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Urban Chickens- last ones

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda

Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

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From: "Jacqueline Zipprich" <jzipprich@desertmgmt.com>
To: <Jay.Tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/23/2013 08:49 AM
Subject: Re: Proposed ordinance change to allow chickens in residential areas.

Thank you-

All we ask is that community documents not be trumped by an ordinance of this nature.

Regards,
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From: Jay.Tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2013 8:29 AM
To: [Jacqueline Zipprich](mailto:Jacqueline.Zipprich)
Subject: Re: Proposed ordinance change to allow chickens in residential areas.

Thank you for the email and for sharing your thoughts about the proposed regulations for urban chickens in Ch when this proposal comes before us tonight. Again, thank you for reaching out. Please contact me anytime you community.

Sincerely,

Jay Tibshraeny
Chandler

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From: "Jacqueline Zipprich" <jzipprich@desertmgmt.com>
To: <Rick.Heumann@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/23/2013 08:47 AM
Subject: Re: Proposed ordinance change to allow chickens in residential areas.

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If they do begin to consider trumping documents--please consider our position on this matter.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 7:41 PM
To: [Jacqueline Zipprich](mailto:Jacqueline.Zipprich)
Subject: Re: Proposed ordinance change to allow chickens in residential areas.

Dear Jacqueline:

Thanks for your note and concerns. First let me say that your CCR'S will not be overridden by this ordinance. If passed your HOA rules will still be in place. This ordinance if passed would apply to traditional neighborhoods and HOA'S without such rules.

Please come on Thursday evening and express your concerns in person.

Sincerely,

Rick Heumann
Chandler City Council Member
480-961-5455

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Date: 05/23/2013 02:24 PM
Subject: Fwd: Are you a Chandler resident that wants to legalize the raising of backyard chickens?: Southeast Valley Permies

Dear Honorable Council,

It has come to my attention they you will be voting upon the ability for Chandler citizens to raise back yard chickens for pets, eggs, fertilizer and food.

It is the beautiful co-mingling of "country" and "city" that makes Chandler rank so high on "Best Places to Live". PLEASE vote YES and continue this tradition by allowing small to medium flocks here in Chandler.

Thank you for all the time and effort you give in serving Chandler and our residents.

Jessica B. M. Jordan

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Valley Permaculture Alliance** <mail@phoenixpermaculture.org>
Date: Thu, May 23, 2013 at 11:25 AM
Subject: Are you a Chandler resident that wants to legalize the raising of backyard chickens?: Southeast Valley Permies
To: "jessicab.m.jordan@gmail.com" <jessicab.m.jordan@gmail.com>

A message from Renu Kaur Sidhu to all friends of Southeast Valley Permies on Valley Permaculture Alliance!

City Council is voting on this TONIGHT! We narrowly made it though the Planning and Zoning Commission, and I hear on all fronts that people PRESENT and SUPPORTING this could sway the vote! Come on down to Chandler City Hall tonight for a 7 o'clock meeting. You can sign a card simply stating you are in favor, or on the same card check that you'd like to speak.

Please spread the word to friends and family that live in Chandler. We need as much support as we can get!

City Council Chambers: <http://www.chandleraz.gov/default.aspx?pageid=73>

Hope to see you there!
Renu

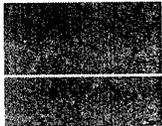
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Chickens

David Bigos to: David De La Torre, Robert Zeder,
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From: Neighborhood Programs/COC
To: David Bigos/COC
Date: 05/23/2013 12:56 PM
Subject: Fw: Council to address Urban Chickens Addt'l Info
Sent by: Judy Ramos

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480-782-4350 Fax

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From: james kinsella <jfkinsella1@yahoo.com>
To: Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/23/2013 12:33 PM
Subject: Re: Council to address Urban Chickens Addt'l Info

With all the important things that need to be considered we have the Chandler City Council dealing with chickens.

Since they, City Council Members, are apparently Bird Brains and Dumb Clucks, then, it makes sense.

However, I am not amused now; but, will be amused later on when the Chandler Chicken Chronicles appears

--- On Wed, 5/22/13, Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov <Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.>

From: Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov <Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov>

Subject: Council to address Urban Chickens Addt'l Info

To:

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 11:28 AM

Hello Chandler Residents:

I've received several questions regarding the **Thursday, May 23, 2013** Chandler City Council meeting regarding the City Code to permit residents to raise chickens on single family lots. Additionally, the Council will consider amending Chapter 14 by repealing the requirement for unreasonably loud chickens as a disturbing noise, and amending Chapter 14 by repealing the requirement for single family residences.

Residents will be given an opportunity to speak at the Thursday night meeting and all the opinions and copies will be given to Mayor and Council.

As a reminder, the meeting will be held at the Chandler City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street

For more information visit: www.chandleraz.gov/agendas.

Thank you,

Judy Ramos
Neighborhood Programs Coordinator

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From: Kathy Sepanski <kathy.sepanski@gmail.com>
To: Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/23/2013 01:23 PM
Subject: Re: Council to address Urban Chickens Addt'l Info

Neighborhood Programs Office,

Thank you in advance for notifying me that the ordinance to raise chickens on a single family lot is being brought up for review. I cannot be more adamant about not wanting this ordinance change to pass. My neighbors earlier this year were keeping chickens (12) in their backyard. I was disturbed not only by the noise but the smell.

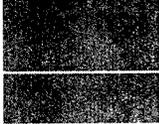
Please take into consideration my opposition to this ordinance change when voting on the matter this evening. Please feel free to contact me if you need more information or have any questions regarding my position on this matter 480-993-4475

Thanks you,

Kathy Sepanski
2335 W. Highland Court
Chandler, AZ 85224

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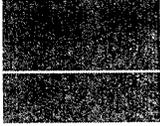
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From: Brooke <brooke@fastq.com>
To: undisclosed-recipients;
Date: 05/22/2013 05:27 PM
Subject: Regarding chickens

Dear Mayor Tibshraeny and members of the Chandler City Council,

I understand you are contemplating allowing city residents to have up to five hens/chickens on residential lots. Allow me to say you are caving in to a small, but vocal minority. We live in a city, which by means we, the residents, have selected a way of life that does not include barnyard animals. If we wanted to have chickens next door we'd have made our homes in a more rural area.

Because a few people have decided they want chickens, you are putting the rest of us at risk for noise and, worse, diseases. Please do some research and you will find that **chickens do pass diseases to people**. Diseases such as avian flu, staph infections and bacterial infections. **Even the CDC acknowledges that live poultry carry Salmonella**, a germ that makes it's home in the intestines of chickens and is shed, and spread, in the droppings. That is very serious and should be considered. You don't want to be responsible for Chandler citizens getting sick. Children are particularly susceptible and often don't have the guidance and role models to take needed precautions. Don't we, as a city, have enough economic problems without being named the "responsible party" when our population gets sick because of chickens? I think we're just asking for trouble by allowing

chickens or other farm animals in any areas other than where they are currently allowed.

Be realistic, please, and acknowledge that **many of those who opt to keep chickens will NOT opt to take proper sanitary precautions.** Then there is an odor problem to be considered, not to mention feathers that waft on every breeze to settle in neighboring yards. That's invasive of other people's property and certainly should enter into your considerations. Most of those who want to keep chickens will merely hose down the area, if that much. What that means for the rest of us is that those **disease-laden droppings will end up in our sewer system.** It's pollution and an unauthorized use of our sewer system but who is going to do anything about it? If a neighbor violates the "chicken" law, are we to call out the chicken police? Will you and the Council allocate funding to hire chicken officers? All to satisfy a few [forgive me] loud mouths who failed to think this through?

I beg you to leave well enough alone and close your ears to those few loud, vocal proponents of expanding the areas in which chickens are permitted. They are already allowed on lots zoned agricultural (AG-1) and on large lots zoned SF-33. If people want to raise chickens, let them do it on property already zoned for that purpose and leave the rest of us chicken-free. **Taking that giant step back into the 19th Century will do no good and has the potential to do vast harm.**

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To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Cc: Don Andrews <don323@fastq.com>
Date: 05/23/2013 01:50 AM
Subject: Proposed Ordinances #4449 & 4457: Chickens

Re: Proposed Ordinances #4449 & 4457

23 May 2013

Dear Mayor Tibshraeny and City Council Members,

I am writing to you concerning proposed new ordinances regarding the keeping of chickens on residential lots within the city of Chandler. I, as president of the Madeline Court Homeowners Association and on behalf of the Association, urge you to defeat these proposals. When we purchased our homes in Chandler, we did not expect to be residing next door to farm animals and the problems they cause.

Foremost among these is the spread of odors, filth and potential disease. Health authorities concur that chickens harbor both salmonella and E-coli bacteria, as well as avian flu. These are particularly serious infections that sometimes can be fatal to animals and humans alike. This is not a liability that the city should willingly incur.

The proposed ordinances discuss specific requirements for keeping chickens, the location of coops, how the waste is to be handled, and how citizens who keep chickens must not allow them to become a nuisance or disturb the peace, among other things. This is all well-intentioned but ultimately unrealistic. Just as certain dog owners disregard the barking-dog ordinance and many drivers violate speed limits, some people who keep chickens as a result of the new ordinances will disregard key portions of the law. That is likely to lead to significant problems, including pollution from chicken waste that may be blown by the wind or washed into streets and into

storm sewers.

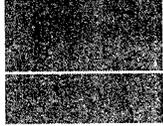
Enforcement is another problem. Are you willing to burden the already over-burdened Chandler police with enforcing the various provisions of the new chicken law? Don't you think the police already have more than enough to do? If you approve these ordinances, ethically you must also appropriate additional funds for the police department for enforcement. Have you considered this and are you willing to act in the best interest of the police and the public at large?

Newspaper reports cite requests from "several" citizens to change the city code regarding the keeping of chickens. From all indications, these citizens are a vocal minority. It is highly doubtful that a majority of voters would approve this idea if it were to be submitted for inclusion on a general election ballot.

City code already permits the keeping of chickens on properties designated AG-1 and SF-33. That is sufficient. I urge you to defeat the proposed ordinances that seek to change the current law regarding keeping of chickens within the Chandler city limits.

Respectfully,

Don Andrews, President
Madeline Court Homeowners Association



chickens

David Bigos to: David De La Torre, Robert Zeder,
CityClerkAgenda

05/22/2013 04:19 PM

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Mayor and Council Assistant
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Date: 05/22/2013 01:51 PM
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Sent by: Judy Ramos

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Date: 05/22/2013 11:42 AM
Subject: RE: Council to address Urban Chickens Addt'l Info

Judy,

All Council Members except Kevin Hartke are protected from the Chicken S ordinance by their HOA's.

