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MEMORANDUM Transportation & Development Dept. Council Memo No. TDA14-001

DATE: JULY 11, 2013

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: ZCA12-0004 URBAN CHICKENS CODE AMENDMENTS
Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance Nos. 4449 and 4457

This item was discussed at the City Council meeting of May 23, 2013. The initial motion to approve Ordinance 4449 failed for lack of a majority. Several points of concern were raised by the City Council including the possible creation of a permanent zoning right should the proposed ordinance be adopted along with concerns regarding enforcement. After additional discussion, the City Council voted to reconsider its denial of Ordinance 4449. Staff was then directed to research options regarding use permits to address the enforcement issue, and both Ordinances 4449 and 4457 were continued to the City Council meeting of July 11, 2013.

Staff from various departments met following the May 23rd City Council meeting and determined that there were at least two points of general consensus: (a) staff gleaned from the City Council meeting that Councilmembers may have concerns in extending the *right* to keep chickens to all residences in all single-family zoning districts; and (b) any changes to the zoning code or other City codes that would modify current regulations affecting the keeping of chickens will likely increase the difficulty of enforcing against violations of such regulations.

Staff has also heard concerns from residents living in neighborhoods with an active homeowners association (HOA) that the HOA's covenants, conditions and restrictions (C.C.&R.'s) regarding keeping of chickens would be voided through the passage of an ordinance that permits the keeping of chickens. City legal staff advises that none of the options discussed below would supersede HOA rules regarding this issue.

The main options identified and considered at the staff meetings are as follows:

- 1. No change to the current codes.** Currently, the keeping of *poultry* is prohibited in Chandler except in AG-1 and SF-33 (large lot) residential zoning districts, with the latter district requiring the poultry be contained within a fence or cage. Roosters are prohibited everywhere within

Chandler. Code Sec. 14-3 prohibits any animal or fowl (including a chicken) from being kept within 200 feet from a residence other than the residence of the animal's owner or the residence of a person who provides written consent for a shorter distance.

Pros: No new property right is established. Zoning code enforcement is relatively straight forward, i.e., there is a violation whenever a chicken is in a district where no chicken is allowed to be. The same is true with the rooster prohibition. There is little indication that the City has aggressively enforced the 200-foot distance requirement, although Neighborhood Resources has customarily informed property owners within the AG-1 and SF-33 districts about this provision.

Cons: This option does not extend the right to keep chickens that is sought by a segment of Chandler residents.

2. Make the changes submitted to Council. This option provides a blanket *right* to keep backyard chickens to all residences within all single-family zoning districts, subject to certain conditions applicable to all but the AG-1 and SF-33 districts. It eliminates the 200-foot consent to keep requirement. It prohibits the raising of unreasonably loud chickens.

Pros: Citizens interested in keeping chickens would be able to, and it is not uncommon today for municipalities to regulate the keeping of a small number of chickens in residential districts. As with barking dogs, unreasonably loud chickens would constitute a disturbance of the peace.

Cons: Allowing a blanket right for any resident to keep chickens, even where the right is subject to compliance with specified conditions, will create enforcement challenges. By law, zoning enforcement is the responsibility of a municipality's zoning administrator; the tools available for enforcement are limited and cumbersome; the process required to remedy a complaint often protracted and limited. If in the future, the City wishes to reinstitute prohibitions on the keeping of chickens in single-family districts, it will be legally difficult and potentially costly to do. It is possible that disturbance of the peace calls, which are enforced by the police, could increase – either from loud chickens or from loud dogs sensitive to the presence of chickens nearby.

3. Conditional use permits. This option would allow a homeowner to keep chickens if he/she first obtains a conditional use permit. Thus, rather than a blanket right granted to all homeowners in any single-family district, this option would permit chickens to be kept by individual homeowners in any district on a case by case basis.

Pros: The main benefit is this option does not extend a broad-based *right* to all homeowners, but gives *permission* to individual homeowners to raise chickens. Enforcement, while difficult, would be easier because a homeowner who violates the conditions of the use permit could have the permit suspended or revoked.

Cons: One problem is that use permits are issued through a process involving both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council. The permitting process is also complicated by the need to comply with requirements of the new state statutes applying the Arizona Regulatory Bill of

Rights to municipal regulations. Enforcement against violations will not be necessarily quick or easy since (i) permit revocation cannot occur without according the permit holder due process and (ii), in some cases, establishing the violation or the materiality of the violation can be difficult.

4. Licensing through health and safety codes. This option involves a slightly different licensing process, which is established outside of the zoning code, and focuses on protecting against health and safety problems that might arise in the keeping of chickens in residential areas. It can address such adverse effects as possible undue noise and odors. The focus of such a license would be on health and safety concerns, not neighborhood compatibility issues.

Pros: The licensing process would be handled without engaging the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council – presumably, it would be more expeditious and less political. Staff would be able to administer such a program utilizing existing resources.

Cons: The main problem with this option is it only has application under circumstances where the zoning code no longer expressly prohibits the keeping of chickens in single-family residential districts. An amendment to the zoning code would be required, as the keeping of chickens is currently prohibited in all residential districts except AG-1 and SF-33. Also, such a license would not expedite enforcement should problems occur.

5. Registration policy. This option involves the development of a reporting policy where homeowners raising chickens would be required to register. It could be established as an independent, stand-alone policy if City approval for raising chickens is not required. Otherwise, it could be part of a larger licensing or permitting policy.

Pros & Cons: It is difficult to see what real benefit would be derived from a stand-alone registration requirement. Establishing such a requirement may give the appearance of significant regulation by the City, but it would be without teeth and would not allow for expedited enforcement should problems occur. It would add a level of bureaucracy that provides no real substantial benefit. This option would also require an amendment to the zoning code, as the keeping of chickens is currently prohibited in all residential districts except AG-1 and SF-33.

6. “Public nuisance” prosecution. This option would redefine “public nuisance” to encompass some of the potential health and safety conditions related to the raising of chickens. The land use conditions would not be included, but would remain part of the zoning code.

Pros: The biggest benefit would be the shifting of health and safety conditions related to the raising of chickens out of the zoning code, so violations that reach the level of a public nuisance could be prosecuted as such, regardless of whether or not any licensing or permitting process is involved.

Cons: Declaring something a public nuisance does not by itself make enforcement against violations any easier. This option might be a useful adjunct to Option 4 above, but much less useful if it stands alone. This option would also require an amendment to the zoning code, as the keeping of chickens is currently prohibited in all residential districts except AG-1 and SF-33.

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Given the concerns raised at the City Council meeting of May 23, 2013, and the analysis by staff of the various options described above, no recommendation regarding the creation of a permit system *to regulate urban chickens in Chandler is being proposed*. *Staff does not believe that such a system would achieve the desired goal of expedited enforcement should violations occur.*

As such, the original ordinances No. 4449 and 4457 are returned for your consideration with no recommended changes.

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discussed the proposal with other departments including Police, Code Enforcement, and the City Attorney's Office.

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.
- In an effort to notify all Chandler residents of the proposed amendments and provide opportunity to review and comment on the proposal, the following notification methods were utilized: news release, link on home page of city Web site, twitter, facebook, email to registered neighborhood contacts.
- Staff has received numerous responses from residents (email and telephone calls) both in favor and opposed to the proposal.

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 and as recommended by Planning Staff.

Attachments

1. Ordinance 4449
2. Ordinance 4457
3. 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 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:

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 setback 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.



Fw: Calling All Chickens!! NOT!! There Are A Lot More Pressing Issues!!
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Jim Broich <bluloon@gmail.com>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/28/2013 12:06 PM
Subject: Calling All Chickens!! NOT!! There Are A Lot More Pressing Issues!!

I think it is absolutely ridiculous to allow people living within the city limits the right to start harboring any farm animals at all...even chickens! Have we all lost our minds?!

If people want to turn where they live into a farm tell them to move to the country and not the city!

Lord knows we in Chandler have enough dilapidated, run down, abandoned, terrible looking properties the way it is...and why we would want to further ruin this city is beyond me...it is just plain stupid!

Let's be blunt!

This city has all sorts of terrible looking properties, blighted areas, unkept areas, land that is under county rule (for some stupid antiquated reason...which are allowed to languish and stay unkept ruining adjoining neighborhoods) and now some misguided people want to make the rest of us suffer due to their desire to have chickens in their backyards!??

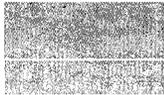
And it seems absolutely silly that you folks are even contemplating allowing people to harbor farm animals in their backyards!!

What is wrong with your sense of priorities and what is right?

Why are you folks not focusing on getting the city of Chandler cleaned up, keeping it cleaned up and making owners of badly kept, unkept properties toe the line instead of discussing chickens!?

I find it unbelievable and quite frankly idiotic that you even have to debate such a subject instead of tackling the glaring topic of getting the existing properties cleaned up, fixed up, abandoned structures torn down, and telling the county to get after properties that look absolutely horrible and that bring down adjoining property values...instead of talking about allowing chickens in peoples back yards..which will further deteriorate the values of the city and the properties in the city!!

Lets get real and do your jobs...get after the badly kept properties the city has...and there are plenty of them!!



Fw: Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Todd & Krinda Account <tpower6@cox.net>
To: jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/26/2013 01:38 PM
Subject: Re: Urban Chickens

Jay,

Spoke to someone in Communications and he briefed me on how you got the info out. Respectfully, still believe there might be more efficient ways to get the info out there since most of my neighbors and family in Chandler didn't know anything about it. We have signed up to receive info via email about things going on in Chandler, thank you for the venue. We also passed that info along to others.

