

## PART C<sup>70</sup>

### Chickens

**Section 301. Keeping of Chickens.** Codification of Ordinances, Chapter XIX, Zoning, Section 501 contains requirements for the keeping of chickens on a property in the Borough of State College.

(Ordinance 84, May 3, 1926, Section 1, amended by Ordinance 1912, December 1, 2008, Section 1.)

**Section 302. Unlawful to Allow Chickens to Run at Large.** It shall be unlawful for the owner or owners of any chickens to allow the same to run at large upon any of the common thoroughfares, sidewalks, passageways, play areas, parks, streets, alleys, or public highways or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any public or private property without an approved coop and run in the Borough. Any chicken not contained within an approved coop or run shall be deemed “at large.”

(Ordinance 1912, December 1, 2008, Section 1.)

**Section 303. Sanitary Requirements for Housing Chickens.** All owner or owners of chickens within the limits of the Municipality are hereby required to house the same at all times under sanitary conditions so that the keeping of chickens shall not become either a public or private nuisance. The following provisions apply:

a. All chicken feces accumulated on private property shall be removed by using the approved sanitary method of double bagging and placed in the trash for collection unless composted as provided for in Section 304 below.

b. Chicken feces on private property shall not be allowed to accumulate to the degree that it becomes a public health nuisance or hazard. In cases where chicken feces does accumulate on private property, the Director of the Department of Ordinance Enforcement and Public Health or his designee may conduct an investigation, after which the accumulation may be declared a public health hazard or nuisance and the owner shall be ordered to remove and dispose of the accumulated feces in an approved manner. The order to remove such accumulated feces shall be given personally to the owner or shall be sent by registered mail and the owner shall be given a period of 48 hours from the date and time of receipt of the order to clean the property and remove the accumulated feces.

(Ordinance 84, May 3, 1926, Section 2, as amended by Ordinance 1912, December 1, 2008, Section 1.)

**Section 304. Composting.** It shall be unlawful for any person to spread or cause to be spread or deposited upon any ground or premises within the Borough any chicken manure. However, chicken manure may be composted on the property where the chickens are housed and the composted material then applied to gardens or yards.

(Ordinance 1912, December 1, 2008, Section 1)

**Section 305. Slaughtering Prohibited.** No person shall slaughter any chicken in the Borough.

(Ordinance 1912, December 1, 2008, Section 1)

**Section 306. Proper Storage of Feed.** All feed, water and other items associated with the keeping of chickens shall be protected in a way that prevents infestation by rats, mice, or other rodents or vectors. Failure to keep all feed, water and other items associated with the keeping of chickens in a clean and sanitary condition constitutes a violation of this ordinance.

(Ordinance 1912, December 1, 2008, Section 1)

**Section 307. Penalty for Violation of Provisions on Chickens.** Any owner or owners of any chicken or chickens kept within the limits of this Municipality violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before the District Magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$600.00 and costs of prosecution at the discretion of said Magistrate and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, shall be committed to the County Jail for not more than 5 days.

(Ordinance 84, May 3, 1926, Section 3, as amended by Ordinance 442, June 7, 1954, and by Ordinance 1912, December 1, 2008, Section 1.)