Maybe the six should recuse themselves from the vote.

Bob Caccamo

P.S. Are six pet pigs next?

From: Judy.Ramos@chandleraz.gov [mailto:Judy.Ramos@chandleraz.gov] **On Behalf Of**
Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov

Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 11:29 AM

Subject: Council to address Urban Chickens Addt'l Info

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Thank you,

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To: Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/22/2013 12:21 PM
Subject: Re: Council to address Urban Chickens Addt'l Info

Hi Judy,

Thank you for keeping me on your distribution list. I am unable to be at the meeting scheduled for May 23rd but would appreciate the amendment to allow chickens at residents if they do not make too much of a disturbance. It has become hard to trust what we can purchase at our local markets. Having fresh eggs and fresh meet will not only benefit our peoples health but also our land.

Thank you for your time,
Tennile Vallejo
Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

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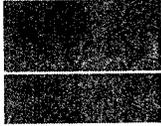
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Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda
Cc: David Bigos, Melanie Sala

05/22/2013 03:59 PM

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Date: 05/22/2013 11:31 AM
Subject: Re: Urban Chickens

Thank you to those who replied and let us know that Ocotillo won't be affected by this.

We are, however, curious as to why this info took so long to get out. We just found out Monday, and had our friend not been a Neighborhood Leader, probably wouldn't have found out at all.

This got us to thinking of all the other Chandler residents who may or may not know about this meeting tomorrow night.

I checked with Planning and Zoning and Communications, they said a press release went out and that it was posted on social media. Well, we never heard anything about it. Never saw it in the San Tan paper that gets tossed on our driveway.

We get our water from City of Chandler, was something put in the water bill?

Or could you have scheduled an interview with one of the news channels?

We're just saying that there might have been a better way of getting this kind of info out there since it could be a pretty big deal to some folks.

Our two cents worth, thanks for listening.

Todd & Krinda Power

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Cc: judy.ramos@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/22/2013 01:27 PM
Subject: FW: City Council to address Urban Chickens

Mayor and Council,

As a resident of Chandler, and co-founder of Healthy Community Chandler, I want to express my support for the proposed ordinance changes regarding the keeping of chickens in Chandler.

As a proponent of healthy lifestyle options, allowing Chandler residents to raise chickens is a critical element for facilitating residents having access to healthy food. This is an important step for the city to become a leader in providing residents the opportunity to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The Healthy Community Chandler (HCC) group hopes that this regulatory change to accommodate chickens is one of the first steps in the process of helping to make Chandler a healthy, livable community. As a follow-up, HCC would like the city council to consider the preparation of Healthy Lifestyle Plan - similar to the plan prepared for Goodyear, Avondale, and Litchfield Park - that can serve as a roadmap for making decisions that will ensure Chandler is a healthy community.

thank you...Dean

Dean P. Brennan, FAICP
Healthy Community Chandler
429 W. McNair St.
P.O. Box 6940
Chandler, Az 85246-6940
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"Affordable, healthy, high-quality housing is one of the basic elements of a sustainable community."

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Request #: 13-05-1082 **Status:** New Request **As Of:** 5/22/2013 4:42 PM

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Phone Number:	480-926-4489	Util Acct #:	
Name:	Larry Ditler	Business:	Retired FAA Air Traffic Control Specialist (FSS)
Address:	3011 N DAKOTA ST		
X Street:			
City, State Zip:	Chandler AZ 85225	Parcel:	
Country:	USA	Email:	DuckHolliday@msn.com
Building Type:		Work Phone:	
Home Phone:	480-926-4489	Phone 2:	
Phone 1:			

Category: CAPA **Follow-up Date:** 6/5/2013
Problem: Citizen Input
Cause:
Priority: Five Day **Facility:**
Address:
Address2:
Gen Location:
City: Chandler **Parcel Number:**
State: **Zip Code:** **Country:**
Department: **Building Type:**
Supervisor: Melanie Sala **Location X:**
Affected Utility: **Location Y:**

Scripts

Dear Mayor Tibshraney,

I will be unable to attend Thursdays Council Meeting, so if you would be so kind as to consider my ideas, if they are not already addressed, I would greatly appreciate it.

I think that chickens are do-able, provided that:

1. No roosters are allowed, unless they have been de-vocalized!
2. Hens are limited to a reasonable number; (not to exceed ???*)
 - a. a small enough number that noise and/or smell is not going to be a problem.
3. Chicken pens are "fully" enclosed, so that chickens are not wandering around the neighborhood. Any loose birds are subject to the "dinner table" if caught by a hungry neighbor. Ha!
4. Pens and Coops must be kept clean enough so as to not be an "aroma" problem; i.e.: cleaned weekly, monthly, or quarterly???
5. If the determined guidelines are violated, then permission to raise chickens can be revoked...
6. No License and/or Fees will be required!

???* = to be determined....

Thank You very much,

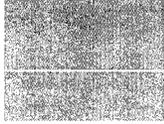
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cc: Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs

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Dave:

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Judy

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To: <Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/22/2013 10:46 AM
Subject: Re: City Council to address Urban Chickens

As a resident of Chandler for over 41 years, living in the same house and a neighborhood without an HOA, I am opposed to allowing chickens in residential areas. I believe it would be just one more issue for code and neighborhood services to

manage. There is more than enough for them at this time. I am all about gardens and raising fresh food for the family but, animals need to be where there is more acreage. Thank you for keeping us aware of what is going on in the city.

Karen Ewart
536 N Vine St
85225

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Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 12:39 PM

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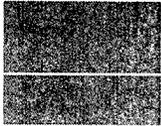
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Date: 05/19/2013 11:20 AM
Subject: Upcoming vote on zoning laws regarding urban chickens

The The Mayor and members of Chandler city council,

As a resident of the City of Chandler and an avid urban gardener I would like to urge you to vote in support of the proposed change in zoning law regarding the keeping of urban chicken. Urban chickens were once common place and in most cases are less disturbing than traditional domesticated pets ie dogs. People now days are more concerns about where their food comes from and keeping urban chickens can really add to their day to day food needs. Not only do they provide fresh eggs but chicken manure is an excellent natural fertilizer for urban gardens. Chickens also eat unwanted insect pests such as scorpions, roaches, spiders etc. When properly cared for chickens are really less intrusive than your average neighbor hood canine, less noise, less waste and less smell. We are talking about a basic freedom here, to be able to more better regulate where our food comes from and I urge you to support this change to the current city zoning laws.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

A Chandler resident,
Travis W. Aldrich
3207 North Carriage Lane
Chandler Az, 85224
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From: Alita Robbins <robbinsalita@yahoo.com>
To: "jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov" <jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/17/2013 07:26 PM
Subject: Chickens?

PS# 0711 bba

Jay, I want you to be on our side, when you vote on if Chandler residents should have the same rights as all other cities in AZ and be able to have our own chickens in our backyards.

This has been a point of contention for me for all the years that I've lived in Chandler, which is 24.

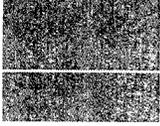
I have been shopping for a house in Gilbert because I want my family to learn to live sustain-ably.

The *Town of Gilbert* supports families like mine, and I sincerely hope Chandler wakes up and smells the coffee.

That Chandler is living in the dark ages in terms of today's family needs and wants!

I do hope to learn that you vote FOR FAMILY SUSTAINABILITY and EDUCATION!

Thank you!



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Subject: Chandler Chickens.

Hi and thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Hopefully you will take into consideration allowing us to raise Chickens in the City of Chandler. Right now it is not allowed, which personally I find quite ridiculous. I attended a meeting earlier this month that was the "prelim" meeting to see if it will actually go to you, our council members, for approval to make it legal.

What they proposed is allowing (for right now) a maximum of 5 chickens per household for personal use of the products that the chickens give off (eggs and fertilizer). I think this is a big step in the right direction. Some people wanted more chickens but I think that if we are allowed the 5 and things go good, people with larger land lots can eventually have 1 chicken for every 1,500 ft of land, but this is not in the works yet, again we are hoping to get 5 chickens passed.

I realize most of the City of Chandler live in HOA's and I learned that night at the meeting that about 85%+ of Chandler residents live in HOA's so they will have to abide by the HOA rules and regulations. I have since found that large number of people who do live in the HOA's support the new chicken ordinance, a few of them have sent emails already in our support. I know due to they have contacted me after I had requested they send emails to you in support.

I have done a lot of research on the raising of chickens and found how beneficial they truly are to us. We as gardeners really can benefit from them as stated below.... Some of the points I have found are:

Chickens help control pests like Cockroaches, grubs, scorpions, and other little nasties. I have a few neighbors who have had a scorpion problems lately and I think if they had a bird or two, this would help out immensely around their homes.

Chicken droppings are an excellent compost booster and create a nitrogen-rich fertilizer. I have a friend who lives in Gilbert who has a small flock and we have compared the time it takes her compost to break down compared to mine and well.. I would LOVE those kinds of results.

Chickens are quite entertaining, better than watching any TV program nowadays. I love going to her house and watching her ladies as they scratch and peck, then get sidetracked with something that flies by then go off and fight over whatever the other one has found... They are the funnies

ladies I have ever seen and found that this is quite common with them.

Chickens are quite quiet with the exception of when they are letting you know they are about to or just laid an egg. When they do lay their eggs, they just want to let you know, look what I did, oh my gosh, did you see that?? They then just walk away like nothing ever happened, again, quite entertaining as well.

Chickens with clipped wings (no it doesn't hurt them, it's like getting your hair cut) will not fly too high. A small fence 4-5 feet high is high enough to contain them in an area. They really don't mind getting this done either, they love being held and one of my friends ladies will even peck at the back of your leg until you do pick her up.. Attention hogs sometimes... funny.

Eggs are healthier, richer and taste so much better than anything you can find in the stores... not to mention you know what they ate.

Chickens are great at eating our leftovers from Chinese food to pot roast. If you have leftovers they are there, ready to help get rid of excess foods that would otherwise go bad or in the garbage.

Garden waste. If you are a gardener like I am and you need to trim your plants back or they go to seed, feed the ladies with them. They love to help out with eating excess home grown foods. In fact, in Belgium, one city is actually giving three laying hens to 2,000 homes in an effort to reduce landfill costs. They also love to eat many weeds, and serve as post-harvest garden bed gleaners, potentially making your work as a gardener very, very easy.

Chickens perform multiple functions that can turn parts of our boring old yards into fertile garden patches. Their natural scratching and digging tendencies serve them well and can help you create top-notch garden beds. As an Organic Agent, great garden soil is a must and I would love to be able to add this to my website as well.