Thank you also for listening, we appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Todd & Krinda Power

On May 24, 2013, at 4:34 PM, jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov wrote:

Thank you for the comments and questions on how we work to notify residents. While this has been a relatively well discussed topic in the media for the past year, it just started to move through our official process over the past several weeks. When it was clear it would be coming to Council for a vote, we sent out information through many of the City's notification vehicles. That includes social media and email blasts to the various accounts we have set up. One of those includes an email blast of City Council agendas. If you would like to sign up for that, you can use this link:

<http://www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.aspx>

Thank you again for your comments. Please contact me anytime you have thoughts or issues about our community.

Sincerely,

Jay Tibshraeny
Mayor

Please be advised that all email sent and received via this address has been requested for review by local media and will be made available in accordance with Arizona Open Public Records Law.

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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

On May 21, 2013, at 11:47 AM, Todd & Krinda Account wrote:

Hello,

We live in Ocotillo and are definitely NOT interested in allowing neighbors to have chickens in their backyard. We're hoping that this amendment does not include areas like ours. We've lived on a farm and know how loud the chickens can be; don't want to be woke up at 4am by a rooster.

Please keep us informed about this, since this is the first we've heard about this meeting.

Thanks,

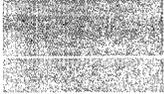
Todd & Krinda Power
3200 S. Jojoba Way
Chandler, AZ 85248
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City Council to address Urban Chickens

On Thursday, May 23, 2013, the Chandler City Council will consider an amendment to Chapter 35 of the City Code to permit residents to raise chickens on single family lots. Additionally, the Council consider amending Chapter 11 of the City Code to designate unreasonably loud chickens as a disturbing noise, and amending Chapter 14 by repealing the requirement to obtain written consent to keep animals within 200-feet of residences.

The meeting will be held at the Chandler City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street and begins at 7 p.m.

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



Fw: Backyard Chicken Ordinance Change
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: "mikaprice1" <mikaprice1@cox.net>
To: <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/26/2013 08:36 AM
Subject: Backyard Chicken Ordinance Change

Mayor Tibshraney and Council:

The backyard chicken issue needs some professional input before we change our current protections for Chandler residents. Some cities that have allowed the backyard chickens are just beginning to deal with the problems of smell, noise and increased rodent, coyote, and other chicken predator activity such as in San Marino, California and New Jersey. What will the city do to protect the residents from the noise, smell, and health issues such as salmonella and the rodents that chickens attract? What are the safeguards for the secondary issues of having chickens present, such as the increased rodent activity?

Chickens, even without a rooster, are noisy. Salmonella cannot be eliminated from their digestive tracks (per the CDC). They attract rodents. They produce an odor. If they are pets, will we license them like dogs or cats? Will the city set aside funds to prosecute chicken owners who do not keep their chickens quiet or clean? What fines and other penalties are in place? What are the protections for neighbors that object to the negatives for urban chicken farming?

What are my options to prevent my neighbors from creating a nuisance environment with their chickens or worse, their failure to follow ordinances and properly care for their chicken "pets?"

Has the city researched the effect on property values? Chandler is just starting to recoup its losses in real estate values from the economic disaster of the last few years. As a an 18 year Chandler resident, I do not want to have to lose the value of my property, deal with the smell and noise of a poorly thought out change to our zoning and protective ordinances.

There are reasons these ordinances and zoning laws were enacted in the first place. There is a reason we have developed health protection measures such as pasteurization and zoning for livestock and farming.

The chicken issue is not a simple as it appears. There has to be built in safeguards for all of Chandler and its residents. The full impact of the backyard chicken trend is unknown.

Myself and my 4 vote family do not support changing the current ordinances at this time. I intend to address my Home Owner's Association at the next meeting on including protections in the CC&R's against the rush to embrace urban farming without considering the impact.



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From: Richard Detzel <rdetzel81@me.com>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/25/2013 02:48 PM
Subject: Backyard chickens

Dear Mayor and council members...

I have been following this issue for the last several months and find it interesting how about 20 people can possibly change having chickens in residential areas. Having had property in Chandler Ranch years ago this issue arose with a property member raising chickens on Fairview Street and the city was active in sharing with them that it was not zoned for "farm animals". I cannot conceptually understand how "chickens" should in allowed in residential areas and would appreciate voting this down.

Richard Detzel
81 West Birchwood Pl
Chandler



Fw: Proposal to allow Chickens in Chandler
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Gail Mann <gail.mm2@gmail.com>
To: Jay.Tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/25/2013 10:53 AM
Subject: Proposal to allow Chickens in Chandler

Dear Mayor Tibshraeny and members of the Chandler City Council:

I am very much opposed to the idea that residents of Chandler should be allowed to keep chickens for these reasons:

- Chickens are very dirty
- Chickens have mites and other insects in their feathers
- Waste from chickens attracts hoardes of flies that then fly to other people's properties; the proposal includes picking up chicken waste from the homes with chickens; residents will be requested to pickup after their chickens. The chickens will roam and therefore, their waste will deposited anywhere on that property, not just in a coop
- Like many dog or cat owners, it is not likely the owners will keep a clean property...that is a constant fight, regardless of the ordinances imposed
- Does the city actually have so much money that taxpayer dollars can be allocated for the chicken patrol? It won't be affective. Everyone knows that
- If people are so into having chickens or other barnyard critters, they should not live in a city

I watched the hearing on TV and yes, there are other jurisdictions that allow chickens. But having grown up in a rural area and having chickens on our property, I do know about chickens and how dirty they are.

This is a bad idea and the cost and supervision of this project to appease a few people who chose not to live in the country, is not an equitable use of taxpayer dollars. I love cows, but do I want them in a city like Chandler? No. The feedlots in the zoned areas are bad enough.

Please consider these points and register a no vote from me.

Thank you.

Gail Mann



Fw: recent council decision regarding backyard chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: TLeeper@mapfreusa.com
To: jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/24/2013 02:04 PM
Subject: recent council decision regarding backyard chickens

Mayor Tibshraeny,

I like to take a moment and voice my opinion about the city councils recent decision regarding backyard chickens. While I am appreciative that the original decision not to allow chickens was essentially thrown out and will be taken up again at a later date I am upset that it did not pass in the first place. Also I am disappointed that you did not cast a vote in favor allowing chickens.

Thank you for your time and hard work and I hope you will reconsider your position.

Regards,

Tom Leeper

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Fw: Back Yard Chickens Ordinance - YES!!
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From: Lisa DePasqual <depasqual@rocketmail.com>
To: "jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov" <jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov>, "jack.sellers@chandleraz.gov" <jack.sellers@chandleraz.gov>, "trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov" <trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov>, "nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov" <nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov>, "kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov" <kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov>, "rick.heumann@chandleraz.gov" <rick.heumann@chandleraz.gov>, "jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov" <jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/24/2013 11:14 AM
Subject: Back Yard Chickens Ordinance - YES!!

Mr. Mayor and Honorable Council Members,

As it does every morning, the cacophony of the wild birds woke me up this morning, despite the late-night hand wringing over chickens at the City Council meeting last night. It would be quite the impressive hen who could make even a dent in the din of dawn in the New Horizons neighborhood!

Three points on my mind as I tended to my garden before heading to my job at Orbital Sciences:

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I ask that you reconsider your "no" vote and vote instead to adopt the ordinance as the zoning commission recommends. We think that this change in code INCREASES our property value. It does to us!

Lisa DePasqual
314 W. Curry Street
Chandler, 85225
Chandler resident since 1989



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P.S. MY CHICKENS WILL BE NAMED HENRIETTA, MARGE, AND ELIZA AFTER OUR GRANDCHILDREN HENRY, MAGGIE & LIZZIE.



Fw: Thank you for your efforts with Chandler Backyard chickens

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From: Sarah Cummings <sarahcummings7@gmail.com>
To: nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/24/2013 10:31 AM
Subject: Thank you for your efforts with Chandler Backyard chickens

Councilmember Ellen,

I wanted to whole-heartedly thank you for voicing your opinion for allowing backyard chickens in Chandler last night. While I also voiced my opinion, I am disappointed that the Council still needs time to make up their mind. I understand the need to protect the rights of those who don't want chickens on the off-chance their neighbor is in violation of city ordinances, but I don't understand the need for the added level of bureaucracy that is the "permit". I wonder if you were just as blind-sided as I was by those comments, as no other city in Arizona felt the need for them. I know the Council thinks Chandler is a much better place to live than some of the surrounding areas, but right now I'm not so sure at all.

Having said that, I would much rather go through the empty gesture of obtaining a permit (even if it is an added cost) than not be given the right at to have chickens at all. I think what some Councilmembers may have missed is that having a chicken is an investment. Those of us that want them will need to buy, or build coops, buy feed, ensure we have all the proper equipment, etc. set up for our new pets. It's not as if we found a stray dog, grabbed a bowl from the kitchen, and threw them both in the backyard, only to later realize they are a lot of work and we don't want the hassle of taking care of them anymore. Yes, there may be one or two problem cases, but how is it any different than those of dog or cat owners who don't take care of their pets? I'm not going to let my dog run free in the street, or my cat roam outside, free to wander my neighbor's backyard (as is done in my neighborhood). I'm not going to let my chicken poop in other people's yards and cluck all day and all night (as those that have dogs do in our, and any other average neighborhood, do). And I resented the opinion an individual expressed that those of us who live in in an HOA-free area can't take care of our things, are in need of assistance, and in essence, rely on the city to take care of things for us. I am a veteran, and my husband has been in school pursuing his dream of becoming a doctor, and will be attending medical school next July. He would have started medical school this year, but we would have had to move out of Arizona to do so, and we decided we wanted to stay here. We have been, and will continue to be a single-family income residence for the near future. Just because we don't have the income others have, or the HOA rules others have, does Not mean that we don't have pride of ownership in our house. We take care of our yard, we take care of our animals. We've lived in our Chandler subdivision for almost four years with no HOA and have never seen a house that has looked like the owners just stopped caring for it.

