

# Backyard Chickens



The City of Brooklyn Park is exploring a code change to allow chickens and other animal types at residential properties.



*Note: Not every household will want to own chickens.*

## Did you know?

Chickens are currently allowed in Brooklyn Park if you have a property larger than 5 acres.

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In the early 20th century, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommended raising chickens in even the smallest of backyards.

## Under the proposed change

- The ordinance would limit the number of chickens allowed.
- Only hens would be allowed. No roosters.
- Chickens do make noise. Hens cluck and cackle to each other.
- Good predator proof fencing is a must along with a well-constructed coop.
- Chickens require daily care and coops must be kept clean and manure properly disposed of.
- Slaughtering will not be allowed.
- The sale of eggs will not be allowed.

## Things to Know

- Raising chickens in urban and suburban areas is not a new idea.
- A number of cities surrounding Brooklyn Park currently allow chickens.
- A single hen can produce 250-300 eggs per year.
- Chickens can live up to 5-10 years.
- Having chickens does not pose a health risk. It all depends on the care and maintenance of the animals and their habitat.
- Hens do not need a rooster to lay eggs.
- Chickens are omnivores which means they eat seeds and insects, but have also been known to eat mice.

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