In contrast to factory farm eggs, eggs from backyard chickens have 25 percent more vitamin E, a third more vitamin A and 75 percent more beta carotene. They also have significantly more omega-3 fatty acids than factory farmed eggs.

Please take all of the above into careful consideration in allowing us to raise some ladies in our back yards, it wasn't that long ago that raising a small flock was common place and NOT having them was not the norm. I have been wanting to raise a small flock for about 14 of the 15 years I have lived here and would really love it if we were able to have them. Thank you again for allowing me to speak my mind and for reading my message. Have a wonderful week, and again, say Yes to the Ladies... Thank you for your time.

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I appreciate your time and want to help grow our future. www.MyOrganicAgent.com. Remember a referral is the best bounty you can give.

I am sure during the next 2 weeks you will know of family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers who are looking to sell or buy a home or need a mortgage.

Margie Aldrich
Solutions Real Estate
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In addition, the draft amendment was posted on the Valley Permaculture Alliance's (VPA) Website with a statement that encouraged Chandler residents to send comments directly to Planning Staff. The VPA is a local organization that promotes sustainable urban living in the desert southwest. Their Website contains several forums dedicated to different sustainable living topics such as keeping backyard chickens. As a result, staff received constructive feedback from residents who would like to have chickens as well as from experienced chicken owners.

Staff researched other municipalities in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area (PMA) and found that many allow chickens in single family neighborhoods (see attached Municipal Regulations spreadsheet). Further research revealed that many cities across the country have amended their laws within recent years to allow chickens. Professional planning and zoning publications confirm that there is a nationwide trend to allow chickens in urban environments. The publications also report that the adopted ordinances regulating chickens are all quite different and no standard set of regulations has yet been established. Staff found this to be true with cities in the PMA. There are, however, common themes such as requiring droppings to be removed on a weekly basis, requiring coops to be setback from adjacent residences, and declaring it to be unlawful for chickens to create a public nuisance.

EXISTING REGULATIONS

The four chapters of the City Code listed below address the primary issues of whether residents are permitted to keep chickens and the measures in place to protect neighbors from noise, odor and other nuisances that potentially could be created by chickens:

- Chapter 11 – Curfew, Graffiti, Smoking, and Miscellaneous Offenses.
 - Section 11-10 Disturbing the Peace Prohibited
- Chapter 14 – Animals, Article I – In General
 - Section 14-3 Consent required to keep animals within 200-feet of residences; exceptions as to household pets
 - Section 14-6 Cruelty to Animals
 - Section 14-7 Keeping Hogs, Donkeys, Roosters, etc
 - Section 14-8 Animals at Large
- Chapter 30 - Neighborhood Preservation
 - Section 30-5 Creating, Causing or Maintaining a Public Nuisance
- Chapter 35 – Land Use and Zoning
 - Section 35-401 Uses Permitted in AG-1 (Agricultural District)
 - Section 35-501 Use Permitted in SF-33 (Single Family District)

Other chapters in the City Code regulate different aspects of keeping chickens. For example, Chapter 44 – Garbage and Refuse, specifies that all refuse must be placed in leak proof plastic bags that are tightly secured. Chapter 29 – Building Regulations, applies to any structure that exceeds 120-square feet or 7-feet in height. Section 35-200 of the Zoning Code identifies limitations to “home occupations” that prohibit residents from conducting a business from their home that involves customer traffic and selling commodities on the premises among other things.

Chapter 30, which is referenced in the proposed code, designates public nuisance as “anything which is injurious to health, safety, or is indecent or offensive to the senses...” More specifically, it designates the following as public nuisance:

- “Animal waste that is not securely protected from insects and the elements, or that is kept or handled in violation of this code or any other ordinance of the City or the county...”
- “Any putrid, unsound or unwholesome bones, meat, hides, skins or the whole or any part of any dead animal, butcher's trimmings and offal, or any waste vegetable or animal matter in any quantity, garbage, human excreta, sewage or other offensive substances; provided, that nothing contained in this subsection shall prevent the temporary retention of waste in receptacles in the manner approved by the health officer of the county or this code or any other ordinance of the City...”
- “The erection, continuance or use of any building, room or other place in the City that, by noxious exhalations, including but not limited to smoke, soot, dust, fumes or other gases, offensive odors or other annoyances, is discomforting or offensive or detrimental to the health of individuals or of the public.”

These public nuisances are currently enforceable by Code Enforcement and can continue to be applied as they relate to keeping chickens.

Chapter 35 (Zoning Code) currently allows chickens to be raised in AG-1 and SF-33 zoning districts. This translates generally to any single family property with a minimum lot size of 33,000 square feet. There is no limit to how many chickens may be kept on these larger properties. In SF-33 districts, the fence or corral containing the chickens must be setback at least 100-feet from the front property line and must not be closer to the street side property line than the principal building on corner lots. No setbacks are required for corrals on AG-1 properties. However, any structure that exceeds 120-square feet or 7-feet in height must comply with building setbacks for accessory buildings in both AG-1 and SF-33.

PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendment would expand the areas where chickens are permitted to all single family lots regardless of size. In effect, this includes the following zoning districts where a single family dwelling is the primary use: SF-8.5, SF-10, SF-18, MF-1, MF-2, MF-3, and Planned Area Development (PAD). The multi-family districts (MF-1, MF-2, and MF-3) are included to cover the numerous single family dwellings near the downtown area that are zoned multi-family.

The proposed regulations would allow residents to keep up to five hens and establish requirements dealing with chicken coop setbacks and regular maintenance that are aimed at preventing the chickens from becoming a nuisance. Roosters remain prohibited anywhere in the City. The proposal also makes it unlawful to keep chickens in such a manner that disturbs the peace as designated in Chapter 11 or that constitutes a public nuisance as designated in Chapter 30 of the City Code.

Section 11-10 designates noises that are considered to be disturbing the peace. Among the list are vehicles with loud exhaust systems, loud music and barking dogs. Staff is proposing to add unreasonably loud chickens to the list so that police officers may respond to chicken related noise complaints in the same manner as barking dogs. Per the City Attorney's Office, the language for barking dogs is revised to match the language proposed for chickens.

Section 14-3, originally adopted in 1959, is proposed to be eliminated in its entirety. The section requires written consent from all residents within 200-feet in order to keep chickens among other animals. The law would be difficult to enforce and prove to be problematic for chicken and other animal owners when a new homeowner or resident in a rental property moves in next door.

DISCUSSION

Staff believes that keeping chickens in a backyard is a compatible use in single family residential neighborhoods when the number of chickens is limited, regulations are in place to require responsible maintenance, and provisions for the enforcement of violations are adopted. Many cities in the PMA allow chickens in most if not all of their single family neighborhoods. When contacted by staff, their code enforcement offices stated that chickens are not as much of a nuisance as some people might think. The following are staff's findings for each potential issue:

Noise

Roosters are the main problem when it comes to noise. For this reason, roosters are currently prohibited and are proposed to remain prohibited citywide. Hens, by comparison are very quiet and their cackling is not louder than a barking dog. Typically, hens will cackle only once a day for about 5 minutes either immediately before or after laying an egg. Hens will typically remain quiet for the rest of the day. A healthy adult hen may lay one egg each day up to 300 eggs a year. The number of eggs laid depends on a variety of factors including the specific breed, the hen's egg cycle, number of hours of daylight, temperature, and whether the hen is stressed. In the event that noise becomes an issue and the owner with chickens is unable to amicably resolve the issue, neighbors could call the Police Department who would have authority to issue a citation for disturbing the peace (Section 11-10) in the same manner as they would when responding to complaints regarding barking dogs.

Odor

Odor is an issue that can be addressed by removing or composting droppings. Chickens don't stink, but their droppings can produce offensive odors if they are left to accumulate over time. For this reason, the proposed amendment requires droppings to be composted or removed at least once per week or more frequently as necessary. As stated previously, Chapter 30 states that any place or use of any building that causes offensive odors that are considered to be discomforting, offensive, or detrimental to the health of individuals or of the public is considered to be a public nuisance and is enforceable by the City's Code Enforcement Division.

Health

According to an article published by the American Planning Association titled "Urban Micro-Livestock Ordinances: Regulating Backyard Animal Husbandry", by Jaime Bouvier, public health scholars have concluded that backyard chickens present no greater threat to public health than other more common pets like dogs and cats. As with any animal, including dogs and cats, disease can be spread through droppings. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Salmonella is a bacterium that occurs naturally in poultry and is shed in their droppings. Salmonella can make people sick with diarrhea, vomiting, fever, and/or abdominal cramps. Infants, elderly persons, and those with weakened immune systems are more likely than others to develop severe illness. People may become infected with Salmonella after having direct contact with chickens, droppings, or any surface in the area where the chickens are kept

that may be contaminated and then transferring the bacteria into their mouth. In order to reduce the risk of infection, the CDC recommends regular cleaning and sanitation practices such as washing hands thoroughly with soap and water immediately after touching chickens or anything in the area where they live and roam. Neighbors are not at risk of infection unless they too have direct contact with the chickens or a contaminated surface.

Avian influenza (Bird-Flu) is a theoretical health risk potentially associated with urban chickens. It's considered theoretical because no cases have been reported in the U.S. or anywhere in the western hemisphere. Bird-Flu is a viral disease of birds that may be transmitted to people through direct contact with infected chickens. According to the World Health Organization, human to human transmission is extremely rare. Therefore, in the event that Bird-Flu were to spread to the U.S., neighbors would not likely be at risk of becoming infected, unless they too have direct contact with an infected chicken or contaminated surface.

Other health risks associated with the breeding of flies or mosquitoes, attracting wild birds and pests, can be prevented by composting or removing and properly disposing droppings and keeping the food and water supplies contained, fresh and clean. For this reason, the proposed amendment requires water and feeder containers to be kept sanitary, and droppings to be removed or composted at least once per week. Again, Chapter 30 currently designates "animal waste that is not securely protected from insects and the elements" as a public nuisance, further reinforcing the requirement to pick up droppings on a regular basis.

Building Safety

Building Safety concerns are addressed in the amendment by requiring any chicken coop that exceeds 120 square feet or 7 feet in height, or has any utility connections regardless of the coop's size to obtain a permit. This is consistent with the City's current regulation that requires a building permit for any structure that exceeds 120 square feet or 7 feet in height.

Trespassing/Running at large

The proposed amendment requires hens to be contained within the rear or side yards and prohibits them from trespassing upon other properties or upon any street or public place. The method of containing the hens is up to each individual owner. The backyard property wall may serve for this purpose. However, some may choose to contain the hens within a smaller area such as a chicken run within the boundaries of their rear yard. In any case, a chicken coop is required to be provided and can be placed no closer than 10 feet to any property line shared by another residential lot.

