

Chicken-Keeping Policies in Oregon
(Revised August 19, 2010)

Oregon Cities	# Hens Allowed	Setback from Property Line	Distance from Adjacent Dwellings	Minimum Lot Size	Comments
Astoria	Unlimited				
Beaverton	4		20'		Ordinance passed unanimously on 8/16/10, takes effect Sept. 20, 2010.
Bend	4	15'	25'	6,000 sq ft	Requires a \$100 Farm Animal Permit.
Cannon Beach	4	15'	15'		
Corvallis	Unlimited				Even roosters are permitted.
Dallas	5	10'			Adopted ordinance in January 2010.
Eugene	2	10'	25'		Citizens currently working to increase number of hens allowed.
Forest Grove	4		20'	5,000 sq ft	
Gresham	3	10'	25'		Adopted ordinance in December 2009 - Requires \$50 permit which is good for two years.
Klamath Falls					
Lake Oswego	Unlimited				
Lincoln City	Unlimited				
Portland*	3				
Springfield	4				

* Multnomah County enforces the chicken ordinance for the city of Portland. If you have less than 4 chickens, the only requirement is that you keep no roosters and do not let hens roam freely. If you want 4 or more hens, you have to apply for a \$31 "special animal facility" permit and abide by further restrictions including property line setbacks, etc. People with 3 or less chickens who do not care for them properly and receive valid complaints can be made to get the permit and follow a more stringent set of rules.