

ORDINANCE NO. 2298

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CARLISLE  
ALLOWING FOR THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS.

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: §80-8 [Definitions and word usage] of Article III [Livestock and Fowl] of Chapter 80 [Animals] of the Code of the Borough of Carlisle is hereby amended to include the following additional paragraph:

A. Words used in §80-9.C below shall have those meanings as defined in §255-12 of Chapter 255.

SECTION 2: §80-9 [Pigs and pigpens; chickens and other fowl] of Article III [Livestock and Fowl] of Chapter 80 [Animals] of the Code of the Borough of Carlisle is hereby amended as follows:

- A. §80-9.B is hereby amended to add to the end thereof: “except as permitted in accordance with the requirements of C., below.”
- B. The following paragraph is added to §80-9:
  - C. The keeping of chickens is permitted in the Borough of Carlisle subject to compliance with the following requirements and conditions:
    - 1. The keeping of chickens shall be permitted in the following locations:
      - a. On any residential lot in the R-1 Low Density Residential zoning district as a use accessory to the residential use of the lot;

- b. On any residential lot in the Borough as an accessory use to the residential use of the lot, having a lot area of 5,000 or more square feet; and
  - c. On any lot in the INS Institutional zoning district as an accessory use of the lot, having a lot area of 5,000 or more square feet.
2. Chickens may only be kept in the rear yard of the lot.
  3. Chickens must be kept within a coop or shelter which is fully enclosed (top or roof) with wire mesh fencing of a size that will not allow escape from the pen enclosure.
  4. The coop or shelter must be fully screened and buffered by fencing and/or vegetation so as not to be visible from any public right-of-way or street.
  5. The coop or shelter must be designed in compliance with any state standards or regulations pertaining to livestock or animal protection and/or health standards.
  6. There must be a 60-foot minimum separation maintained between the coop or shelter and any adjacent residential structures.
  7. The maximum number of chickens shall be limited to four (4), none of which may be roosters.
  8. Bedding in the coop or shelter must be changed on a daily basis, not openly stored and used bedding properly disposed of on a weekly basis.
  9. Eggs or chickens from the use on the lot may not be sold commercially or as a home occupation.

10. Any slaughtering of chickens or related fowl must be done within the residence or other principal structure on the lot.
11. No chickens may be placed or maintained on a lot until a permit is issued by the Borough of Carlisle. The permit shall be issued after an inspection is performed confirming compliance with the requirements of §80.9.C and upon payment of the fee as required by §120-43. The permit shall be valid for one (1) year and must be renewed annually after inspection and payment of the required fee.

SECTION 3: Article II [General Fee Schedule] of Chapter 120 [Fees] of the Code of the Borough of Carlisle is hereby amended to include the following new section:

§120-43. Chicken licensing fee.

A fee of \$50.00 shall be charged for the issuance of the annual permit required under §80-9.C.

SECTION 4: In all other respects, the Code of the Borough of Carlisle shall remain as previously enacted and amended.

SECTION 5: All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF CARLISLE

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Joyce E. Stone, Secretary

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Timothy A. Scott, Mayor

(Borough Seal)