I urged David de le Torre (after thanking him for his hard work) to look into how the .2% of complaints in the surrounding cities were handled—cost and personnel-hours, etc. I hope that when the Council is presented with that information, they will see that a permit isn't necessary. I don't think that our freedoms should be infringed upon because of the small fraction of a percentage of those that may break the law. There are processes in place to handle them, and the city shouldn't incur an undue burden because of it.

Again, thank you for your time. I hope the Council will consider all the information David will present to them that shows permits won't be necessary, but again, I would rather fill out a permit (which will be added personnel-hours) and wait for the arbitrary judgment that I'm allowed a freedom that thousands in the country already have, some a mere mile from my house.

Sincerely,

Sarah Cummings



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From: Dane Cutting <danescutting@icloud.com>
To: "jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov" <jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/24/2013 08:42 AM
Subject: Urban Chickens

Dear Chandler Mayor and City Counsel members.

Last night I attended the City Counsel meeting to join in on the Urban Chicken issue.

Where the City Counsel heard from Chandler residents on both sides of the topic. It seemed to be a open transparent meeting where all comments on both sides were heard. The counsel then had their question and answer time among themselves. Then the counsel put the propose Amendments up to a vote. As you know the new Amendment was

defeated.

After that I am not sure what happen. How is it that after a vote is taken and tallied can a counsel member who did not like the outcome of the vote say it doesn't count. And that he wants a new vote in July?

Apparently in July the amendment will be voted on by the city counsel again. At that counsel meeting will city residents once again be able to voice their concerns? As they did last night in the open transparent meeting?

A added concern is when will the citizens of Chandler be advised that a change in the Urban Chickens laws will be up for a vote on July 11, 2013.

Last Night it seemed that the residents

that were wanting to change the current amendment so that they could raise chicken in their back yard had a year to prepare and gather information and support for their side of the issue. And all other residents (that have been living under the current rules and laws of our City) did not receive word until Monday of this week that a vote was taking place on Thursday.

And it seemed that, that information only reached a few at best.

Thanks for your time and I hope to hear from you on the concerns and questions that I have.

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Fw: backyard chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

06/20/2013 04:52 PM

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From: william wheeler <jesuslordonearth@gmail.com>
To: kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/24/2013 01:39 AM
Subject: backyard chickens

what's the chance of the counsel agreeing to the amendment with a permit included?
thank you for your support.
Bill Wheeler.
PS saw you at promise keepers last weekend.



Fw: Are you a Chandler resident that wants to legalize the raising of backyard chickens?: Southeast Valley Permies

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From: Jessica Jordan <jessica.b.m.jordan@gmail.com>
To: trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov, nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov, kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/24/2013 12:23 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Are you a Chandler resident that wants to legalize the raising of backyard chickens?: Southeast Valley Permies

Dear Ms. Donovan, Mr. Hartke and Ms. Ellen,

Thank you, Ms. Donovan, Ms Ellen and Mr. Hartke, for your votes up holding the proposed changes allowing Chandler Chickens. Although I finished in the clinic too late to physically attend, it was enlightening to see the council in action, especially when you, Ms. Ellen, had Mr. Huemann state in his round about manner, that the permit would not solve any potential problems. Instead, it would be a bureaucratic hurdle, which would not help the city. Mr. Huemann and Sellers appear to be a bit money hungry. Perhaps they should consider some of the money made in having competitions and "shows" for chickens here in Chandler.

It is very disappointing to see your other 4 colleagues in action and voters remember this type of event. Perhaps visiting one of the existing local small flocks would help them to understand what they and those making unsubstantiated accusations of health and sanitary issues clearly do not understand. Chickens do not like to share their food and water with other large birds, including pigeons, and tend to chase them off which effectively reduces the local black birds and pigeons. Humming Birds and finch like birds are not bothered by chickens.

It was also curious to see so many people from HOAs, who this would not affect, vehemently against allowing others, in non-HOA areas, to choose there own way of living. It sounds like they need to do some volunteer work or something to make them feel more needed and important.

We look forward to your prevailing on what is potentially a way to better our health & quality of life by the increase in safe, affordable food and fertilizer, pleasant pets and a reduction in unwanted bugs: scorpions, roaches, crickets, mosquitoes, among others.

Thank you, again, for voting in favor of continuing the beautiful co-mingling of "country" and "city", in a non-bureaucratic manner, in one of the "Best Places to Live"!

Jessica

"With the Faith of a mustard seed, mountains will move."

On Thu, May 23, 2013 at 5:04 PM, <Trinity.Donovan@chandleraz.gov> wrote:
Dear Jessica,

Thank you for providing your perspective on this issue. City Council will review this item at tonight's meeting.

Sincerely,

Trinity Donovan
Councilmember

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Date: 05/23/2013 02:24 PM
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Jessica B. M. Jordan

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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>

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

Hope to see you there!

Renu

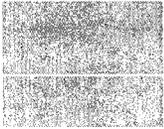
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Fw: Support for Amended Chicken Policy
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

06/20/2013 04:53 PM

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From: Edward Bawolek <badoctor@yahoo.com>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/23/2013 11:59 AM
Subject: Support for Amended Chicken Policy

I am a longtime resident of Chandler and want to express my support for the change in policy to relax the res
chickens.

I would like the opportunity to try raising chickens and the current policy requiring approval from all of my n

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Bawolek, PhD
2200 West Sagebrush Court
Chandler, AZ 85224
480.899.7157
badoctor@yahoo.com

Request Detail Report

5/23/2013

8:37 AM

Request #: 13-05-1082

Status: New Request

As Of: 5/22/2013 4:42 PM

Requestor

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

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,

Larry Dittler
New Horizons, Chandler
480-926-4489

cc: Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs

Request Detail Report

5/23/2013

8:37 AM

Comments:

Fwd to Mayor and Council.



Fw: Proposed Ordinances #4449 & 4457: Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

06/20/2013 04:54 PM

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From: Don Andrews <donandrews323@gmail.com>
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?

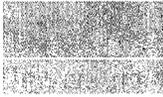
Newspaper reports cite requests from "several" citizens to change the city code regarding the

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



Fw: Proposed ordinance change to allow chickens in residential areas.

Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

06/20/2013 04:54 PM

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From: "Jacqueline Zipprich" <jzipprich@desertmgmt.com>
To: <Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov>
Cc: <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 05/22/2013 05:53 PM
Subject: Proposed ordinance change to allow chickens in residential areas.

Neighborhood Programs, Mayor and Town Counsel:

I am a manager for community associations. One of our Board's learned of a proposal before the City Council at your upcoming meeting to consider allowing chickens on residential lots repealing the 200 feet set back from residences.

The idea that the City would put forth an ordinance which would contradict our CC&R's which prohibits livestock or poultry of any kind to be raised, kept or breed on any lot is just insanity.

Chickens and livestock should only be kept in areas where zoning is appropriate for livestock or agricultural.

Cities and towns encourage developments to be private so the municipalities do not have to maintain the streets and infrastructures.

The state statute grants associations rights to reasonable rules and restrictions. Please do not take away the rights of these communities to not have a petty zoo or small farm in their neighborhoods. At the minimum, I ask that you please protect the associations by saying something in the ordinance that if you are governed by a community association or deed restrictions that restrict poultry, those restrictions will remain enforceable and not be trumped by the ordinance. Something-please.

I am sure I don't need to tell you about the unhealthy and unsanitary conditions that can occur from the fecal deposits from birds not maintained properly and the noise and disruptions that come from a rooster or chicken somehow stuck on daylight savings time. I know I live in an agricultural area in the county.

I chose to live there because I have horses. I have three acres and trust me you can still hear the fowl or they get loose and defecate your property.

Again I chose to live where I do.

But the residents in my communities in which we manage throughout the valley not just in Chandler live and pay for the quiet solitude and protections our communities offer with regard to maintenance and protections. I assure you, my 25 years in the management

business, the City is asking for headaches for your neighborhood services departments. Complaints galore will be received. If we have problems or complaints I can assure you we will be directing residents to complain to neighborhood services because we can't enforce a City ordinance. Only the City can. Your prosecution of cases will go up due to noise and odor complaints guaranteed.

There is a place for chickens, it is not in the middle of beautiful residential areas charged with the maintenance and peaceful enjoyments.

Again, at minimum please protect planned communities from such an infringement of their right to peaceful enjoyment, the protection of values and harmony that they pay to maintain and so desire to keep.

Please don't hesitate to call me to discuss further.

Regards,
Jacqueline Zipprich
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Fw: Regarding chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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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.**

Cordially,
Brooke Andrews
Chandler Resident since 1997



Fw: NO Chickens In Chandler!!
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:07 AM

From: Jim Broich <bluloon@gmail.com>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 05/30/2013 12:10 PM
Subject: NO Chickens In Chandler!!

The other day I sent all of you a note telling you that I object to allowing any resident in the city of Chandler who lives in a area zoned residential from having and keeping farm animals including poultry anywhere in their yards!! That includes chicken coops, behind privacy walls, ANYWHERE!

