

## Hen Ordinance Impact Report - 2025 Update

| Survey Questions  | Darien                              | Lisle  | Downers Grove  | Lombard                             | Naperville                                     | St. Charles  | Western Springs   | Woodridge   |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Ordinance Implementation Date & Overview  | 2020; Up to 6 chickens; no roosters | 2022; Up to 4 chickens; no roosters                | Revised in 2014; Up to 4 chickens; no roosters; neighbor consent required if lots do not meet 50ft set-back requirements | 2022; Up to 6 chickens; no roosters | Revised in 2012; Up to 8 chickens; no roosters | 2014; Up to 6 chickens; Backyard chickens/coops do not require a permit in St. Charles | 2012; Up to 4 chickens; no roosters; conducted 1-year pilot program before implementation | Pilot program April 2024 through Oct. 2025; up to 6 hens; no roosters |
| How many complaints has your department received in the past year regarding the keeping of chickens?  | 3                                   | No   | 0  | 2                                   | 3  | 2-3  | 0   | 0   |
| How many backyard chicken permits were issued in the past year?   | 0                                   | 2 with 3 additional permits pending final approval | 5  | 18                                  | 1  | NA   | 3   | 15  |
| How many total households in your town are currently keeping chickens?  | 9                                   | 14   | Unknown  | 86                                  | Unknown  | NA   | Under 20  | 15  |
| Have there been any notable issues regarding neighbor complaints about noise or smell?  | No                                  | No   | One loud rooster complaint, rooster was removed  | No                                  | No   | No   | No  | No  |
| Has there been an observable increase in predators such as coyotes in the area since passing the hen ordinance in your municipality?                | No                                  | No   | No   | No                                  | Yes (see full notes)                           | No   | No (see full notes)   | No  |
| Have there been any known instances of disease or infection due to the keeping of hens?   | No                                  | No   | No   | No                                  | No   | No   | No  | No  |
| Does the hen application process and compliance take up a significant amount of staff time, to the extent that it has posed a problem or challenge? | No                                  | No   | No   | No                                  | No   | No (see full notes)  | No  | No  |
| Are there any other hen related issues that have come up since passing the ordinance?   | No                                  | No   | No   | No                                  | No   | Yes (permits not required, making compliance a challenge. see full notes)              | No  | No  |