

The City of Peasbody adopted Ordinance 12783 on January 17th, 2017, was entitled as Section 1.01 Office of Peasbody Code of Ordinances ("the Code") is this Ordinance prohibits the keeping of animals within the city limits of Peasbody. There is no fee on the keeping of chickens other than owners. There is also no limit on the number of chickens that you may have on your property.

There are, however, a few other city laws that sometimes play when considering the keeping of chickens.

The first is that it is unlawful for the owner, manager, or person in control of any chicken or chickens to any domestic fowl to permit the same to run at large, day or night, within the corporate limits of the City (Section 1.01.001 city of the Code). A violation may subject owner or fowl of up to \$200.00 with each and every day that the violation occurs being a separate and distinct offense (Section 1.01.001(c) of the Code).

The second is that it is a nuisance and unlawful for any person to allow any pig, boar, or other swine to which food or any animal subject to produce or emit from animal waste to cause if it offends or disturbs a person of normal nervous constitution and ordinary tastes, habits, and modes of living, (Section 4.01.001(a) of the Code).

The third is that it is also unlawful to allow any accumulation of waste or dead animals or carcasses that it becomes objectionable to persons of ordinary constitution. (Section 4.01.001(b)(1) of the Code).

A violation of the second or third provisions listed above carries a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per offense and each and every day of violation is a separate and distinct offense.

In summary you may not have chickens within the city limits but you may have as many farms as you would like as long as you follow the good ol' laws, keep any issues from creating any offensive odors to your neighbors, and do not allow any of your chickens to run at large, day or night.