Homeowner Associations (HOA)

If the proposed amendments were adopted, residents living within HOAs would still need to comply with their association's Codes, Covenants and Restrictions. Many HOAs prohibit raising, breeding or keeping poultry and other animals that are not considered to be common household pets.

The City estimates that 82 percent of all single family lots in Chandler are located within HOAs, therefore, the code amendments may only affect 18 percent of the City's single family properties, most of which are located around the older parts of the City.

PUBLIC / NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION

- As required by Arizona Revised Statutes, hearing dates for the Planning Commission and City Council, as well as the complete text of the draft code amendments have been published in an eighth-page newspaper ad at least fifteen days prior to the first required public hearing.
- Notices containing a website link to view the proposed amendments were sent electronically to over 30 Chandler residents who had contacted the City in regards to this effort.
- The text of the draft code amendments and public hearing dates were posted on the Valley Permaculture Alliance’s online forum.
- A news release was issued to the press in an effort to notify all Chandler residents of the proposed amendments and to give all residents an equal opportunity to submit their comments and participate in the scheduled public hearings.
- As of May 7, 2013, staff has received 31 responses (both email and telephone calls) from Chandler residents who are in favor of the proposed amendments. Some proponents requested that the limit be increased to more than 5 chickens and the coop setbacks be reduced. As of the same date, staff has received 9 responses opposed to the amendment. Email messages received are attached.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE REPORT

Motion to Approve:

In Favor: 4 Opposed: 2 (Donaldson, Ryan) Absent: 1 (Wastchack)

Planning Commission made minor modifications to the proposed language and stated that they agreed with the intent of the proposal to allow chickens to be slaughtered at home for personal consumption. No modifications were needed to allow slaughtering. Commissioner Cunningham and Vice Chair Pridemore viewed the proposal as a trial amendment that could be revisited in the future to potentially allow residents to keep more chickens. Commissioner Donaldson stated that Chandler’s laws should remain as they are, which allow chickens in AG-1 and SF-33, because they are not very different than what most cities in the PMA effectively allow. Commissioner Ryan stated that chickens are not household pets but rather farm animals that belong in farms.

RECOMMENDATION

Upon finding the request to promote the General Plan’s goals encouraging sustainable living practices, and upon finding hens to be compatible with single family residential areas, Planning Commission and Planning Staff recommend approval.

PROPOSED MOTIONS

Move to introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance 4449 amending Chapter 35 of the City Code to allow urban chickens as presented in case ZCA12-0004 URBAN CHICKENS CODE AMENDMENTS and as recommended by Planning Commission and Planning Staff.

Move to introduce and tentatively adopt Ordinance 4457 amending Chapter 11 by designating unreasonably loud chickens as a disturbing noise and amending Chapter 14 by repealing the requirement to obtain written consent to keep animals from residents within 200 feet as presented

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in case ZCA12-0004 URBAN CHICKENS CODE AMENDMENTS as recommended by Planning Staff.

Attachments

1. Ordinance 4449
2. Ordinance 4457
3. Comments received via email (24 in support, 8 opposed)
4. Municipal Regulations Regarding Urban Chickens for Selected Cities in the PMA

ORDINANCE NO. 4449

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, AMENDING ARTICLES VI. SF-18 SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT, VI.1. SF-10 SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT, VIII. MF-1 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, IX. MF-2 MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, X. MF-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND XXII ADDITIONAL HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS OF CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, RELATING TO RAISING CHICKENS.

WHEREAS, in accordance with A.R.S. 9-462, the legislative body may adopt by ordinance, any change or amendment to the regulations and provisions as set forth in the Chandler Zoning Code; and,

WHEREAS, this amendment, including the draft text, has been published as an 1/8-page display ad in a local newspaper with general circulation in the City of Chandler, giving fifteen (15) days notice of time, date and place of public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Planning and Zoning Commission as required by the Zoning Code, on May 1, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, as follows:

SECTION I. Section 35-601, of Article VI. SF-18--SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT, of Chapter 35, of the City Code of the City of Chandler, is hereby amended to read as follows:

35-601. Uses permitted.

[The following uses are permitted in this district:]

- 1) Single-family dwellings.
- 2) One (1) accessory building as defined by Article II.
- 3) Home occupations as defined by Article II.
- 4) Storage shed as defined by Article II.
- 5) Signs in accordance with Chandler Sign Code [Chapter 24].
- 6) Fences, walls and landscape screens not exceeding seven (7) feet in height adjacent or contiguous to rear and side yard lines and not to exceed three (3) feet in height adjacent or contiguous to the front yard lines.

- 7) Swimming pool, private, in accordance with Article XXII, section 2204 [2205] of this Code.
(Ord. No. 3063, § 3, 11-18-99)
- 8) **The keeping of chickens in accordance with Article XXII, section 2211 of this Code.**

SECTION II. Section 35-601.1, of Article VI.1. SF-10--SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT, of Chapter 35, of the City Code of the City of Chandler, is hereby amended to read as follows:

35-601.1. Uses permitted.

[The following uses are permitted in this district:]

- 1) Single-family dwellings.
- 2) One (1) accessory building as defined by Article II.
- 3) Home occupations as defined by Article II.
- 4) Storage shed as defined by Article II.
- 5) Signs in accordance with the Chandler Sign Code [Chapter 24].
- 6) Fences, walls and landscape screens not exceeding seven (7) feet in height adjacent or contiguous to rear and side yard lines and not to exceed three (3) feet in height adjacent or contiguous to the front yard lines.
- 7) Swimming pool, private, in accordance with Article XXII, section 2204 [2205] of this Code.
(Ord. No. 3063, § 3, 11-18-99)
- 8) **The keeping of chickens in accordance with Article XXII, section 2211 of this Code.**

SECTION III. Section 35-801, of Article VIII. MF-1--MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, of Chapter 35, of the City Code of the City of Chandler, is hereby amended to read as follows:

35-801. Uses permitted.

[The following uses are permitted in this district:]

- 1) Two-family dwellings.
- 2) Multi-family dwellings (subject to site development plan).
- 3) Home occupations as defined in Article II.
- 4) Signs in accordance with the Chandler Sign Code [Chapter 24].
- 5) Storage shed as defined by Article II.

- 6) One (1) accessory building as defined by Article II.
- 7) Fences, walls and landscape screens not exceeding seven (7) feet in height adjacent or contiguous to side or rear yard lines and not [more than] three (3) feet in height adjacent or contiguous to front yard lines.
- 8) Swimming pool, private, in accordance with Article XXII [section 2205] of this Code.
(Ord. No. 3063, § 3, 11-18-99)
- 9) **Chickens may be kept on lots that have a single family dwelling in accordance with Article XXII, section 2211 of this Code.**

SECTION IV. Section 35-901, of Article IX. MF-2--MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, of Chapter 35, of the City Code of the City of Chandler, is hereby amended to read as follows:

35-901. Uses permitted.

All buildings are subject to approval of site development plan in accordance with Article XIX of this Code.

- 1) Multiple-family dwellings.
- 2) Home occupations as defined by Article II.
- 3) Signs in accordance with the Chandler Sign Code [Chapter 24].
- 4) Storage shed as defined by Article II.
- 5) Fences, walls and landscape screens not exceeding seven (7) feet in height adjacent or contiguous to side or rear yard lines and not exceeding three (3) feet in height adjacent or contiguous to side or rear yard lines and not exceeding three (3) feet in height where adjacent or contiguous to front yard lines.
- 6) Swimming pool, private, in accordance with Article XXII [section 2205] of this Code.
- 7) One (1) accessory building as defined by Article II.
- 8) Churches, schools, public buildings and facilities.
(Ord. No. 3063, § 3, 11-18-99; Ord. No. 3320, § 1, 12-10-01)
- 9) **Chickens may be kept on lots that have a single family dwelling in accordance with Article XXII, section 2211 of this Code.**

SECTION V. Section 35-1001, of Article X. MF-3--HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, of Chapter 35, of the City Code of the City of Chandler, is hereby amended to read as follows:

35-1001. Uses permitted.

All buildings are subject to an approved site development plan in accordance with Article XIX of this Code.

- 1) Multiple-family buildings.
- 2) Elevator multiple-family buildings, including accessory business uses which are primarily for the convenience of the tenants.
- 3) Churches, schools, public buildings and facilities.
- 4) Offices and office buildings.
- 5) Home occupations as defined by Article II.
- 6) Signs in accordance with the Chandler Sign Code [Chapter 24].
- 7) Fences, walls and landscape screens not exceeding seven (7) feet in height when adjacent or contiguous to side or rear lot lines and not more than three (3) feet in height when adjacent or contiguous to front yard lines.
- 8) Swimming pool, private, in accordance with Article XXII [section 2205] of this Code.
- 9) Accessory building as defined by Article II.
(Ord. No. 3063, § 3, 11-18-99)
- 10) **Chickens may be kept on lots that have a single family dwelling in accordance with Article XXII, section 2211 of this Code.**

SECTION VI. Section 35-2211, of Article XXII. ADDITIONAL HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS, of Chapter 35, of the City Code of the City of Chandler, is hereby added to read as follows:

35-2211. Urban Chickens.

- 1) **The keeping of chickens for personal use only is permitted on any lot located within a residential district, the principal use of which is a single family dwelling.**
- 2) **Roosters shall be prohibited anywhere within the City.**
- 3) **The keeping of chickens shall be subject to the following requirements, except for AG-1 and SF-33 Districts:**
 - a) **No more than five (5) hens may be kept on an individual lot.**
 - b) **Hens shall be contained within the rear or side yards and shall not be permitted to trespass upon another property or upon any street, alley or other public place.**
 - c) **A chicken coop shall be provided and shall not be closer than ten (10) feet from any property line abutting, adjoining or otherwise meeting the property line of another residential lot or parcel.**

- d) Droppings shall be composted or removed from the enclosure and disposed in accordance with Section 44-2 of this Code at least once weekly and more frequently as necessary to prevent offensive odors and the breeding of flies.
- e) Water and feed containers shall be provided and shall always be kept sanitary to prevent the breeding of flies or mosquitoes.
- f) Chicken coops exceeding one hundred and twenty (120) square feet in size or seven (7) feet in height shall require a building permit. Said coops shall be subject to all applicable requirements for accessory buildings, including rear and side yard setbacks or a minimum setback of ten (10) feet whichever is greater.
- g) Chicken coops served with utilities (e.g. electrical, plumbing) shall require applicable permits to ensure conformance with building safety requirements regardless of coop size.
- i) It shall be unlawful to keep chickens in such a manner that disturbs the peace as designated in Chapter 11 of this Code or that constitutes a public nuisance as designated in Chapter 30 of this Code.

