

## Backyard Poultry Regulations by Town

<b>Town</b>	<b>Chickens Allowed</b>	<b>Max # Chickens</b>	<b>Roosters Allowed</b>	<b>Permit Required</b>
Agawam	No		0 No	
Arlington	Yes		6 No	Yes
Ayer	Yes	depends on zone	Yes	Yes
Belmont	Yes		5 No	Yes
Boston	Yes		No	Yes
Brookline	Yes		25	No
Cambridge	unknown			
Chicopee	Yes			No
Danvers	Yes	15 on lots 20,00 sq ft or smaller; 1 additional ;	No	No
Freetown	Yes		Yes	No
Holland	Yes	depends on lot size	Yes	
Holyoke	Yes	no limit given	Yes	
Maynard	Yes	up to animal inspector,	Yes	No (see coop re
Milford	No			
Newton	Yes	No	No	Yes (see links)
Northampton	Yes		3 No	No
Northboro	no laws prohibiting			
Palmer	Yes	no limit given	Yes	Official regulatic
Peabody	Yes	no limit given	Yes	Yes
Plymouth	no laws prohibiting			
Reading	Yes		24 No	Yes (see links)
Salem	no laws prohibiting		Yes	No
Sharon	Yes		No	Yes
Somerset	Yes	no limit given		
Somerville	no laws prohibiting		*see other restrictions	
Southwick	Yes	25 on 40,000 sq feet	Yes	No
Springfield	No			
Westfield	depends on zone			
Westminster	Yes	no limit given	Yes	No
Westwood	Yes	10 on <40,000 sq feet	Yes, but must be kept ;	Yes- \$10 annua
Winchester	Yes		24 No	Yes
Winthrop	Yes	depends on zone	No	Yes
Yarmouth	Yes	depends on zone	Yes-with special permis	Yes

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Coop Restrictions	Other Restrictions	Relevant Codes	City Contact
Structure must conform to existing bylaws Available from Board of Health	Noise and odor must not be perceptible at property line See link	Article II section 180-17 G	Board of Health Board of Health
Yes	100 feet from existing residence buildings	Article 4, Table 57 Chapter 275, Article IV, Section 275-52	
depends on lot size	15ft from abutting residence	Zoning Bylaws, Section 40	Town Clerk 3
Must be approved by animal inspector	100ft from abutting property lines and year round surface water body		Thomas Natoli Building Department Health and Housing Board of Health
10 feet from property line, 50 from other dwellings		Article 350-5.3	Health Department Board of Health
Some say yes, on 3/17 Board of Health said this practice had been discontinued		Article IX	Health Department Board of Health
Must be more than 50 feet from any dwelling	Fowl must be confined at all times	No specific ordinances addressing	Health Services Animal Control Board of Health
See 13.10 B of Animal Code (see links)	Must be more than 50 ft from wells, property lines You are asked to submit plan for manure management	Animal Regulations	Board of Health
100 ft from street and dwellings on adjacent lots	Poultry hasn't been a problem with the city as long as they don't violate noise ordinance	Article IV, section 185-12 Residential	Board of Health
Must be more than 50 ft from property line		Some info in Article II (see link)	Zoning Department Board of Health
Must be 15 ft from property lines, coop plans required with permit application		Chapter 205, table of use at end of document	Board of Health
50 feet from any dwelling, 20 feet from public or private ways and 50 ft from property line			Board of Health
50 feet from property lines 100 feet from habitable buildings 250 feet from any body of water		Town By-Laws Page 19 Chapter IV Section 1. (see links)	Board of Health

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### Links with More Info: Date of Verification: Source

<http://www.ecode360.com/ecode3-back/getSimple.jsp?guid=6482099> 02/11

<http://www.town.arlingtonma.gov/> 02/11 Arlington Website

<http://www.backyardchickens.com/laws/display.php?State=MA&City=Ayer>  
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<http://www.amlegal.com> 02/11 backyardchicken.com

02/11 <http://www.brooklinema.gov>

<http://www.ecode360.com/ecode3-back/getSimple.jsp?guid=6482099>

[http://www.danvers.gov/office.com/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={B2D52330-F2E2-4E8F-9741-050A8B4264E0}&DE={6B8](http://www.danvers.gov/office.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={B2D52330-F2E2-4E8F-9741-050A8B4264E0}&DE={6B8)

[http://hollandma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/HollandMA\\_WebDocs/bylaws](http://hollandma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/HollandMA_WebDocs/bylaws)

<http://www.backyardchickens.com/laws/display.php?State=MA&City=Holyoke>

<http://www.backyardchickens.com/laws/display.php?State=MA&City=Maynard>

Department 03/11 Building Department

<http://www.newtonma.gov/> 03/11 Health and Human Services

<http://www.ecode360.com/ecode3-back/getSimple.jsp?guid=6482099>

th 03/11 Board of Health

<http://www.townofpaxtonma.gov/> 03/11 Health Department

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<http://home.centurytel.net/thecitychicken/chickenlaws.html>

<http://www.ci.readingma.gov/> 03/11 Health Services

<http://www.backyardchicken.com> 03/11 backyardchicken.com

<http://www.townofshelburne.com/> 03/11 Board of Health

<http://home.centurytel.net/thecitychicken/> 03/11 The City Chicken

es. While roosters aren't specifically prohibited, the noise clause indirectly prohibits them

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<http://library1.municipal.gov/> 03/11 Board of Health

<http://www.ecode360.com/ecode3-back/getSimple.jsp?guid=6482099> 03/11 Board of Health/Zoning

Permit application- h 03/11 Board of Health

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<http://www.municipal.gov/> 03/11 backyardchicken.com

<http://www.yarmouthma.gov/> 03/11 Board of Health

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