Several of you sent me replies and I do appreciate that you actually take time to read my input...the others who I did not hear from either have happy delete fingers or they just don't know what to say! But I do hope you did read the input!

I do want to comment on one reply I got. The sender from the council shall remain anonymous as I do not want to embarrass anyone.

The gist of the feedback from this council member was the following!
Since 80% or so of Chandler residents live in HOA controlled areas and HOA's do not allow farm animals ...80% of you do not have to worry about the other 20% who may be allowed to have farm animals in the city!!

Now, I want ALL of you to sit back and see the shallowness and ridiculousness of such sentiment!! Its actually unbelievable that anyone would even consider such a thing as serious...and surely one would not expect any council member from using such disjointed and poor rationale or logic!!

In effect what the person is saying is we don't care about the 80% who live in HOA's since they can't have chickens...we are concerned about the 20% who do not live in HOA's ...some of whom want farm animals in their yards!! In other words forget the sentiments and feelings of the MAJORITY of Chandler residents (who happen to live in HOA's) we are going to rule on what the minority want!!

Wait a darned minute here! All of the taxpayers who live in Chandler regardless of whether they are in a HOA are important ands are there feelings about any and all issues regarding Chandler! Yes, HOA's do not allow farm animals in them for good reasons! They are messy, dirty, smelly, noisy and really screw up the quality of life for neighbors and reduce property values too!! That is why you have 80% of residents choosing to live in HOA's..they are probably afraid a screwed up council will allow such things to happen and ruin the city for ALL taxpayers!! At least one of you thinks we in HOA's don't have any concerns as the chicken won't be in yards near us...BUT we are in the city and we want the city to be as nice and clean and not run down as anyone else... We KNOW that having farm animals in the city limits in residents back yards makes the city less attractive, more dirty, more noisy and screwed up than it needs to be!

So, here is what you should do..if 80% of Chandler residents live in HOA's and part of that attraction is that HOA's do not allow farm animals..well in a way that ought to tell each one of you council members that at least 80% of Chandler taxpayers DO NOT WANT farm animals and chickens allowed...!!!

Now, I think that is a loud and clear message to all of you and you ought to pay attention to it....and not just to the few who show up demanding to be allowed too have farm animals in their yards!!

Does not the majority rule in our Democracy anymore!!??

Thanks for reading this...even if I don't hear from you!!



Fw: We would love some chickens!!!!

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda

Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:07 AM

From: Elissa Jones <elissadirect@gmail.com>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Cc: Steven <sjdirect@gmail.com>
Date: 06/01/2013 12:12 PM
Subject: We would love some chickens!!!!

Hello Mayor and Council members,

My name is Elissa Jones, and my husband Steven and I live in the New Horizons community in Chandler. We love our neighborhood and love living in Chandler! I was beyond excited when I heard that we would be aloud to have 5 or less chickens in our backyard. We have two young children, and I thought this would be a great opportunity to teach them about chickens and where eggs come from, while at the same time instilling in our kids responsibility as well as chicken maintenance 101. Then I heard that after everything was approved through zoning on May 1st, there were some residents who were opposing chickens. I wanted to personally write (and so will many of our neighbors) and let you know that we are VERY pro chicken, and would like the opportunity to have them as members of our family. Please let me know what I need to do to help the city make the positive and sustainable choice of allowing chickens in the city of Chandler. I am happy to do whatever it takes!

Thank you for all you do, and for reading my email.

Have a great day,

Elissa Jones
480-600-6742



Fw: Support for Urban Chickens
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:07 AM

From: Zac - Cassie Thomason <thomason85238@yahoo.com>
To: "Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov" <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/03/2013 01:40 PM
Subject: Support for Urban Chickens

Dear Mayor Tibshraeny & City Council Members,

I am writing in support of legalizing urban chicken ownership in Chandler. After extensive research on the subject, I do not believe that chickens pose a human health risk, would cause excessive noise complaints, odors, or attract rodents. Properly kept chickens are excellent household pets that provide fresh healthy eggs to their owners, as well as REDUCE rodents by consuming table scraps and keeping them out of the garbage. Chickens do produce small amounts of manure, which can be composted to provide excellent garden fertilizer. I do not support ownership of roosters in urban areas. I believe that home-grown eggs are sustainable, healthy and "green".

My biggest concern involves the ability of the city officials to regulate quality of care and consideration for neighbors. I propose that the new policy require chicken owners to apply for and obtain a permit. By maintaining chicken ownership as a revocable 'privilege', this would allow animal control to inspect and respond to complaints, and would ensure that chicken owners are kept to high standards of care, and consideration for neighbors.

Thank you for your time,

Cassie Thomason
321 W Curry Street
Chandler, AZ 85225
(602) 616-5124

Request Detail Report

6/4/2013

8:34 AM

Request #: 13-06-0083 **Status:** New Request **As Of:** 6/3/2013 4:12 PM

Requestor			
Phone Number:	480-577-9618	Util Acct #:	
Name:	Edwin DePasqual	Business:	Retired
Address:	314 W CURRY ST		
X Street:			
City, State Zip:	Chandler AZ 85225		
Country:	USA	Parcel:	
Building Type:		Email:	edwinjdepasqual@gmail.com
Home Phone:	480-	Work Phone:	
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	

Category:	CAPA	Follow-up Date:	6/17/2013
Problem:	Citizen Input		
Cause:			
Priority:	Five Day	Facility:	
Address:			
Address2:			
Gen Location:			
City:	Chandler	Parcel Number:	
State:		Zip Code:	
Department:		Building Type:	
Supervisor:	Melanie Sala	Location X:	
Affected Utility:		Location Y:	

Scripts

Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council members:

I attended both meetings on the issue of zoning changes for allowing chickens to be kept at single family residences in Chandler and have to say I was very disappointed with the proceedings and end result when overwhelming and factual information was trumped by hearsay and fear mongering. I anticipate a better result at the July meeting. Yes, I am adamantly in favor of the zoning change. My wife Lisa sent a thoughtful note earlier. Here are my thoughts:

Arizona's history is rich in agriculture; three of the "Five C's" of its early economic base are in agriculture. Chandler's roots as well are agriculturally based as evidenced by its many farms, farm products, and even the Ostrich, a "bird" celebrated by our annual festival. Chandler's Logo features the distant Mountains, Industry, and yes, Agriculture. Chandler's stated vision includes these words: " creating a unique community and ensuring an exceptional quality of life". It's unfortunate that over the past fifty years valley residents have seen far too much of this rich history and uniqueness gobbled up by suburban sprawl accompanied by ever increasing regulations.

The purpose of this zoning change is seen as a progressive movement towards sustainable living practices for citizens who desire an ability to produce their own food, free from the chemicals, pesticides, and antibiotics found in factory produced food. It's also a return to small town values, and community life. Please don't be dissuaded by suggestions that 18% of Chandler will be harmfully affected. In the first place, properly cared for chickens produce none of the negative effects cited by some who came forward at the meeting. Secondly, a very small percentage of that 18% are even interested in having chickens. The few who are interested I'm quite sure will be respectful citizens.

The process seemed to be advancing intelligently until the Council seized upon the red herring that a gentleman threw out earlier concerning a permitting process that was used in Sacramento, a piece of unsubstantiated information not even relevant to the issue. Perhaps this was a ploy to surreptitiously plant another layer of Government and cost that would sink the proposal.

It would be refreshing to see Chandler mix a little common sense with limited regulation.

CHICKENS YES ! Chandler becoming snootier than Scottsdale?

Respectfully yours,

Ed DePasqual, Military Defense Systems Engineer (Retired)

Comments:



Fw: Please allow Chickens in Chandler!
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:08 AM

From: Sarah Cummings <sarahcummings7@gmail.com>
To: trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/11/2013 08:40 PM
Subject: Please allow Chickens in Chandler!

Hello Councilmember Donovan,

I am emailing today about the upcoming July vote regarding Chickens in Chandler. I was stationed with the Air Force in Mesa in 2007, and after living there for a few years, decided to buy a house with my husband in Chandler in 2009. We have loved living here ever since, and purposefully moved into an area of Chandler that did not have an HOA so that we could one day fulfill a dream: to have chickens in our back yard! A lot of the time, we consider Chandler a much better place to live, but right now I'm not so sure. All of our surrounding cities have allowed chickens for quite some time, and since we live just under a mile away from Gilbert, it can be quite frustrating at times. We have followed the law and not had chickens, but we're losing patience with Chandler and are frustrated with how behind the curve of the urban movement this "forward thinking" city currently is.

Please know that having chickens is an investment on the owner's part. It's not as if we found a stray dog, grabbed a water bowl, and threw both in the backyard, woefully unprepared for the responsibility. We will need to build (or buy) a coop, set up the watering and feeding system, in some instances set up incubators for the eggs, etc. Those of us who would like hens solely for their eggs will monitor them daily, ensure their health is good and that their living conditions are well beyond what any chicken "farm" standards are. I think some additional information that was sorely missing from the previous City Council Meeting is that these hens will be cooped. They are not going to be roaming free in the neighborhoods. They will be in their coop, and in a lot of cases, their "tractor" or run. A chicken tractor is basically a movable coop with wheels that has no floor. This allows the hens to eat bugs, forage around the yard (which widens their diet), but also keeps them safe.

I'm hoping David de le Torre will be able to provide you all with sufficient evidence that having hens in your backyard is not the nuisance people are fearing it could be. Also please keep in mind that only the areas that have no HOA will be participating in backyard chickens. I understand there will always be rule breakers, but please don't punish the rest of us law-abiding citizens because of them. The numbers Mr. de le Torre showed of nuisance complaints were for the whole of the city, be it Mesa, Gilbert, Scottsdale, etc. With only a fraction of Chandler having chickens, this number should be inconsequential.

