

# **Am I allowed to have chickens on my property and if so, what do I need to do and know?**

*Yes, if your intent is to have chickens as a pet and/or for fresh eggs (for personal consumption and/or non-profit), chickens are permitted as a by right accessory use in all districts. The size of your property determines the number of chickens, ducks, pigeons, geese and/or similar fowl you may have. The minimum lot area of 10,000 square feet (approx.1/4 acre) is required for two (2) chickens/related fowl, then 5,000 square feet (approx.1/8 acre) of lot area for each additional chicken/related fowl.*

*\*\*You are also required by PA State law to obtain a manure management plan and/or application to have chickens and related fowl.*

A zoning permit is not required to own chickens and/or related fowl noted above. However, you are required to have the chickens and related fowl to be confined to the property of the owner of the fowl (Z.O. Section 119-41.D(11)[d]).

## **\*\*Steps for obtaining and applying for a manure management plan and/or application:**

1. You can obtain manure management information, requirements and applications with the Monroe County Conservation District (MCCD).

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PLEASE KEEP IN MIND YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A ROOSTER TO PRODUCE EGGS. ALTHOUGH ROOSTERS ARE ALLOWED, THEY CAN POSE A NUISANCE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AND/OR SUBDIVISION WHERE YOU RESIDE. THE MOST COMMON COMPLAINT RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP IS THE NOISE LEVEL ROOSTERS CAUSE.

IF YOU RESIDE IN A SUBDIVISION, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OR DEED RESTRICTIONS TO SEE IF THESE TYPES OF PETS ARE ALLOWED. THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ENFORCE SUBDIVISION BY-LAWS OR DEED RESTRICTIONS.