INTRODUCED AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 4449 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2013, and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY GAB

PUBLISHED:

ORDINANCE NO. 4457

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CHANDLER CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11, SECTION 11-10; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-3.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, as follows:

SECTION I. Section 11-10.1 – Disturbing noises designated, of Chapter 11, is hereby amended to read as follows:

11-10.1 Disturbing noises designated.

- A. It is the intent of this chapter to prohibit all noises that are disturbing or unreasonably loud. The types of noises set out in subsection B. shall not be deemed or construed as in any way exclusive, but merely illustrative.
- B. The following types of noises are declared to be disturbing to the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighborhood in which they are heard, and persons creating such noises are in violation of section 11-10:
 1. Operating any vehicle at such a speed on a curve or turn, or accelerating or decelerating such vehicle in such a manner as to create loud and unnecessary noise through the squealing of tires upon the pavement, or to cause damage to the roadway;
 2. The sounding of any horn, signal or noise device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck or other vehicle, in any other manner or for any other purpose than allowed by the Arizona Vehicle Code or other laws of the State;
 3. The noise from an exhaust system of any vehicle that is not equipped or constructed so as to prevent any disturbing or unreasonably loud noise;
 4. The revving of the engine of any motor vehicle while such vehicle is not in motion, except when done in the course of repairing, adjusting or testing it during reasonable hours;
 5. Keeping, harboring or having custody within the City of any dog which barks, howls or makes noises by day or night which ~~disturbs the peace and quiet of any~~ are disturbing or unreasonably loud to a reasonable person or family in the neighborhood in which noises are heard;
 6. For any person who sells food and drink, at or adjacent to any conveyance, to ring bells, play chimes or an amplified musical system or to make other noise in any residential area of the City for advertising purposes between the hours of 8:00 p.m.

and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., and no such noise shall be made when the vehicle is parked;

- a. For the purposes of this section, an "amplified musical system" is defined as mechanical or electrical musical instrument, or music producing device, equipped with an electrical amplifier or loudspeaker.
 - b. No bells, chimes, or amplified musical system, as defined herein shall make noise or music which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing or working in the area.
7. Disturbing or unreasonably loud shouting or crying of peddlers, hawkers, vendors or newspaper carriers;
 8. The playing or operating of any radio, phonograph, orchestra or other musical device or instrument in a manner that is disturbing or unreasonably loud to a reasonable person outside the facility or unit from which the noise emanates; and
 9. Disturbing or unreasonably loud shouting, screaming, wailing or other vocalization that is disturbing or unreasonably loud to a reasonable person outside the facility or unit from which the noise emanates.
 10. **Keeping, harboring or having custody within the City of any chicken which makes noises by day or night, separately or jointly with other chickens, which are disturbing or unreasonably loud to a reasonable person or family in the neighborhood in which the noises are heard;**

C. Nothing herein shall be construed so as to prohibit noises produced by emergency vehicles, operations or procedures of any kind or at any time, or to prohibit noise produced in the normal conduct of business or commerce, provided that such noise production occurs within the normal and customary hours for the conduct of such business or commerce and the operation is being legally conducted within the scope of all ordinances, laws and statutes of the City of Chandler, Maricopa County and the State of Arizona.

SECTION II. Section 14-3 – Consent required to keep animals within two hundred feet of residences; exceptions as to household pets, of Article I, of Chapter 14 is hereby repealed.

INTRODUCED AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

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May 3, 2013

Dear Mayor Tibshraeny and Council members,

I am writing you to express my support for the City of Chandler's initiative to amend the City Code to allow residents to keep chickens in residential districts. I think it is important to note that I work at a local community college as the Director of Sustainable Food Systems and also teach college courses on sustainable food production. While I think it important to mention my expertise, my main purpose is to demonstrate my support as a Chandler resident.

Backyard [urban] chickens are a great way to connect families with the food they eat and are an outstanding teaching tool for children. Urban chickens connect our children to where our food comes from and provide valuable opportunities for the demonstration of responsible pet ownership.

The benefits of keeping urban hens include:

- The production of affordable, fresh, healthy and delicious home-grown eggs, free of pesticides and antibiotics;
- Families are not supporting factory farms that produce eggs in close, inhumane quarters in which they cannot stretch their legs or wings, walk around, or participate in normal social behaviors.
- The reduction of municipal solid waste through the consumption of table scraps and other organic waste by chickens;
- The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for food distribution;
- The production of rich garden fertilizer via chicken waste by-products, which is high in nitrogen, eliminating the need for petrochemical fertilizers;
- The reduction of backyard pest populations, through the consumption of bugs by backyard chickens;
- The addition, chickens make great pets, as they are relatively docile and people friendly.

I have reviewed ZCA12-0004 Urban Chickens DRAFT CODE Amendments (rev.4-24-13) and find it suitable and fair to those desiring to keep chickens on residential properties. I am urging each of you to please vote "yes" on May 23rd to amend the city code and allow Chandler residents to keep backyard chickens for a healthier Chandler today, and for future generations. I appreciate your time.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Hodgins

cc: David de la Torre, Principal Planner

Chicken Zoning

Laura Peiffer

to:

david.delatorre@chandleraz.gov

05/02/2013 02:05 PM

Please respond to Laura Peiffer

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Dear Mr. Delatorre, my husband and I attended the meeting last night. We wanted to compliment you on such a wonderful job you did with the presentation regarding rezoning for chickens in single family households.

I own a small home on a small lot located south of Chandler Blvd. and Kyrene. My neighborhood does not have a HOA. I recently decided I wanted to keep a few hens for egg consumption for just about all of the reasons you listed. My husband would like them for both eggs and meat but would be content with just eggs.

I did not realize until then that Chandler is the only city around that does not currently allow them until we checked the city ordinance.

Also although we have a small lot an only plan on starting with 2 chicks to raise for eggs if zoning permits. Having the option to have up to 5 hen's sounds very reasonable to me due to the variance in the egg laying abilities. I hope that my small lot will not prevent me from being able to keep hens.

This was our very first time attending any meeting there so we are new to the process. With the vote being 4-2 does that mean that this has been approved or that there will be another meeting May 23rd to review it again? Do we need to attend and can you enlighten me as to how this process works? Any help would be much appreciated.

Thank you

Laura and Jeff Peiffer



CHAPTER 35-2211. Urban Chickens.
Brian Henricks to: david.delatorre

05/01/2013 03:55 PM

Dear, Mr. David de la Torre

I am a resident of the city of Chandler and wish to cast my vote to approve the legislation contained in the subject title. I wish to raise a few hens myself and would welcome this initiative.

Please cast my vote to approve the legislation for 35-2211. Urban Chickens

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you need further information.

Brian Henricks

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urban chickens
william wheeler
to:
david.delatorre
05/01/2013 06:23 PM
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I would like very much to have the benefit of having chickens, I have a sizable garden and grow vegies most of the year, and this would be a blessing to raise them for the eggs. I would prefer to have the laws changed than to move as I have lived here for over 20 yrs. thank you for considering this.

bill wheeler

Urban chickens
tmt8268
to:
david.delatorre
04/12/2013 08:42 AM
Please respond to tmt8268
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Thankyou for including us in this changing process. We agree to the new proposed rules.
Again, thank you.
Sincerely,
Brian & Tina Tomlin
503 W. Shawnee Dr.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

Urban Chicken Code Draft Amendments

Sue

to:

david.delatorre

04/11/2013 06:08 AM

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Dear Mr. De La Torres,

I am a Chandler resident and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to address the issue of raising urban chickens in Chandler. I have read the Urban Chicken Code Draft Amendments and I fully support allowing Chandler residents the ability to raise chickens on their property. I believe this is an important move for Chandler as one of the only communities in the valley that has not allowed urban chickens. Chandler is such a progressive community whose cutting edge ideas on environmental issues have brought many interested people to the area. It's fitting that urban farming, including chickens, is added to the list of sustainable measures available to families in the community.

This is such a wonderful plan for the citizens of Chandler, thank you for your support in taking this amendment to council! Kudos to you for taking this most important step!

Susan Hoffman

YES, YES, YES CHICKENS IN CHANDLER

Bill

to:

David.delaTorre

04/10/2013 01:00 AM

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Hey David, we would love to try raising a couple of chickens. Had them as a kid. They are awesome pets!!!!

Bill in Chandler

Carolina Perez

to:

David.delaTorre@chandleraz.gov

04/09/2013 11:37 AM

Please respond to Carolina Perez

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Hi David,

I have chickens, and I live in Chandler city proper. We got them because my then toddler now budding 4 year old was crazy mad about dinosaurs. It has an exciting family experiment. We thought the max amount of birds we could have was 6; no roosters. We currently have 3 hens; one chick. Our neighbors have been very positive given they have to help us eat the extra helpings of eggs. What we found so interesting was how gentle and well-trained they are. Much easier to keep than dogs and cats. We use the cured manure in our compost for our garden. And they are the best IPM (Integrated Pest Management) system ever. We never spray pesticides because of our kids, but the chickens eat every living moving insect (crickets, ants, roaches,...) they spot. They also eat weeds and grass and help to keep the grass low. We have a coop for them, but they spend about half a day getting exercise in the yard. I would love to share with the city council our experiences. Please let me know.

Thanks,

Carolina Perez

285 N. Nebraska Street

Chandler, AZ 85225



ZCA12-0004 Urban Chickens DRAFT Code Amendments
Erin to: david.delatorre@chandleraz.gov

04/06/2013 06:53 AM

I support this amendment.

Sent from my iPad



chickens in Chandler
Michelle Legler to: David.delaTorre

04/05/2013 04:08 PM

Yes! For chickens in Chandler.
Everywhere I go, Chandler is talked about as being one of the last hold outs on this. Embarrassing! I mean, even Scottsdale approved this before we did?? Double Embarrassing.
I have lived in Chandler for 20 years and it would be nice if just once, we were in the forefront instead of always trailing behind.
Get with the TIMES Chandler!

Michelle Legler
Chandler Resident

Re: Chickens in Chandler
Becky
to:
David.delaTorre
04/04/2013 01:43 PM
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David,
5 hens may be enough for some families, but it seems like larger families or families on larger lots might want more. I have 5 people in my family and our 11 chickens are just right for us. You already have something in the code about noise and smell so if there is an issue with that it can be enforced. The limit of 5 penalizes responsible people who might want more than 5.

Have you seen this? :-)

Becky

"Two Hens in the Back Yard for Each Person in the House Will Keep a Family In Fresh Eggs".

