

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 820 AS
AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 874 OF THE ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP CODE OF
ORDINANCES KNOWN AS THE ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE
TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF POULTRY IN R-1, R-2, R-3 AND R-4 ZONING
DISTRICTS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETH**

ORDINANCE NO. 935

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Elizabeth Township wishes to permit the keeping of poultry in R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 Zoning Districts subject to certain requirements.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the language of Ordinance 820, as amended by Ordinance 874, of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the authority of the Elizabeth Township Board of Commissioners as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance 820, as amended by Ordinance 874, Article VI, Section 601(A)(2) of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include the following:

“1. Keeping of poultry subject to Section 1508.11”

Section 2. Ordinance 820, as amended by Ordinance 874, Article VII, Section 701(A)(2) of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include the following:

“j. Keeping of poultry subject to Section 1508.11”

Section 3. Ordinance 820, as amended by Ordinance 874, Article VIII, Section 801(A)(2) of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include the following:

“j. Keeping of poultry subject to Section 1508.11”

Section 4. Ordinance 820, as amended by Ordinance 874, Article IX, Section 901(A)(2) of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include the following:

“j. Keeping of poultry subject to Section 1508.11”

Section 5. Ordinance 820, as amended by Ordinance 874, Article XV, Section 1508.2 of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

“1508.2

Any building used for the keeping, raising or feeding of livestock shall be located at least two hundred (200) feet from any street line and from any adjacent landowner’s well or dwelling and not less than one hundred (100) feet from the landowner’s well or property line.”

Section 6. Ordinance 820, as amended by Ordinance 874, Article XV, of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include the following:

“1508.11 - POULTRY

- a. The keeping maintain or slaughtering of poultry (i.e. ducks, chickens, swans, geese, turkeys, guinea, fowl, pheasants, pea fowl and pigeons) shall be permitted only on a lot with a land area equivalent to 40,000 square feet or more. In no event shall more than 5 poultry birds be permitted on each 40,000 square feet of area. The pen, shelter, or enclosure shall be set no closer than 75 feet to the front lot line nor closer than 75 feet to any side or rear line and may not be located in a front yard.
- b. No male chickens (roosters) are permitted.
- c. No chickens may run at large within the corporate limits of the Municipality.
- d. All chickens must be contained within the owner’s boundary lines.
- e. Any coop or enclosure for the chickens must be a covered, predator-proof chicken house that is thoroughly ventilated, of sufficient size to admit free movement of the chickens and kept clean. No enclosure shall exceed 20 square feet for each 40,000 square feet of area.
- f. a coop that is not occupied for a period of one (1) year must be removed.
- g. All feed must be kept in a vermin-proof, air-tight container.
- h. Selling of eggs shall be prohibited.

Section 7. Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

ADOPTED and ENACTED by Council this 5th day of February, 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETH

ATTEST:



BY: 

President