

## MUNICIPALITIES THAT LICENCE AND/OR REGULATE

Municipality	Number of hens permitted	Details	Number of licences
Belleville	4	Permitted in Rural Residential. No licence.	n/a
Brampton	10	No more than two hens without a licence - minimum one acre lot size.	1
Brantford	10	One time application and fee; maximum 10 hens or 9 hens and 1 rooster.	17
Caledon	4	Started in 2019 permanent - no application, no fee.	n/a
Georgina	4	Pilot project 2017 - 2 years - permanent 2022 - one time application and fee - properties 0.4 acres or greater.	27
Guelph	10	One time application and fee - allows up to 10 hens unless they are kept at all times in a pen that has a coop.	60
Halton Hills	4	Started in 2021 permanent.	3
Hamilton	no limit	Permitted in rural settlement (properties 0.5 acres or greater) and on a farm. Do not licence.	n/a
Kawartha Lakes	10	Pilot since May 2021 - permanent 2024 - properties 0.5 acres or greater.	6
Kingston	6	Started in 2011 - started as a 3 year pilot project. No owner shall cause or permit its hen to persistently cluck.	75
Kitchener	4	Started in 2016 - one-time application and fee.	206
Newmarket	3	Pilot project 2016, extended 2017 - now permanent - one time application - no fee.	20
Niagara Falls	10	Do not licence - coop setbacks 25 ft from rear lot and 15 ft from side lot.	n/a
Norfolk	4	Do not licence.	n/a
Orillia	4	Pilot project 2017 - permanent 2023.	12
Russell, Twp	3 or 5	Pilot project 2021 - permanent 2023 - 3 hens on residential property (between 500 m <sup>2</sup> (0.12 acre) and 2999 m <sup>2</sup> (0.74 acre)) or 5 hens on Rural Residential properties (3000m <sup>2</sup> +).	0
Sarnia	12 bantams	2024 Council requesting to permit larger chickens - report to follow.	n/a
Springwater	4	Pilot project 2020 - 3 years - now permanent - limit to 25 licences - then waitlist.	13
Waterloo	4	Started in 2021 - hens must be banded with owner's information.	42
Woodstock	no limit	No licence - 20 ft from keeper, 50 ft from others.	n/a

## MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LICENCE OR REGULATE

Municipality	Details
Ajax	Jan 2022 Council received Urban Backyard Chicken Pilot Program report for information and draft by-law - Council decided not to support and implement.
Amherstburg	Do not permit.
Durham Region	Feb 2024 - Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution - does not support permitting chickens being kept in urban settlement areas and rural settlement areas (which includes towns, villages and hamlets).
Haldimand	Do not permit.
Innisfil	In 2021 considered pilot project in settlement areas. Not approved. Chickens permitted outside settlement areas.
Lakeshore	Do not permit.
Lambton Shores	Do not permit.
Leamington	Do not permit.
London	Third debate in 2022 - do not permit.
Mississauga	Pilot project from 2021 to 2023 - discontinued program. The concerns cited were wildlife that the hens attract. In the report to Council administration stated that the urban hen program wasn't aligned with the city's push to stop residents from feeding and attracting wildlife, including coyotes. The two year pilot project offered 6 households with a four hen limit. At the end of the pilot there was low uptake and surveyed participants said it was challenging to access veterinarian services for the hens.
North Dumfries	Pilot from 2018 to 2022 (first pilot 18 months, extended 2 years) - pilot ended due to lack of interest from public. The Township received no applications, inquiries, or complaints about it, despite the interest at a public information session before the pilot began. No licences were issued.
Peterborough	Permitted from 2017 to 2021 - no longer permit.
Sudbury	Do not permit. Only where 'agricultural use' is permitted on lots that are a minimum of 1 hectare (2.4711 acre) in size.
St Thomas	June 2023 Council approved recommendation to defer one year citing concerns over Avian Flu.
Tecumseh	Pilot project from 2020 to 2022 - discontinued program. Significant staff resources were required to oversee the pilot program, including administration of the applications, inspection of the hen coops and runs, compliance and enforcement with the Pilot Program Terms and Conditions, responding to inquiries/complaints relating to keeping of urban hens, and the like. One of the participants in the pilot was critical of how the town set up the program. Noting in a media release he states: "I don't think that they did a good job of giving it a fair shake. I think all of the complaints that were relayed to us were predictable, and so if you were going to get rid of the program based on that, I think they should have never started it in the first place."

Toronto	Pilot project from 2018 to 2023 - discontinued program. The project discontinued because of the considerable costs and resources required to safely administer a city-wide program, concerns regarding HPAI, animal welfare challenges and limited number of veterinarians to provide appropriate care for hens. As well, the resources and costs required to mitigate community safety and sanitary concerns are significant.
Windsor	Do not permit.