Chicken Zoning Proposal

Scott Dennison

to:

David.delaTorre

04/03/2013 07:28 PM

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Good evening.

I was recently informed about a proposal to limit the maximum number chickens on a property to five hens. I am strongly opposed to this action.

Chickens are an excellent resources for any community. Not only do they provide a source of food via eggs and meat, but they have numerous other benefits as well. They are an excellent form of pest control, bringing a natural balance to the area. In their foraging, they maintain a weed free environment, as that is a main source of their greens intake. As they eat, they also leave poop droppings throughout the yard, which helps fertilize the yard, in turn creating lush yards that require less water usage. As I said, they bring a phenomenal level of balance to each and every property.

Although it's focusing on a much larger scale, I would encourage you to watch a video interview titled "Chickens of Polyface Farms." Dr. Mercola interviewed Dr. Joel Salatin, a natural farmer who has focused on minimizing their impact and producing superior crop yields.

In fact, in 1918, the Department of Agriculture started a program calling for all families to maintain a small flock of two chickens per person. Early a hundred years later, a lot has changed, and not for the better. The chicken industry is well know for cruel and dire treatment of animals. Every year, there are countless recalls of chicken meat and eggs due to contamination.

By encouraging these backyard flocks, we can change these conditions and become a better America. This all starts in individual cities like ours. And for a regular family of five, which is about the average here, that is ten chickens a family.

Please stand up for the rights of our citizens and reject this undue regulation. According to most sources, each chicken only needs four square feed of area to live and thrive. For ten hens, that equates to a mere 40 square feet. Even the smallest of properties can support this.

Thank you for your time in this.
Scott A. Dennison



Chickens in Chandler
Becky to: david.delatorre

04/03/2013 05:18 PM

David,

I am not a Chandler resident (Gilbert) but I have chickens in my back yard and would like to comment on Chandler's proposed Urban Chickens code. Of course, I think it's a great idea to allow your residents to have chickens.

I have had chickens about 4 years now and have learned a lot about keeping chickens in the back yard. There are a few things you might want to consider.

1. Five hens is a very limiting number. Small flocks need to be managed by rotating hens so that as they get older you have more hens coming in that can lay eggs. 5 laying hens might be enough to supply a small family with eggs but they aren't always laying. Sometimes they are too young or in a moult or too old to be very productive. I have 11 chickens right now for my family of 5 and they have no more impact on my neighbors than 5 would. (my limit is 25)

2. Regarding the 10 feet from the property line rule, what if the neighbor doesn't mind? Can the chicken owner get a signed waiver from the neighbor to place their coop closer? My neighbors like my chickens and even care for them when I'm out of town.

3. I understand the need to control smell and flies but removing droppings from the enclosure every week prohibits the use of the "deep litter method" which I have found is the best way to control smell and flies. I have used the deep litter method for 3 years and it works great here in the desert. I only clean my enclosure 2 or 3 times a year. There is no smell and I've never had a fly problem.
<http://smallfarm.about.com/od/farmanimals/a/deeplitter.htm>

Thanks for "listening" and thanks for considering urban chickens!

Becky Harris



Chickens

Rachael Woosley to: David.delaTorre@chandleraz.gov

04/03/2013 04:24 PM

I am very interested in Chandler residents being allowed to raise chickens.
Please push this proposal through.

Thank you for supporting this issue.
Rachael Woosley

Sent from my iPhone

Chickens in Chandler
Christine Poehls
to:
David.deLaTorre
04/03/2013 08:59 AM
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Dear Mr. de la Torre:

As a gardener, and a decade-plus resident of Chandler, I would love to see the city support the health and well-being of our citizenry by having a clear, friendly, reasonable allowance of chickens for single-family homes, as well as a commensurate policy for community and school-based gardens. I suggest that the presence of roosters be on the basis of the good will of the neighbors who are close enough to be disturbed by his early morning greetings.

Sincerely,
Christine Poehls
717 W. Oakland St
Chandler AZ 85225

Chickens in Chandler - Yes I would love it.

Scott Brown

to:

David.deLaTorre

04/03/2013 12:11 AM

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David

I would love being able to have chickens in my backyard. I have a small yard and only want about 4-6 chickens to feed my family. If I had a larger yard, I might want more.

Chicken poop is the only downside, but I already compost with my dog poop. Cleaning up after my chicken won't be any different. I know at least one of my neighbors wouldn't like roosters. Another benefits is that chickens eat bugs and flies, so I think it would enhance the community by keeping pests down.

Not only am I interested in having chickens but several of my neighbors and I talk about how we would like chickens.

Consider this email a yes vote regarding allowing backyard chickens.

Scott Brown

browncard@gmail.com

Chickens in Chandler

Donna Bruce

to:

David.delaTorre

04/02/2013 07:21 PM

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Mr delaTorre,

Please add me to your contact information about Chickens in Chandler. I have a large 800 square foot garden. I have also taught many others to garden and to compost. I am hearing many people say that they are interested in having a few backyard chickens for eggs and therapy☺

I have owned chickens in the past, and have found them to be quieter than dogs.

Thank you for helping us,

Donna Bruce

Urban Chickens Amendment
SitStayHeal
to:
David.delaTorre
04/02/2013 05:10 PM
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Hi David,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed Urban Chickens Amendment for Chandler residents.

My only concern is in regards to the requirement of the chicken coop being 10ft from an adjoining wall. I reside in a "cluster community", and although feel I would have ample space on my lot to raise happy, healthy chickens, my yard is rather small in regards to the design being that of shared block walls. I am afraid that 10ft from any adjoining wall would nearly place the coop inside my home. I am wondering if the design of cluster communities, which tend to have smaller lots, could be taken in to consider further.

Thank you again, and I am so hopeful of this amendment passing.

In appreciation,
Danielle

Re: City of Chandler Draft Code Amendment: Urban Chickens
Renu Kaur Sidhu
to:
David.delaTorre
04/02/2013 03:46 PM
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David-

I am sure that some people feel that 5 is adequate regardless of lot size, but many do not. Many people want, and are able to support, more than 5 hens. You reference Tempe, and I'd like to point out that they have among the strictest of rules on how many chickens you can have.

In moving Chandler forward, I don't think we should do so by keeping pace with the out paced. I have attached a summary compiled last year of surrounding cities and what they allow (I submitted this to City Council when I was there.). I urge you to review this, speak to more people, educate your colleagues, and consider raising the limit when appropriate. Perhaps doing so based on square footage increments would make sense.

I will say that I think some of the laws are too vague and people could push it; for instance, Phoenix allows up to 20 hens on anything less than 1/2 an acre. Someone could have a postage stamp size lot and cram 20 chickens in (Granted, by and large people who raise chickens in their backyard do so humanely and with the highest standards.). Point being, I want the code to make the best sense in each case.

There are many different lot sizes here in Chandler and code that is one size, so to speak, does not fit all. We have to be able to do better than this. I hear what you are saying about a larger lot next to a smaller one, but firsthand that isn't how it plays out. A large lot can accommodate more without there being a direct exponential rise in anything that will effect the neighbors. As for code enforcement not knowing the lot size, is that not public record and therefore a moot point?

I'm a good neighbor and thoughtful constituent. I want to keep chickens in the same vein that I want to garden; it is a healthy, thoughtful way to live. I want the codes that govern doing so to be usable and reasonable. I don't think the document you attached succeeds in doing so.

Best,
Renu

Re: City of Chandler Draft Code Amendment: Urban Chickens
Stormy Rose
to:
David.delaTorre
04/01/2013 04:04 PM
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David,

I LOVE and fully support the idea of chickens allowed at each home and love the idea of amending city standards so this is available. It's a great way for homes to be more self sufficient and most guidelines are completely understandable. The only requirement I would question with our small back yards is the 10 feet distance from side walls.

I look forward to any public hearings and being able to have chickens in my back yard this year.

Thank you!!

***Stormy Rose
841 N Longmore St.
Chandler, AZ 85524***

chickens in residential areas

Shannon Bradley

to:

David.deLaTorre

04/01/2013 08:25 PM

Cc:

mail

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Mr. De la Torre:

I reside in Chandler and I understand that the City of Chandler is contemplating changing the restrictions (or inquiring, at least) on chickens in residential areas.

Me and my family are interested in having one or two chickens in our back yard. We feel that we have the space and the ability to responsibly raise a small number of them. I hope that the City will permit us to do so.

If you wish to contact me, please do so at this email address or call me at 480 580-2353.

Sincerely,

Shannon Bradley

Re: City of Chandler Draft Code Amendment: Urban Chickens
ACVCBeach
to:
David.deLaTorre
03/31/2013 11:38 PM
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Hello David:

I have reviewed the Urban Chicken Code. It looks pretty good with the exception of the number of chickens allowed. Five hens is very few especially if one has a good sized yard. They usually don't all lay at the same time or at the same rate. I think the number should be left open. I am glad to see our community catching up. Please keep me informed. Thanks.

Anni Beach

In a message dated 3/28/2013 3:22:45 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time, David.deLaTorre@chandleraz.gov writes:

The City of Chandler would like your input regarding the draft code amendments attached to this message which would allow residents to raise chickens on all single family lots. Your input is being solicited in advance of any formal public hearings with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council, which will be scheduled at a later time. Please feel free to forward this email and share with other Chandler residents.

Please send comments and questions to me by responding to this email or by contacting me at the number provided below by April 12, 2013. I will be in touch with the scheduled public hearings dates.

Thank you in advance for providing your feedback!

David de la Torre, AICP, Principal Planner
Transportation & Development Department
City of Chandler
ph: (480) 782-3059
fax: (480) 782-3075

(See attached file: ChandlerUrbanChickensCodeAmendDRAFT3_28_13.pdf)

RE: City of Chandler Draft Code Amendment: Urban Chickens

John Henry

to:

David.delaTorre@chandleraz.gov

03/29/2013 11:24 AM

Cc:

John & Tamara Henry

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David,

I believe your proposed amendments are fair and practical.
They also align well with other municipalities.

Thank you for your time on this important issue.

John Henry

Re: City of Chandler Draft Code Amendment: Urban Chickens

Bill Vasquez

to:

David.delaTorre@chandleraz.gov

03/28/2013 03:16 PM

Please respond to Bill Vasquez

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In response to the draft on urban chickens I think it is a great idea. Tempe has it and it is becoming more of a common thing for people to want the best food they can get for there family.

Very Sincerly

Mr Bill Vasquez

Comment on proposed zoning code

JUDITH MORRILL

to:

david.delatorre

05/01/2013 01:55 PM

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David de la Torre, Planner

I was going to attend the planning meeting on the issue of chickens, but can not make it.

