

Comparison Chart for the Residential Keeping of Chickens

Municipality	Number of Chickens	How far from neighboring property?	Permit?	Enforcement comments
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Allows Residential Chickens

Ann Arbor, MI	4	10 Feet from property line and 40 Feet to any residential structure on an adjacent property	Yes	Permit requires neighbor consent. One comment was that this is problematic.
Madison, WI	4	25 Feet	Yes	1 or 2 complaints a month
Asheville, NC	7 animals permitted including cats and dogs	100 Feet	Yes	Noticing an increase in complaints
Carrboro, NC	No limit	15 Feet	Yes	Complaints limited to Roosters
Charlotte, NC	No limit	No requirement	Yes	Complaints limited to Roosters
Raleigh, NC	No limit	No requirement	No	Complaints limited to Roosters
Orange County, NC	No limit	No requirement	No	No roosters are allowed within Hillsborough Town limits

Does Not Allow Residential Chickens

Durham, NC	Only allowed in two zoning districts, RS-20 and RR. The City Council is considering an amendment to the regulations that would allow a permit to be issued for up to 10 chickens per property for personal use.
Cary, NC	Only allowed in two zoning districts, R-40 and R-80. The Town Council considered and rejected an amendment to the regulations on 7/9/2008.