I hope that you will vote for allowing backyard chickens in Chandler and allow us to realize a dream that has been a long time in the making.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Sarah Cummings



Fw: Vote No on Urban Chickens
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:08 AM

From: "Robert-Pat-Snarfle-Dinky" <somecrazydogs@centurylink.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/16/2013 08:14 AM
Subject: Vote No on Urban Chickens

Vote NO on Urban Chickens

We urge all Chandler City Council Members to Vote "NO" on the Urban Chicken proposals and Zoning Code Amendment ZCA12-0004.

As homeowners in Tradition East, a community zoned single family residential (with no HOA), we specifically chose a property that is zoned single family residential – not zoned agricultural because we don't want to live with agricultural or livestock issues.

It is our belief that the property rights of the majority of residents in these neighborhoods are being cast aside in favor of a vocal minority who want to try their hand at small scale poultry farming. If approved, these changes in will force residents to live with livestock and all of the issues involved with poultry – whether we choose to or not.

For Chandler residents who chose to raise poultry, there are agricultural designated properties currently available for purchase or lease by individuals or groups.

Further, if the City of Chandler wants to encourage small scale neighborhood chicken farms, then low impact alternatives need to be examined, with neighborhood residents' input and approval. For example, a portion of a neighborhood park might be designated and fully enclosed for such activities, away from homes. Interested residents could apply for a coop space, adequate, centralized waste management and removal standards could be established, and animal care could be monitored.

Another option is to streamline the Variance process to make it simpler for those wanting to raise and have chickens. This would allow them to seek permission, with the approval of their neighbors and stringent standards for cleanliness, confinement and animal care, while preserving the rights of the community and neighbors who have chosen to live in an area not zoned for poultry farming.

There is no need to make a wholesale Zoning Code change that removes the property rights of the majority in favor of the desires of the minority.

Again, we urge City Council Members to Vote "NO" on Zoning Changes to allow chickens and protect our current property rights to live in a neighborhood zoned single family residential (as we chose to live in) – without livestock or poultry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Ortiz & Patricia Murray
1661 E. Carla Vista Drive, Chandler AZ 85225



Fw: chickens in residential areas of chandler
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:08 AM

From: <cljanabej@cox.net>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/18/2013 08:14 AM
Subject: chickens in residential areas of chandler

I have been a resident of chandler for the last 25 years and like the quiet neighborhood we live in. Allowing chickens in residential areas with very little regulation is not something I want to have to deal with. Please vote against chickens in our residential areas of Chandler.

Thank You,
Lynda Bejarano



Fw: Vote No on Chickens

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda

Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:09 AM

From: elect02121 <elect02121@hotmail.com>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/18/2013 10:15 PM
Subject: Vote No on Chickens

VOTE NO ON URBAN CHICKENS
CHICKEN FARMING BELONGS IN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY, NOT RESIDENTIAL
LOTS.

BIG HEALTH ISSUES!

Edward C. Cornelissens

Pamela J. Cornelissens

1600 E. San Tan st.

Chandler, AZ. 85225

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone



Fw: Urban Chicken Farming Meeting July 11, 2013

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda

Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:09 AM

From: <spasilis@cox.net>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Cc: spasilis@cox.net
Date: 06/19/2013 11:56 AM
Subject: Urban Chicken Farming Meeting July 11, 2013

I have just been made aware of a meeting scheduled for next month at the Chandler City Council Chambers to discuss an amendment to Chapter 35 of the City Code to permit residents to raise chickens on single family residential lots in the Tradition East Subdivision. I have been living in Tradition East for the last 18 years having had my home built and have seen this subdivision deteriorate already due to rental properties being rented to young people who have trashed both the outside and inside of these homes many times over.

Now I am possibly being subjected to the City of Chandler passing an amendment allowing persons in single family homes the right to raise chickens on their property, without respect to the property rights of the majority of the residents in this subdivision. When I purchased my home, the understanding was that this area was for single family residential homes, not farms. This deeply concerns me since there would be no enforceable health standards, nor any monitoring of potential pests, i.e., mosquitos, rodents and other birds foraging for food. Therefore, I respectfully request that you deny this permit as the area would deteriorate even further than it has due to poor rental tenants.

I have paid taxes for my home for 18 years and hope that my request above will be taken into consideration when this meeting is held. If this amendment is passed, I will definitely consider putting my home up for sale and move to an area where I will be able to live without worrying about someone raising chickens next door to me. I have always considered Chandler a nice area to live. However, when something like this is even considered, this leaves me no alternative but to move out and find another place to live. The City of Chandler even giving consideration to allowing such a thing is completely unacceptable to me. I hope you take this and other communications I am sure you will receive from other residents will be taken into consideration when this City Council Meeting is held.

Sincerely Yours,

Sandra A. Pasilis
1653 E. Oakland St
Chandler, AZ 85225
480-510-2148



Fw: Just say "NO"

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda

Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:09 AM

From: Mary Ann Schilling <maryannschilling@yahoo.com>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/19/2013 01:46 PM
Subject: Just say "NO"

Esteemed Mayor and City Council Members– Please vote "no" on the upcoming changes that would allow residential chicken farming. Chickens belong on a farm, in a farm environment. With avian flu epidemics in our past history do we really want to push it by having chickens or other livestock around children and families. There is a reason why there are zoning laws in place for land use. Residential should mean for residents of the human kind not chicken kind. Thank you for hearing me out.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Schilling
Concerned Chandler Resident



Fw: Voting
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:09 AM

From: mikedangelo1 <mikedangelo1@yahoo.com>
To: Mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/19/2013 05:07 PM
Subject: Voting

I am voting No for urban chickens.



Fw: Vote No on Urban Farming
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:09 AM

From: Brent McClean <brentmcclean@hotmail.com>
To: "MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov" <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/19/2013 07:52 PM
Subject: Vote No on Urban Farming

Please vote NO on the amendments to the City Code to allow urban farming, such as the raising of chickens.

These are residential neighborhoods not farm plots. The decline in property values has been painful enough without worsening the situation with chickens and other farm creatures around. Additionally these activities generate unpleasant smells and attract vermin.

For those who want to farm, there are agricultural properties they can acquire. Do not turn our neighborhoods into chicken farms! Preserve our residential neighborhoods.

Vote no on these amendments.

Sincerely,
Brent McClean
570 N. Oxford Lane
Chandler, AZ 85225



Fw: Citizen Input: Urban Chickens
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:10 AM

From: Susan Moore/COC
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/20/2013 12:46 PM
Subject: Citizen Input: Urban Chickens

Mr. Brian Stevens, 1458 E. Oakland, 480-917-3421, called to express his opposition to urban chickens.



Fw: Chicken Farming
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:10 AM

From: Calvin A Richards <calrazus@gmail.com>
To: Mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/21/2013 02:07 AM
Subject: Chicken Farming

Mayor and Council

I am against the amendment to the city code to allow residents to raise chickens on residential lots. There are people who do not take their responsibilities seriously. This can cause things to get out of control. I do not wish to live in a farm setting. Chickens attract many undesirable pest and can be odorous if not cared for properly. I urge you not to pass this amendment.

Calvin A Richards



Fw: Chickens

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: **Melanie Sala-Friedrichs**

06/28/2013 11:10 AM

From: <sinfanti@cox.net>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/22/2013 01:58 PM
Subject: Chickens

Please no chickens. From Chicago. Had a lot of problems with neighbors. Noise and smell all day and night. Some were selling chickens out of their homes

Steve infanti



Fw: SRP Power lines and Substation
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:17 AM

From: "Dan & Andrea Villarreal" <family.villarreal@gmail.com>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/23/2013 10:45 AM
Subject: SRP Power lines and Substation

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Andrea Villarreal and I live in the Vintage Villas subdivision (Willis between Price and Dobson). I am writing to express my concern about the possibility of the existing 69kV powerlines running down Ellis being converted to 230kV lines. I am also very concerned about the placement of the RS-27 substation and how both of these things will impact the health and well being of the neighborhood children and the community property values. Can you please tell me what the City of Chandler is doing to ensure that SRP positions their substation and lines in an area that will not impact the residents of Chandler?

Kind Regards,
Andrea Villarreal
2444 W Wildhorse Drive
Chandler, AZ 85286
602-478-1986



Fw: urban chicken farming
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:17 AM

From: Reisa Miller <reisamiller@cox.net>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Cc: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/24/2013 10:52 AM
Subject: urban chicken farming

We understand the Council will, on July 11th, vote on proposed amendments to the City Code to allow residents to raise chickens on single family residential lots.

We are strongly opposed to the proposed amendments. Someone in our neighborhood already keeps one or more chickens and we are rudely awakened each morning at around 5 a.m. when they believe it is time to start the day! This problem can only get worse if it becomes commonplace.

It is also common knowledge that chickens are not the world's cleanest animals and we worry about what diseases and other problems will accompany "chicken farms" in the neighborhood being run by unknowledgeable homeowners.

We believe a "Yes" vote will significantly reduce, not increase, property values in the community. We did not move into Tradition East to be living next to agricultural livestock.

We strongly urge you to vote "No" on the proposed amendments.

Warren and Reisa Miller
1693 E Tulsa Street
Chandler, 85225



Fw: Phone Calls Opposing Urban Chickens
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:17 AM

From: Melanie Sala/COC
To: mayorAndcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/24/2013 12:45 PM
Subject: Phone Calls Opposing Urban Chickens
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

1 anonymous call and 1 from Mrs. David Werner, 480-917-0383.