I want to voice my opinion on this matter which is strongly against it. We have lived in Chandler for over 14 years and feel it is a very good city and not a rural area. I don't believe something should be passed for a small minority. Chickens do not belong in a city environment, as the chickens will most likely be a health issue. Chickens will cause a smell and will most likely attract mice and rats.

We already have people who move and abandon cats and dogs, what will happen when people move that have chickens?

Again, I stress that it is a bad idea.

Thank You,

James Morrill

6952 S Nantucket St

Chandler, AZ 85249

Chickens runnin' around with their heads cut off

Kim Gehrke

to:

David De La Torre

05/01/2013 04:26 PM

Cc:

Kevin Mayo

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I had a call from a woman who saw that Channel 15 was going to do a story on Chandler's Chicken ordinance. She couldn't make it to the meeting because of health issues. She said she isn't against people who want to raise chickens for fresh eggs, but her neighbors at 470 W. Musket Pl. slaughter chickens in their backyard. She said she can hear the chickens screaming and feathers go flying around the neighborhood.

Her name is Bobbi Redensek and she lives in the Sienna Heights subdivision on Thompson Pl.

She would like to discuss this with someone before it goes to Council.

Kim Gehrke

Executive Assistant

Transportation & Development

480-782-3052

Chandler



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Think Green ... Turn off your computer when you leave.

urban chicken amendment

Mina Lee

to:

david.delatorre

04/29/2013 04:38 PM

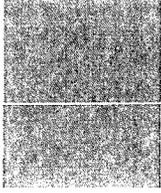
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Hello. This is Mina Lee and I am a long-time Chandler resident.
I am writing to voice my displeasure at the possibility of urban chickens raised anywhere in Chandler.

Please note that this is a Chandler resident voice AGAINST the raising and keeping of urban chickens.
It would be v. difficult to ensure that the owners actually maintain the chickens in a sanitary manner.
And... chicken feces would permeate the air with their stink!

Thank you.

Mina Lee



Fw: Item ZCA12-0004 CITY OF CHANDLER, URBAN CHICKENS ZONING CODE

Rich Dlugas, Patrick McDermott, Marsha Reed,
Susan Moore to: Jeff Kurtz, Robert Zeder, David De La Torre, 04/26/2013 04:38 PM
Melanie Sala, David Bigos

FYI

----- Forwarded by Susan Moore/COC on 04/26/2013 04:33 PM -----

From: <lahammack@cox.net>
To: jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov, k.sellers@chandleraz.gov, trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov,
nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov, kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov, k.heumann@chandleraz.gov,
jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov
Cc: Lahammack@cox.net
Date: 04/26/2013 03:13 PM
Subject: Item ZCA12-0004 CITY OF CHANDLER, URBAN CHICKENS ZONING CODE

I am writing to register my objections to Item ZCA12-0004 CITY OF CHANDLER, URBAN CHICKENS ZONING CODE AMENDMENT. City initiative to amend Chapter 35-Land Use and Zoning of the City Code to permit residents to raise chickens on single family lots. Schedule for Zoning Commission action on 1 May 2013. The approval of the ordinance will lessen the value of residential properties for most while a small minority receives legal relief to their actions. The unintended results of this action will be many. Again I wish to make it clean as a resident of Chandler I am opposed to chickens in residential areas other than the AG-1 and SF-33 zones where they are permitted by Chapter 35.

Chickens in our all american city?

Jack Weidinger

to:

David.delaTorre@chandleraz.gov

04/26/2013 08:20 PM

Please respond to Jack Weidinger

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Anyone voting for this amendment will not get my vote come election time. This is just plain stupid.

Chickens zoning issues

Julie Coheley

to:

david.delatorre, jay.tibshraeny, jack.sellers, trinity.donovan, nora.ellen, kevin.hartke, rick.heumann, jeff.weninger

04/23/2013 11:32 AM

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Your chicken coop code is significantly flawed.

1. There is no clear statement that the coop must have a roof/shade. Do you know how high a chicken can "fly" when it is frightened/ scared? Do you know how quickly chickens die when they do not have enough water? In 110 degree heat they can die in 12 hours without water and shade. Someone goes to work at 5:30 am and comes home at 5:30 pm and the birds are without water, you have a problem. Do you know how smelly a dead chicken is? Have you ever cleaned a chicken coop? I would rather muck stalls for pigs than deal with chicken feces.
2. There is no addressing of the feed/pellets chickens are fed. These grain based foods draw other birds like pigeons and blackbirds. They draw rats, mice, raccoons, & skunks.
3. Chickens draw snakes. I lived on a farm and know the vermin the feed alone can draw alone not counting the chickens themselves.
4. People don't take care of their dogs & cats, how can you allow for chickens? I had a neighbor who for 8 years had a German shepherd dog that was not attended to, tipped over water, dog feces that drew flies, and only after constant barking did I finally file charges. I wish the police did not have to waste time with this neglect. It cost the city money that should have been spent on more important things. Now they will have to deal with chickens. This does not make sense/cents in a time when cities are strapped for resources. I would much rather have a policeman in the schools and parks keeping kids and streets safe than have them doing chicken calls!

Julie Coheley
5420 West Whitten Street
Chandler, AZ 85226

Amendment on urban chickens

Amie S

to:

david.delatorre@chandleraz.gov

04/23/2013 07:57 AM

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Hello,

I read in the San Tan news that you are seeking comments about the proposal to allow chickens in residential areas of Chandler. I want to let you know that while I would love to have my own chickens for their eggs (I am one of those people who spends the extra money for cage-free, organic, anti-biotic free eggs) but I strongly disagree with allowing those who live in urban areas to raise chickens.

Anyone who has ever lived near someone who raises chickens knows that these farm animals are messy, noisy, smelly and a real nuisance. I can't even imagine having a neighbor(s) with chickens on the small lots so common in the urban, residential neighborhoods of Chandler. If a person wants to raise farm animals of any kind they should move to an agricultural zoned area. My in-laws live in a rural community and raise their own chickens but they have the acreage to allow this and it does not cause their neighbors problems.

Please do not make a terrible decision and change the zoning to allow raising chickens on all lot sizes. It will become a terrible nuisance and those who choose to do so will be horrible neighbors. Keep Chandler a great place to live and do not change the regulations regarding chickens.

Thank you,

Amie Smith

592 W Zion Pl

Chandler, AZ

Urban Chicken Amendment
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to:
david.delatorre@chandleraz.gov
04/20/2013 05:08 PM
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Dear Mr. De la Torre:

I current reside in a home, that is plagued with chicken noise every morning. I do not feel that they belong in a subdivision. I will be contacting my HOA, to report my neighbor and their chickens. This is an example of residents who could care less for rules that govern our subdivision. It would appear, they currently are violating the Chandler zoning code.

I realize there is a fine line, with citizen freedom to live their lives, and those residents who do not want to reside next to farm animals. Many folks ask, what harm can it do. We already deal with loose cats, loose dogs, and owners who don't follow simple homeowner regulations. Do we need yet another animal to add to our list. Anyone who reads a newspaper, can see the potential of bird flu's and various virus that can jump species due to human contact with infected animals. Why add birds that reside outdoors, with the potential to transmit these diseases from one family to another.

The current lot size that are allowed to raise chickens according to Chandler zoning codes, seem appropriate. Can you imagine, being surrounded by chickens on all sides, on lots less than that size.

What if the home that borders a subdivision with HOA rules, gets chickens and borders the resident that lives on the edge of a subdivision. Must that resident sell his home and move, because the neighbor next to the subdivision gets chickens and wakes up a homeowner who lives with HOA rules.

Please register my NO response to changing the Chandler zoning codes regarding chickens. My sister would also like to respond No to changing the zoning codes.

Regards,

Shirley Eichholz

Municipal Regulations Regarding Urban Chickens for Selected Cities in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area

City	Areas Allowed	Number of Chickens Allowed	Roosters Allowed	Coops/Fencing	Other
Chandler	SF-33 and AG-1	No limit where allowed	Permitted in AG-1, however, Section 14-7 of City Code prohibits roosters anywhere in the City.	SF-33: Must be contained within a fence or cage and must be setback 100-ft. from front property line. AG-1: No limitations. Section 14-3 requires fowl to be setback 200-ft. from adjacent residences, unless written consent is provided from those residences.	Must comply with public nuisance, animal cruelty and animal at large laws.
Gilbert	SF-8, SF-10, SF-15, SF-35, SF-43	Maximum 25 for lots under 20K, +25 for larger lots	Yes, unless they cause annoyance	Coops are required to be set back 100-feet from any property line. Chickens are required to be kept in enclosures.	Must comply with public nuisance laws (odor, noise & sanitation). Coop must be cleaned at least twice weekly. If neighbor located within 200-ft. complains, chickens will no longer be permitted.
Phoenix	Lots 10K+ sq.ft., OR lots less than 10K sq.ft. with adjacent resident and property owner (if rented) notarized signature	20 per 1/2 acre, unlimited after 2.5 acres	No, unless muted	Enclosure required in backyard to prevent chickens from trespassing onto other properties. Enclosure must be setback 80-ft. from any residences, or less with neighbor consent.	Must comply with public nuisance laws (odor, noise, health); Cannot slaughter chickens on lots less than 10K sq. ft.
Mesa	Anywhere	10 per 1/2 acre, unlimited after 2.5 acres	Allowed (recommends not allowing them)	Enclosure required in backyard to prevent chickens from running at large. Enclosure must be setback 40-ft., Coops 75-ft. from any residences.	Must clean coop twice weekly and comply with laws pertaining to sanitation.
Tempe	All single family residential lots and AG	Maximum 5, except no limit in AG	Only in AG	Coop not required, must be contained in backyard	Unlawful for chickens to become a nuisance
Scottsdale	Anywhere	No limit	Only crowless (muted) roosters	Must be contained within an enclosure in the backyard.	Must comply with public nuisance laws (odor, noise & health) and animal cruelty laws. Must clean coop twice weekly.
Glendale	SR-12, SR-17, SR-30, RR-45, RR-90	No limit	Not permitted within 500-feet of any residence or living space	Must be contained within fence or cage. Fence or coop must be setback 100-ft. from any residence or living space.	
Peoria	All single family residential districts	No limit	Allowed as long as they don't create a nuisance.	Except for SR-43 & SR-35, chicken coops must be setback 20-feet from property lines.	Must comply with public nuisance laws (odor, noise, health, etc.). Droppings must be removed from enclosures at least once per week.

