Raising Chickens in the City of Casper…

A summary of the new laws:

DO	DON'T
Raise up to six (6) chickens at an occupied single family residence.	**Raise** roosters or hybrid chickens unless you live in an Urban Agriculture (AG) Zoning District, or you have an approved Conditional Use Permit.
Provide chickens with a covered, fully enclosed and ventilated coop with access to the coop and pen at all times. However, restrict chickens to the coop from dusk until dawn for their safety.	**Butcher** chickens within the City limits. If you no longer want your chickens, they can be surrendered to Metro Animal Services for re-homing.
Allow chickens to roam your yard during the day, provided there is a 6' high privacy fence. If the fence does not contain the chickens in the yard, you may need to clip their flight feathers.	**Allow** chickens to roam off your property as they will be considered "at large" which is considered a misdemeanor. If the chickens are impounded by Metro Animal Services, then reclaim fees will apply.
Keep the coop/pen under 60 square feet and under 7' tall.	**Construct** the coop/pen in your front yard as it must be located in the backyard. The coop/pen must be at least 6' from the side and rear property lines. If your property backs to an alley, the setback for the coop/pen shall be 3' from the alley.
Keep the area clean; frequency will primarily depend on how many chickens you have. Ensure that chickens have fresh, clean water to drink and that all chicken feed is stored in an airtight metal container that will discourage vermin and insects.	**Allow** chickens to come into contact with wild ducks, geese, or their excrement in order to protect the health of your chickens.
Enjoy your chickens and the eggs they will provide to you and your family!	

For questions about the legal requirements for keeping chickens in the City limits, please contact Metro Animal Services at 235-8398. To confirm the zoning of a specific property, please contact the Planning Department at 235-8241.