They each had a flier on their door encouraging them to call the City in opposition of urban chickens.

Melanie Sala
City of Chandler
Phone: 480-782-2243
Fax: 480-782-2233
Email: Melanie.Sala@chandleraz.gov



Fw: Urban Chickens

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:17 AM

From: Monique Dight <modight@yahoo.com>
To: "mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov" <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/25/2013 05:16 AM
Subject: Urban Chickens

Please vote "NO" on urban chickens.

Monique Dight
1934 E Tyson Pl
Chandler, AZ 85225

Sent from my iPad



Fw: Opposition to the proposed Urban Chicken policy

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda

Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:17 AM

From: "Angela Addis" <a.addis@cox.net>
To: <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/25/2013 08:04 AM
Subject: Opposition to the proposed Urban Chicken policy

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am emailing you in regards to the proposed Urban Chicken policy. As a homeowner living in a lovely subdivision in south Chandler (Sun Groves) I need to voice my concern over the possibility of chickens moving in next door! I have, in the past, had neighbors who thought having at least three very large chickens roaming free in their back yard was OK. I did not. I went through proper channels with our Homeowners Association and then with the City and the animals were removed. I was not comfortable with the very large Hawks that were circling above our homes when the chickens were out. Chickens are dirty, can possibly carry disease and attract predator birds and rodents. I enjoy living in the suburbs and pay an HOA fee to ensure my neighborhood stays the lovely place I moved into. Not to say I don't enjoy a short drive and seeing the horses and goats and yes even chickens on the local farms, but please do not allow them in the neighborhoods. Farms animals need to stay on the farm.

Sincerely,
Angela Addis
4238 East Desert Sands Place
Chandler, Arizona 85249
480-664-9379



Fw: backyard_chickens
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:18 AM

From: ANN PESCHKA <annpeschka@gmail.com>
To: trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/25/2013 11:15 AM
Subject: backyard_chickens

Regarding ordinance 4449 (chickens on residential property), I appreciate your concern regarding code enforcement and the resulting cost to the taxpayer but I think that code enforcement will be inconsequential. Chandler residents (myself included) who want to raise chickens in their backyards are quite different from those who leave their dogs to bark all day and night, let their cats roam the neighborhood, dump trash in the alley, or junk up their yards. We recycle, reuse, compost, plant gardens, plant trees, clean up our alleys, and make Chandler a better place to live. Raising chickens requires forethought, effort, and expense. Irresponsible people will not take the trouble.

Please consider approving the ordinance. It will make Chandler a better place to live. I have lived in the 18% area not covered by HOA since 1982 and believe the city is doing an excellent job taking care of my neighborhood. Please continue to be responsive to our needs.

ANN PESCHKA
2519 N SEAN DR
CHANDLER, AZ 85224
apeschka@cox.net
cell 480.580.4314



Fw: Chicken Farming in Traditions East
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:18 AM

From: "Marjorie Brazier" <saratoga74@cox.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/26/2013 11:31 AM
Subject: Chicken Farming in Traditions East

We currently live in Traditions East neighborhood here in Chandler and have recently heard of the Council's decision to consider Urban Farming of Chickens in our neighborhood. I am against the raising of chickens in our residential area here in Chandler. I would request that you vote "NO" on Urban Chickens here in Traditions East. It would lead to increased noise, smell, mosquitoes, the slaughtering of chickens in a neighborhood full of children. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Duncan and Marjorie Brazier
Traditions East
507 N. Newport St.
Chandler, AZ 85225



Fw: No on Urban Chickens
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:18 AM

From: Melanie Sala/COC
To: mayorAndcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Cc: David De La Torre/COC@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/26/2013 04:49 PM
Subject: No on Urban Chickens
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

Ms. Karen Knight, 480-217-3805, is not able to attend the July 11 Council meeting but wanted to voice her opposition.

Melanie Sala
City of Chandler
Phone: 480-782-2243
Fax: 480-782-2233
Email: Melanie.Sala@chandleraz.gov



Fw: Please Vote "NO" on Urban chicken farming
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:18 AM

From: Deanna Divone <ddivone57@hotmail.com>
To: "mayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov" <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/27/2013 11:06 AM
Subject: Please Vote "NO" on Urban chicken farming

As a homeowner residing in Chandler, I ask that you please vote "NO" on the proposition allowing chicken farming in a residential area.

Thank you.

Deanna Divone
1963 East Tyson Place
Chandler, AZ 85225



Fw: No to Chickens
Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:18 AM

From: Sandra West/COC
To: mayorAndcouncil
Cc: mayorAndcouncil-Admin
Date: 06/27/2013 12:09 PM
Subject: No to Chickens

Hi Arlene Bressler called to ask you to please vote NO on chickens.

Sandra West
City of Chandler
480-782-2206



Fw: URBAN FARMING

Melanie Sala to: CityClerkAgenda
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

06/28/2013 11:19 AM

From: "Dianne Woods" <dianne@officialwoods.com>
To: <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/27/2013 02:50 PM
Subject: URBAN FARMING

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am opposed to Urban Farming in most residential area's of Chandler. From what I understand a person can have a few "pet" chickens in their back yard already in the city. They can also have a garden in their back yard. However, I am opposed to rooster's or other farm animals that would cause noise, bad smells and insects such as an abundance of flies.

A friend read some of the aspects that may be rescinded in the city charter in sections 17 and 31 if you do allow URBAN FARMING in residential area's. I feel this kind of activity should be restricted to very large lots and those area's grandfathered in where all the neighbors expect this kind of activity already. It should not be allowed in most neighborhoods with the new small lots most of us have. This will make more neighborhoods to decline.

I tried to get more info on this so I could read details about this from the city staff, but was told to come to the Thursday council meeting (which I know is tonight). I will not be able to be there though. Please vote against this and front yard farming where people tear up their front yards and put rows of crops in. Please keep our residential neighborhoods, residential and nice.

Sincerely,

Dianne

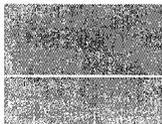
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241 N. Nash

Chandler, Az



Fw: Upcoming vote on Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda
Cc: Melanie Sala

07/03/2013 11:08 AM

----- Forwarded by Susan Moore/COC on 07/03/2013 11:08 AM -----

From: Sarah Cummings <sarahcummings7@gmail.com>
To: jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/02/2013 07:53 PM
Subject: Upcoming vote on Chickens

Hello Councilmember Weninger,

Since the previous City Council meeting regarding Chickens in Chandler, I have reached out to our fellow cities in order to find stories of other residents with chickens. I asked people to send me their stories of the good, bad, and ugly so I could get a fair assessment of what their experiences were like. I know Chandler is different than other cities, but I think we have a lot in common with them as well. Below are some of the testimonials that I have received:

“To Chandler City Council Members,

My name is Rachel Bess, I've been raising chickens in the city of Phoenix without issue for the past 8 years. In addition, I teach others around the valley how to responsibly keep backyard chickens for several sustainability-based organizations. I believe that in this day of factory farming and questionable food sources all of our citizens should be empowered to have as much control over their family's food supply as possible.

In the past few years I have taught well over 1000 people in the valley about raising backyard chickens and am a frequent resource for chicken owners with questions or issues that arise and there are surprisingly few of them. Local laws permit people to keep hens, not roosters so there is no excessive noise and no noise at all between sunset and sunrise. People are often nervous that there will be a smell associated with hens, but in the backyard situation, people usually only have 5 or 6 birds which doesn't create an odor. Chickens are surprisingly simple to keep healthy and deliver a myriad of benefits. Please allow the residents of Chandler the opportunity to keep backyard chickens.

Thank you,
Rachel Bess
602-284-9543”

“We live in Gilbert in a single family residence with a HOA. We have had chickens for 4 years. Our neighbors like our chickens and we let them take turns taking care of them when we are gone because they all want to do it. When someone accidentally left the gate open and we lost a chicken, we had a bunch of neighbors helping us find her. We really enjoy our chickens. Some like to sit on our lap, some like to sit on our shoulder. They all have their unique personalities and quirks. As with any other pet, they

give us lots of entertainment and joy. They also provide us with bug and weed control, fresh eggs and fertilizer and are no nosier than the neighbors' dogs. When kept in a small well-managed flock, they don't carry disease or smells. We use the deep litter method in their coop and have never had a problem with smell or flies.

--Becky"

"I live in Chandler and have chickens and am a member of the Valley Permaculture Alliance. We have had chickens for about 1 1/2 years. We have 3 girls and one chick that my 4 year old son takes care of. Our biggest surprising bonus is that they are the best Intergrated Pest Management system every. We never sprayed because of the kids, so we had an occasional cockroach or cricket in the back. No more. No complaints from our neighbors. In fact, some were surprised that we even had them because they never heard them. They could hear our kids holler and scream, but not our girls. They are much quieter than dogs and much easier to clean up after. Of course we share our eggs! We have had dogs before, and trust me, much easier. They are our pets with benefits. ~Carolina"

I know this is only a sample, but I ask that you keep these stories in mind when you are again asked to vote next week on this issue. Please allow us to have backyard chickens in Chandler!

