

Things to Consider Before Raising Chickens in Pocopson Township

Section 250-92 Keeping of Animals of the Code of the Township of Pocopson contains rules and regulations for raising chickens in the Township. The specific regulations are available on the Township website (<http://ecode360.com/6539575>) but below are a few frequently asked questions about raising chickens and how the questions are addressed in the Code.

Please consider these questions and review the Code requirements before raising chickens on your property.

How many chickens I am allowed to have on my property?

The number of chickens permitted depends on the size of your lot and is shown in the table below:

Lot Size	Number of Chickens Permitted
Less than ½ Acre (21,780 square feet)	0
½ Acre – 2 Acres	5
2.01 Acres – 10 Acres	20
10.01 Acres – 19.99 Acres	30
20 Acres and Greater	Based on “reasonable animal husbandry and agricultural practices”

Can I raise the chickens anywhere on my property?

No, chickens and roosters may not be located within 300 feet of any adjoining property.

Can I let the chickens roam freely on my property?

No, a fence or otherwise enclosed outside area must be provided which is capable of containment of the chickens and of sufficient size and location for good sanitation practices.

Do I need a shelter to house my chickens?

Yes, the chickens must have a shelter with appropriate and adequate facilities for food and water.

Additional Resources:

If you find that you meet the Township Code requirements for raising chickens, below are links to some additional resources that may be of assistance.

Poultry in Urban Areas

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/A3908-03.pdf>

Raising Fowl in Urban Areas

<http://extension.psu.edu/publications/um194>

Raising Your Home Chicken Flock

http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/poulsci/tech_manuals/cage_free/raising_chicken_flock.pdf

Please contact the Township at (610) 793-2151 if you have any questions.