

Proposed Chicken-Keeping Ordinance

City Staff Recommended:

Three egg-laying hens (no roosters) allowed in the backyards of RS zones, as pets.

Coops have to be 10' from property lines or at least 20' from adjacent dwellings.

Coops are to be maintained in a manner that does not create a nuisance.

Chickens are to be enclosed at all times with access to shelter from the rain (coop with attached run).

Valid complaints would trigger a visit from the code compliance office and chicken owners would be given 30 days to correct the problem.

Additional sideboards that Councilor Sullivan would have added:

No slaughtering, breeding, or selling is permitted.

Feed is to be stored in a manner that does not attract rodents.

Chicken owners must register online, at which time they will read and agree to all regulations and be automatically sent educational materials.

Chicken owners must pass an initial inspection and a follow-up inspection two years later. Inspections will be conducted by an outside private firm and the results (along with pictures of the facility) will be forwarded to the city.

The initial permit will cost \$50 and can be renewed each year for \$25.

C.I.T.Y. agreed to:

The above stipulations.

To provide coop-building and chicken-raising classes.

To provide educational materials, free of charge to the city.

To work with the city to help mitigate any problems.