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Sarah Cummings

Request Detail Report

7/3/2013

11:01 AM

Request #: 13-07-0086

Status: New Request

As Of: 7/2/2013 9:55 AM

Requestor

Phone Number:	763-754-7730	Util Acct #:	
Name:	Ronald Mrugala	Business:	
Address:	6571 So. Championship Dr.		
X Street:			
City, State Zip:	Chandler AZ 55304		
Country:	USA	Parcel:	
Building Type:		Email:	Ron2Jean@aol.com
Home Phone:	480-895-5813	Work Phone:	
Phone 1:		Phone 2:	

Category:	CAPA	Follow-up Date:	7/16/2013
Problem:	Citizen Input		
Cause:			
Priority:	Five Day	Facility:	
Address:			
Address2:			
Gen Location:			
City:	Chandler	Parcel Number:	
State:		Zip Code:	
Department:		Building Type:	
Supervisor:	Melanie Sala	Location X:	
Affected Utility:		Location Y:	

Scripts

I understand you are considering a code change re citizens being able to have chickens at their residences. This is a really bad idea. I was a former planning commissioner in Brooklyn Park, MN and cannot tell you what problems chickens created for residential neighborhoods. Also, if you have ever vacationed at Maui or Kuauai, Hawaii, you would have been subjected to chickens crowing at 3-6 a.m. Their sound pierces the silence like nothing I've ever experienced. I could not possibly imagine having to endure this noise coming from a neighbor's yard. Please deny this application. Thank you.

Comments:

Add info # 27

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Fw: Backyard Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/05/2013 10:29 AM

----- Forwarded by Susan Moore/COC on 07/05/2013 10:28 AM -----

From: "Dr. Edward J. Bawolek" <bawolek@cox.net>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/05/2013 06:25 AM
Subject: Backyard Chickens

Mr. Mayor and Council members,

I am writing you to again express my support for the city code changes to be considered July 11 allowing residents to keep chickens in residential back yards. For those of you who voted against the measure when it was last considered, I respectfully encourage you to reconsider your position.

Those Chandler residents who live in a community having an HOA will have the opportunity to restrict or ban chickens should they disagree with an easing of the current regulations.

I live in an area which does not have an HOA. That is a deliberate choice on my part as I want to enjoy a neighborhood having greater freedom and fewer restrictions on how I may use and enjoy my property. Most of my neighbors share this perspective, and I enjoy cordial relations with the majority of them.

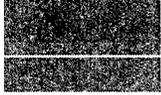
As long as my use of my property does not impact, annoy, or endanger my neighbors I see no reason why I should be prevented from an activity. I do not see how keeping a few birds will create an unmanageable problem. I would at least like the opportunity to experiment and learn from experience.

I note with some irony that the city of Chandler sees fit to allow cats to roam freely, and I must tolerate those animals entering my property and annoying my otherwise well-behaved dogs. When I look at a Google Earth view of my neighborhood, I also see that the City apparently promotes mosquito breeding - a number of empty swimming pools are visible with green water at the bottom. These are two examples of behaviors which do impact others in the neighborhood and could rightfully be the subject of some regulation.

I am not proposing to let my chickens roam the neighborhood; in fact it would be to my economic disadvantage to let them out of my direct control. So I doubt that I would cause my neighbors any more distress than my vegetable garden currently produces.

Please reconsider your positions and vote to enable backyard chickens.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Bawolek, PE, PhD
2200 West Sagebrush Court
Chandler, AZ 85224
602.376.1755



Fw: NO - Urban Chicken Farming
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/05/2013 10:29 AM

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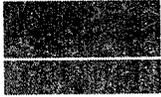
From: Bob Lloyd <blloyd@deltadiv.com>
To: "mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov" <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/04/2013 10:14 AM
Subject: NO - Urban Chicken Farming

Dear Sirs,

As twelve year residents of Chandler my family and I have come to really appreciate the creative leadership and forward thinking of our City. We believe that many favorable decisions of this governing body have led to the image of Chandler as a great place for business and families alike to locate in. However, we feel that voting to allow residents to raise chickens on single family residential lots will negatively reflect on our community. This belongs on agricultural property NOT on residential neighborhood lots in our community. Please reject the revision of the City Code to allow this.

Thanks,

Bob and Mary Lloyd
273 N. Oxford Court
Chandler, AZ 85225
602.206.1267



Fw: Vote NO
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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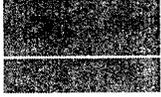
From: Jackie Knapp <jackiek95@gmail.com>
To: mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/03/2013 06:16 PM
Subject: Vote NO

Please vote "NO" on amendment to Chapter 35 of the City Code to permit residents to raise chickens on single family residential lots.

If this was allowed it will bring stray dogs & other unwanted other disease infested rodents to our neighborhoods. This could in-danger small children & the elderly.

Please do not allow this. Let these people move to the country or out of the country but please do not allow this in a residential neighborhood!!

Thank you in advance for voting NO!!!



Phone Message: No on Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

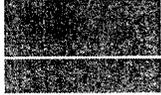
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From: Melanie Sala/COC
To: mayorAndcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/03/2013 04:17 PM
Subject: Phone Message: No on Urban Chickens
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

A gentleman by the name of Ron called and left a message for Council to vote no on urban chickens. He did not leave his contact information.

Melanie Sala
City of Chandler
Phone: 480-782-2243
Fax: 480-782-2233
Email: Melanie.Sala@chandleraz.gov



No Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

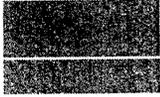
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From: Melanie Sala/COC
To: mayorAndcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/02/2013 04:27 PM
Subject: No Urban Chickens
Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

Ms. Marie Pawelec, 1700 E. Flint St, 85225, called to ask that Council vote no on urban chickens. Her phone number is 480-899-0509.

Melanie Sala
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Phone: 480-782-2243
Fax: 480-782-2233
Email: Melanie.Sala@chandleraz.gov



No Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

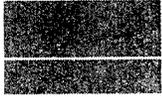
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From: Bruce Johnson <sunbrdz2000@icloud.com>
To: "Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov" <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/30/2013 09:47 PM
Subject: No Chickens

Mayor and Council Members,
Vote NO for residential chickens.
Raising animals for food in residential neighborhoods is dangerous. This must be left to professional farmers. The average person does not have the knowledge to keep poultry disease free especially in a high temperature climate where disease can spread from bird to bird and bird to human quickly. That is the concern about the bird flu. We don't need that and other health risks associated with poultry in Chandler.
Also, there is enough dust and dirt in the air in the desert, I don't want to pick up bird feathers blowing in from my neighbors yards. Keep Chandler clean and healthy and vote NO.
I will surely plan to move out of Chandler if chickens are allowed.

Bruce Johnson
85249



Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Chris Lares <regiment156@yahoo.com>
To: "MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov" <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/30/2013 06:48 PM
Subject: Urban Chickens

Chandler City Council Members,

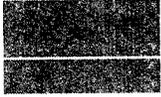
It has been brought to our attention that the Chandler City Council will consider an amendment to Chapter 35 of the City Code to permit residents to raise chickens on single-family residential lots. Additionally, an amendment to Chapter 14 that repeals the requirement to obtain written consent to keep (farm) animals within 200 feet of residences is also being considered.

We wholeheartedly request that you vote NO on the URBAN CHICKEN issue and the Amendment to Chapter 14. Please respect the property rights of the majority. Single-family, residential properties were zoned as such to avoid the issue of living with agricultural or livestock problems. Residents would not appreciate the odor accompanying the raising of these animals.

This issue should not have been allowed to be brought before the council in relation to an urban/residential area. Would you want your next-door neighbor raising farm animals with the accompanying smell, noise, and hygiene problems?

Respectfully,

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Lares
Regiment156@yahoo.com



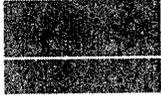
Fw: Voting
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: <dawnorbill@cox.net>
To: Mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 06/30/2013 01:51 PM
Subject: Voting

I am voting NO for urban chickens in Chandler, AZ.



Fw: Vote on chicken farming amendment!!!
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Nancy Uhl <uhlnancy@ymail.com>
To: "mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov" <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 06/28/2013 01:41 PM
Subject: Vote on chicken farming amendment!!!

Please vote NO on the proposed changes to the City Code (Chapters 35 and 14) concerning the rules applying to chickens and livestock in and near residential zoned areas.

Please vote NO on the code amendment that would allow chicken farming on single family residential lots. I do not wish to share my residential neighborhood with livestock and /or chickens.

Nancy Uhl
20 year Chandler resident



No on Urban Chickens

Melanie Sala to: Rich Dlugas, Patrick McDermott, Marsha Reed,
David De La Torre, Robert Zeder

07/05/2013 12:03 PM

Sent by: Melanie Sala-Friedrichs

Cc: David Bigos, Susan Moore, CityClerkAgenda

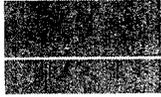
Mr. Philip Ricci called to oppose urban chickens.

He resides at 1972 E. Erie St. 85225 and can be reached at 480-285-6557.

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Think Green ... Don't idle your vehicle.



Fw: Chickens in Chandler
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From: "Lorne Knowles" <himself@lorneknowles.com>
To: <jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov>, <jack.sellers@chandleraz.gov>, <trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov>, <nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov>, <kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov>, <rick.heumann@chandleraz.gov>, <jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/07/2013 08:02 PM
Subject: Chickens in Chandler

Mayor & Council:

I recently read something about an upcoming discussion/meeting to change city code allowing chickens to be kept on single family properties in the City.

In that regard, the following link may be of interest:

<http://www.nbcnews.com/health/backyard-chickens-dumped-shelters-when-hipsters-cant-cope-critics-say-6C10533508?ocid=msnhp&pos=6>

It seems many other cities have been changing the laws, but may not have been aware of the consequences when they did so.

I certainly didn't know hens only lay eggs for two years (see the article).

