

# Roslyn

Chickens are considered livestock. Animal control officer will determine allowed quantity based on lot size. No roosters allowed-- violates excessive noise ordinance. Permit required from city.



"No owner or custodian of any dog or fowl shall permit the same to remain outside of the dwelling of such owner or custodian or outside of the closed building where the dog or fowl is kept while any such dog or fowl is causing excessive or frequent noises which disturb or are likely to disturb the comfort or repose of other persons in the neighborhood. A violation of this section is declared to be a public nuisance and adverse to the public health and welfare. [Ord. 1076 § 5, 2011; Ord. 565 § 6, 1980.] There must be a minimum space of 40 square feet for each grazing animal such as a chicken, rabbit or other grazing animal weighing less than 50 pounds, and such grazing area shall not be less than four feet wide. [Ord. 1123 § 5, 2016.] It is hereby declared to be a public nuisance for any person to keep livestock larger than 50 pounds in an enclosure set back less than 10 feet on the sides, less than 20 feet from the front and set back less than five feet from the back of a residence or occupied building. [Ord. 1123 § 5, 2016.] It shall be unlawful for any person to keep livestock within the corporate limits of the city of Roslyn except pursuant to an approved livestock permit. It shall be unlawful to keep upon the permitted premises more livestock than the maximum number of each breed of livestock authorized by such permit to be kept upon such premises. [Ord. 1123 § 5, 2016.]"

**Roslyn Municipal Code: Title 06.05.60, 06.15.120, 06.15.130, 06.15.180**

Contact phone: 509-649-3105

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Roslyn/#1/Roslyn06/Roslyn0605.html#6.05>

**South Cle Elum** follows Cle Elum city codes.

**Thorp** is an unincorporated area and does not have a city code.

There are no specific backyard chicken county-wide codes for **Kittitas county** areas outside of the above-listed cities.

### Additional Resources:

Kittitas County Master Gardeners have pamphlets on keeping urban chickens. There are magazines devoted to Urban Poultry, and social media groups for Poultry Keepers in Kittitas County. Master Gardeners of Kittitas County has additional information and publications on urban chicken keeping.

For more information visit the  
Master Gardener Diagnostic Clinic  
May through September  
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
WSU Extension Office  
901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
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[www.kittitas.wsu.edu](http://www.kittitas.wsu.edu)  
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# City Chickens

## in Kittitas County Codes and Regulations



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Urban or backyard chicken keeping has become more popular in recent years. It is possible to keep a few birds, even in a city lot, where they provide eggs for the household. Urban chickens also control pests by eating insects, eat some grasses and weeds, and improve soil health by scratching at the ground and fertilizing it with their manure.

This pamphlet explains city codes for keeping urban chickens in Kittitas County, Washington.



Master Gardener Program

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EXTENSION

# Ellensburg

Up to four chickens.  
No roosters after 16 weeks  
of age. No permit required.



“Chickens shall be kept in a well ventilated, enclosed coop constructed to protect the chickens against varying weather conditions and predators. The coop shall have an attached, enclosed run. The coop and run combined shall provide a minimum of ten (10) square feet of ground space per chicken. All coops and runs shall be located within a rear yard only. Coops shall be at least twenty-five (25) feet from any neighboring dwelling and ten(10) feet from any property line. No portion of any run shall be within ten (10) feet of any property line unless the property line abuts an alley. All coops and runs shall be kept in a neat, sanitary, dust-free condition and must be cleaned on a regular basis so as to prevent offensive odors.”

## Ellensburg Ordinance 4538, Section 5.30.310

Contact phone: 509-962-7204

<https://ci.ellensburg.wa.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2774>

# Cle Elum

Number of chickens  
depends on the size of  
property lot. No roosters,  
prohibited by excessive  
noise ordinance. No permit  
required.



“No owner or custodian of any dog or fowl shall permit the same to remain outside of the dwelling of such owner or custodian or outside of the closed building where the dog or fowl is kept while any such dog or fowl is kept while any such dog or fowl is causing excessive or frequent noises which disturb, or is likely to disturb, the comfort or repose of other persons in the neighborhood. A violation of this section is declared to be a public nuisance and adverse to the public health and welfare. The number of small animals kept outside a dwelling unit shall be limited as follows:

1. On sites of less than twenty thousand square feet, three per dwelling unit;
2. On sites of between twenty thousand and thirty-five thousand square feet, five per dwelling unit; and
3. On sites greater than thirty-five thousand square feet, one additional small animal per dwelling unit for each one-half acre of site area over thirty-five thousand square feet up to a maximum of twenty. No owner or custodian of any animal or fowl shall keep or harbor or maintain any such animal or fowl, or maintain any place in which such animal or fowl is kept, in such manner as to be filthy or unsanitary. Violation of this section is declared to be a public nuisance and adverse to the public health, safety and welfare.”

**Cle Elum Municipal Code Chapter 06.04, 06.04.40, 06.04.50, 06.04.70, 06.04.80**

Contact phone: 509-674-2262

<https://cleelum.municipal.codes/CEMC/6.04>

# Kittitas

Up to four chickens.  
No roosters after 16 weeks of  
age. Annual permit required.



“It is unlawful to keep, harbor or own any number of horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, cows, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks or any other livestock within the limits of the city except under a permit as provided for in this chapter, first obtained from the city council. (c) Permitted livestock must be kept in well ventilated, enclosed coops, cages, or hutches, constructed to protect livestock against weather conditions and predators and have an enclosed run for livestock. The coop, cage, or hutch and run shall provide a minimum of 10 square feet of ground space per animal permitted.

(d) All coops, cages, hutches and runs shall be located in rear yard only. Coops, cages, and hutches shall be at least 25 feet from any neighboring dwelling and a minimum of 10 feet from any property line. No portion of any run shall be within 10 feet of any property line unless the property line abuts an alley.

(e) All coops, cages, hutches and runs shall be kept in neat, sanitary, dust-free condition and must be cleaned on a regular basis as to prevent odors.

(f) All feces and waste from permitted animals must be removed from property on a weekly basis..”

**City of Kittitas Municipal Code: Chapter 6.12, 6.12.10**

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<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/boc/countycode/title06.aspx>