Request Detail Report

5/2/2013

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Request #: 13-05-0082 **Status:** New Request **As Of:** 5/2/2013 1:05 PM

Requestor			
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Name:	kathleen colbourn	Business:	
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City, State Zip:	Chandler AZ 85224		
Country:	USA	Parcel:	
Building Type:		Email:	kcolbourn@cox.net
Home Phone:	480-	Work Phone:	
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	

Category:	CAPA	Follow-up Date:	5/16/2013
Problem:	Citizen Input		
Cause:			
Priority:	Five Day	Facility:	
Address:			
Address2:			
Gen Location:			
City:	Chandler	Parcel Number:	
State:		Zip Code:	
Country:		Country:	
Department:		Building Type:	
Supervisor:	Melanie Sala	Location X:	
Affected Utility:		Location Y:	

Scripts
Re: Chickens in backyards. What were you thinking? You put a dog park right behind residences, that worked out well didn't it! Now you are going to allow filthy chickens in residential areas. Have you smelled a chicken coop? Have you picked up a bag of chicken manure for the garden. Most people don't pick up after their dogs and the certainly aren't going to clean up after chickens. Not to mention that will really attract coyotes - nothing like providing a food source. How long before the first complaints start coming in? Even better question, how long before you figure out you have made a huge mistake. This decision just confirms my already low opinion of government workers.

Comments:



Urban Chicken Emails

Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

Cc: David Bigos, Melanie Sala

05/16/2013 10:35 AM

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Cc: Robert Zeder/COC, Jeff Kurtz/COC, Kevin Mayo/COC, David Bigos/COC, Melanie Sala/COC@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/02/2013 01:25 PM
Subject: Citizen Input: Urban Chickens



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Date: 05/03/2013 04:48 PM
Subject: Letter in Support of Backyard Chickens in Chandler

Michael Hodgins
1630 E. Tyson Place
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Mhodgins4@q.com

May 3, 2013

Dear Mayor Tibshraeny and Council members,

I am writing you to express my support for the City of Chandler's initiative to amend the City Code to allow residents to keep chickens in residential districts. I think it is important to note that I work at a local community college as the Director of Sustainable Food Systems and also teach college courses on sustainable food production. While I think it important to mention my expertise, my main purpose is to demonstrate my support as a Chandler resident. Backyard [urban] chickens are a great way to connect families with the food they eat and are an outstanding teaching tool for children. Urban chickens connect our children to where our food comes from and provide valuable opportunities for the demonstration of responsible pet ownership.

The benefits of keeping urban hens include:

- The production of affordable, fresh, healthy and delicious home-grown eggs, free of pesticides and antibiotics;
- Families are not supporting factory farms that produce eggs in close, inhumane quarters in which they cannot stretch their legs or wings, walk around, or participate in

normal social behaviors.

- The reduction of municipal solid waste through the consumption of table scraps and other organic waste by chickens;
- The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for food distribution;
- The production of rich garden fertilizer via chicken waste by-products, which is high in nitrogen, eliminating the need for petrochemical fertilizers;
- The reduction of backyard pest populations, through the consumption of bugs by backyard chickens;
- The addition, chickens make great pets, as they are relatively docile and people friendly.

I have reviewed ZCA12-0004 Urban Chickens DRAFT CODE Amendments (rev.4-24-13) and find it suitable and fair to those desiring to keep chickens on residential properties. I am urging each of you to please vote "yes" on May 23rd to amend the city code and allow Chandler residents to keep backyard chickens for a healthier Chandler today, and for future generations. I appreciate your time.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Hodgins

cc: David de la Torre, Principal Planner



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From: "N. Peterson" <nwpeterson@weldology.com>
To: <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/04/2013 12:03 PM
Subject: YES TO CHICKENS

As a Chandler Resident I would Like to be able to have up to 5 hens in my back yard for egg production, natural pest elimination, and food waste recyclers. Hens do not make excessive noise and can be very beneficial for the garden. Lets allow up to 5 hens in back yards.

Thanks,

Nick Peterson

Zip: 85286

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From: Rita Ford <rrf248@yahoo.com>
To: "mayor&council@chandleraz.gov" <mayor&council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/09/2013 11:04 AM
Subject: Chicken ordinance

To the Mayor & Council of Chandler,

Having lived in Central Chandler for 40 years I have seen alot of changes over

the years. A few years back my next door neighbor decided to raise chickens and also had a rooster. I put up with the crowing at 3 to 4am in the morning, the excess of flies and the smell for almost a year and then decided life in my backyard was not what I wanted or had a right to expect. Consequently I reported them and then the chickens were gone. Had I bought property where there were horse privileges or acreage then I would have no expectation of not having the possibility of chickens next door to me, but I bought in central Chandler in a neighborhood with large back yards but certainly not acreage. I feel allowing chickens would be a huge mistake and would open the door to then people wanting pigs, ducks and goats next.

The other problem is that code enforcement is already understaffed and overworked with trying to enforce the ordinances we already have in place. Also would these chicken ranches have to be inspected and who would be able to guarantee that the "waste" would be picked up and disposed of properly. Since HOA's would be exempt from this problem, again central Chandler residents would be forced to police their own neighborhoods.

At the Zoning meeting the butchering of the chickens was brought up and one of the commissioners said it would be no different than hunters bringing home game to their residence. I don't know what kind of hunter that man is but my father was a hunter and my husband is a hunter and both of them field dressed their game and then brought it to the meat locker for butchering and wrapping. Never did either of them have animal skins or entrails at our home for disposal.

For the person who said Chandler is a rural community that was true 20 years ago but not today. Chandler is a city. If you want to go rural find a smaller community, buy acreage or live in a county island because Chandler is a growing, thriving community and the farms and pastured sheep of two decades ago are long gone. This is called growth and progress and whether we like it or not this is the reality.

So I would implore the Mayor and Council to think long and hard before enacting such an ordinance. I have stayed in Chandler because I always felt the City government and City employees did a good job of governing and

doing what was right and fair for all the residents of Chandler.

Thank you for your time.

Rita Ford

579 West Harrison St.

Chandler, 85225

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From: robert garrett <rgarrett1515@yahoo.com>
To: "Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov" <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/15/2013 06:06 PM
Subject: Chicken ranching

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council and Distinguished Mayor:

My name is Robert Garrett and I reside at 4476 W Rickenbacker Way, Chandler, in Stellar Airpark Estates. My wife Barbara and I want to explicitly express our opposition to the chicken farming zoning amendment to residential zoned property in Chandler.

It is hard to imagine such a preposterous zoning change to this beautiful modern city of ours. I cannot imagine the amount of complaints, discontent and lawyer-ing this will generate. Not to mention the poor property owner's home value living next to one of these.

We believe that chickens are not house pets and belong on a properly zoned farm. Thanks for listening to our opinion.

Sincerely,
Robert Garrett O.D.
Barbara Garrett

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From: GOFLYJOHN@aol.com
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/15/2013 09:53 PM
Subject: RE: ZCA12-0004 CITY OF CHANDLER, URBAN CHICKENS ZONING CODE AMENDMENT

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My name is John Morris and I reside at 4300 West Saturn Way in Chandler. I was somewhat shocked to learn that an amendment to the Chandler City Code pertaining to urban chicken "farming" was not only being considered, but had recently been approved by Planning and Zoning. This seems to be a ridiculous amendment to the city code for adoption by any progressive city government--particularly the City of Chandler.

Despite Chandler's long agricultural history, this city is not the same outlying farming community it once was. Chandler is now a technology and residential leader in the valley, not a bedroom community for people seeking to live like the Walton's by raising and slaughtering their own chickens.

I suspect this would likely create an enforcement nightmare for the City. Noise and health concerns about this topic will pit Chandler resident versus Chandler resident. Who will be expected to resolve these potential disputes over what might or might not be allowed under the revised code?

I would fully expect this proposal in a less sophisticated municipality, unincorporated area, or in a county island--Guadalupe comes to mind--but certainly not in the City of Chandler. Please consider the plethora of ill effects this might produce for both the city and its residents going forward. I understand that there are a high percentage of HOA's that already specifically prohibit this activity. Despite this fact, it does not preclude these activities from presenting onerous effects to those living on the periphery of such neighborhoods. Non-HOA residents could easily be adjacent to these neighborhoods and expose "protected" developments to all that this amendment would allow.

The downside risk of this proposal seems to greatly favor disallowing it to proceed. Please consider voting against this amendment to the zoning code.

Respectfully Submitted,

John R. Morris
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Chandler, AZ 85226-3719

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From: "Tracy Culver" <tracyculver@q.com>
To: <Trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/02/2013 08:47 PM
Subject: ZCA12-0004 City of Chandler, Urban Chickens Zoning Code Amendment

The Honorable Trinity Donovan
Member, Chandler City Council
Mail Stop 603
P.O. Box 4008
Chandler, AZ 85244-4008

Dear Council Member Donovan:

I recently learned of the proposed zoning code amendment, ZCA12-0004 City of Chandler, Urban Chickens Zoning Code Amendment, City initiative to amend Chapter 35-Land Use and Zoning of the City Code to permit residents to raise chickens on single family lots.

I respectfully request your opposition to this preposterous code change.

The proponents of this zoning change say chickens are "educational animals that provide healthy eggs." This may be true, but since chickens are farm animals and not city pets, they are better raised on a farm. Farm animals of any sort should not be permitted within the City limits, especially chickens given the ongoing, serious threat of bird flu. Zoning requirements to prevent unsanitary conditions and maintain cages while not impacting neighbors within the city limits will be very difficult, if not impossible to enforce. More importantly, allowing chickens within city limits could result in a public health issue and we have a responsibility to do everything possible to prevent such an occurrence.

I was not aware of the City Council meeting on May 1, 2013, where the Zoning Commission voted 4-2 in favor of this change. An article on Arizona Central noted that, "Those who spoke in favor of chickens during the zoning commission public meeting outnumbered those opposed." If Chandler residents were aware of the meeting and such a preposterous change to "city" code, more residents likely would have been present to vehemently oppose such an outrageous proposal.

Thank you your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Tracy Culver

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To: trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/13/2013 08:37 AM
Subject: Chickens in Chandler

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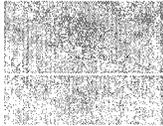
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To: "jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov" <jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/10/2013 12:01 PM
Subject: Chickens

Dear Mayor,

Please do not submit to a vocal self interest group that would turn Chandler into a barnyard. We have enough problems without asking for trouble. Who would answer the calls when the complaints come in about people having more than five, about them running loose, about the noise and smell? Once precedent is set, what would stop the next person from demanding to keep ducks or pheasants, or quail. etc. The planning and zoning commission has not thought this through. I hope you will.

Regards,

Andrew Zack



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