 3 Section 3-40.4 (18), of t	Zoning Depa	http://www.cityofwestfield.org/204	04/17
Westminster	Yes	no limit given	Yes	No	Must be more than	50 ft from property line	Table of Use Regulations	Zoning Depa	http://ecode360.com/attachment/WI	04/17
Westwood	Yes	10 on <40,000 sq feet	Yes, but must be kept 1,	Yes- $10 annually (see lin	Must be 15 ft from property lines, coop plans required with permit app			Board of He	Permit application- http://www.tow	03/11
Winchester	Yes	6	No	Yes	Minimum 2 sq ft./l	See https://www.winchester.us/documentcenter/view/1955		Board of He	https://www.winchester.us/docume	04/17
Winthrop	Yes	12	No	Yes		50 ft. from abutters and dwellings, 20 ft. fro	Chapter 6.02.040	Board of He	https://www.municode.com/library/	04/17
Worcester	No, but new ordinance in progress									04/17