I will be out of town on the date the discussion/informational meeting is scheduled to occur, so am providing my opinions/comments below:

I have neighbors who, while our HOA CC&Rs don't allow it, do have chickens.

I am not in favor of allowing chickens in Chandler.

The reason some HOA CCRs don't allow chickens is that they are noisy, dirty, and disturb other community residents.

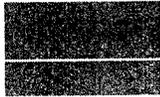
The City of Chandler is no longer just farmland – it's a series of built up residential communities.

Chandler residents don't need to revert back to farming.

The current law should not be changed to suit the few who would like to be backyard farmers, unless a majority of the residents (through referendum or vote) would prefer their neighbors be allowed to keep chickens in their backyards.

Regards,

Lorne Knowles
2559 S Pinnacle Dr
Chandler, AZ 85286



Fw: NO on Urban Chickens
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From: Ron Mullins <ronmullinsaz@aol.com>
To: mayor&council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/07/2013 05:36 PM
Subject: NO on Urban Chickens

I hope this e-mail reaches the council prior to this weeks continued review of allowing urban chickens within Chandler single family residential lots. As a resident of Chandler for the past 28 years, I purchased a home in an area that does not have a HOA and I rely on the city zoning codes to help maintain a reasonable level of compliance with those codes to protect my property value and neighborhood appeal. Last year, the renters in the home next to me built the 10 x10 chicken coop shown in the photo below. It is within inches of our adjoining wall and housed at times up to 18 chickens.

Working through the zoning commission the burden of proof was placed on me to document and provide evidence that the code violation existed because the renter continued to avoid the code enforcement personnel. This case eventually went before the Superior Court last year and the renter was ordered by the court to remove the chickens. This renter was later evicted from the property. It took over 9 months and who knows at what cost to enforce a code that clearly prohibited chickens in residential areas zoned SF8.5.

I've also attached a video that shows the influx of flies the chicken coop attracted. We had to hang fly catchers on the fence in order to enjoy our patio area. City Planner, David De La Torre indicated his study included people close the the issue. If that was the case I would think he would have made contact with the immediate neighbors in the aforementioned case yet none were contacted.

Approving a code amendment that allows the keeping of chickens in residential areas regardless of lot size is a big mistake for the City of Chandler. Please keep the farm in the country where it belongs.

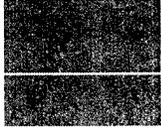
Thank You and see you at the next council meeting.

Ron Mullins
Chandler Homeowner in the 18% demographic





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Fw: Vote NO on Urban chickens. They belong on agricultural property, not residential lots.

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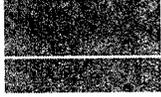
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From: Leslie Burzacki <leslieburz@gmail.com>
To: "mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov" <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/07/2013 11:44 AM
Subject: Vote NO on Urban chickens. They belong on agricultural property, not residential lots.

Vote NO on Urban chickens. They belong on agricultural property, not residential lots. Thank you.
Leslie Burzacki

Sent from my iPad



Fw: No Vote on Orban Chickens!
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

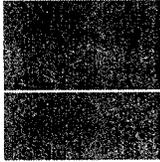
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From: Mohan Sharma <moprasar@hotmail.com>
To: "Mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov" <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/06/2013 06:13 PM
Subject: No Vote on Orban Chickens!

We vote NO on Urban Chicken! in residencial zone.

Dr. Mohan Sharma
1681 E Erie St, Chandler AZ



Fw: Proposed change to zoning laws in Chandler to allow urban chickens in single family homes! It's time to be heard - Come to the City Council meeting on July 11

Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Les Minkus <faminkus@msn.com>
 To: "Bela Flor HOA" <faminkus@msn.com>
 Cc: <judy.ramos@chandleraz.gov>, <crisabel.dykstra@chandleraz.gov>, <jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov>, <jack.sellers@chandleraz.gov>, <trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov>, <nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov>, <kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov>, <rick.heumann@chandleraz.gov>, <jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov>, <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>, <mary.wade@chandleraz.gov>
 Date: 07/06/2013 05:11 PM
 Subject: Proposed change to zoning laws in Chandler to allow urban chickens in single family homes! It's time to be heard - Come to the City Council meeting on July 11

Dear Chandler Residents:



City Council to discuss Urban Chicken policy July 11, 2013

On Thursday, July 11, 2013, the Chandler City Council will consider an amendment to family lots. Additionally, the Council will consider amending Chapter 11 of the City Code amending Chapter 14 by repealing the requirement to obtain written consent to keep animals in City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street and begins at 7 p.m. For more info, visit: [http://www.chandleraz.gov](#)

(a) See the attached for how this proposed zoning change can affect you, your right to quiet enjoyment and the potential impact on your properties value.

(1) The City Council believes that HOAs are protected if their CC&R's do not allow livestock in their communities and such a provision is in their CC&R before this new zoning ordinance is adopted. But the Arizona State Legislature, a political body, passes new laws every month limiting the authority of HOAs in favor of political expediency, and if a zoning law is contrary to an HOA rule, State law makers may find themselves at odds between a zoning law and the desires of an HOA and lean toward the zoning law.

(2) What if your HOA community is adjacent to a traditional neighborhood where some residents may want to keep chickens, you think your HOA members and their property won't be affected by noise, smells and chicken feathers flying through the air?

(3) The City Council believes there are NO health concerns by allowing chickens to be in single family homes throughout Chandler. Please read the contrary medical information in section (c) below.

(4) Who's tax dollars are going to pay for enforcement, clean-up and maintenance of this law? Don't we have enough on our plates for now?

(b) The City of Chandler website - Minutes of the 2013 City Council Meetings can be found at <http://www.chandleraz.gov/content/2013total.pdf>

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Chandler City Council start on Page 17 of the Thursday, May 23, 2013 discussion of the **29**.
ZONING CODE AMENDMENT/CITY CODE AMENDMENT: Urban Chickens Ord. #4449 & Ord. #445

then on Page 23

MR. LESLIE MINKUS, 3372 E. Gemini Court, said he also represents the Bela Flor HOA at least 29 of the 30 homes object to the proposal. He felt there has not been enough public notice for this. He asked the proposal be given more time to allow for public discussion. He questioned the effect of city ordinance on HOA CCR's, and asked to see the map referred to that shows the 82% coverage of HOA's in the City. He said while their HOA could restrict the chickens in their HOA, they could not if the surrounding areas were traditional neighborhoods. He asked if the cost of enforcement was included in the tentative budget that was approved tonight.

In response to the Mayor, City Attorney WADE told the Council that while she could not refer to specific case law, there was significant case law in Arizona. She added that the Legislature has also decided that the CCR's have tremendous authority.

The Mayor asked if there was any budgetary constraints or fiscal note. MS. DAWN LANG responded that there are no additional funds added in the budget. It would fall upon our existing code staff and police officers to address the calls.

>>>MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ELLEN TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 4449, ZCA12-0004 URBAN CHICKENS, CITY INITIATIVE TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE TO PERMIT RESIDENTS TO RAISE CHICKENS ON SINGLE FAMILY LOTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARTKE.

>>>>WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, THE MOTION TO CONTINUE THE ORDINANCES TO THE JULY 11, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING WAS APPROVED BY MAJORITY (4-3)

(c) The following links from MED Page, a reliable source for medical doctors, show evidence of death and serious ill conditions in humans due to chickens and other bird diseases currently in China that could affect us here too--

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/InfectiousDisease/URItheFlu/39100>;
<http://www.medpagetoday.com/InfectiousDisease/URItheFlu/38684> ;
<http://www.medpagetoday.com/InfectiousDisease/URItheFlu/38847>

The potential for one resident in Chandler, adult or child, getting sick or dying from exposure to any potential chicken or bird related disease is not a risk that the City Council should be taking with this pending change, and is not a responsible act. Chandler has zoning laws where chickens can be raised, and anyone having such interest to raise chickens should have the privilege to do that, but not affect the lives of those around them that don't want chickens in their neighborhoods.

If you have an opinion on this issue and want to be heard, please email the Mayor and City Council members ---- jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov; jack.sellers@chandleraz.gov; trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov; nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov; kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov; rick.heumann@chandleraz.gov; jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov; Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov; judy.ramos@chandleraz.gov; cristabel.dykstra@chandleraz.gov;

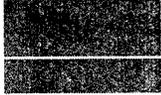
and join me by attending the City Council meeting on July 11, 2013 @ 7 PM at Chandler City

Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street.

**Les Minkus
HOA Board Member
Bela Flor at Riggs**



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Fw: Please support residential chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/08/2013 10:03 AM

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From: Mike and Alison Quinlivan <amjquin@cox.net>
To: mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/05/2013 04:17 PM
Subject: Please support residential chickens

Hello,

I have been a Chandler resident for over 20 years and I would like to have chickens in our yard.

Let's start with the fact that both Mesa and Gilbert allow residential chickens and as I drive by and visit my friends in those cities, I never smell anything or hear anything. Major cities allow chickens. Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago, etc.

Chickens (not roosters) are quiet animals. More quiet than a dog.

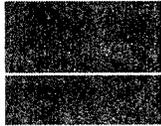
Chickens produce fresh eggs which are fantastic. My wife and kids and I would responsibly raise them.

I believe that those that would abuse this probably do already.

If the city votes to allow chickens (up to 5) I believe that this will benefit many residents and be a fun learning experience for families.

Please vote to allow chickens in Chandler. DON'T CHICKEN OUT!!

Sincerely,
Mike Quinlivan
480-726-9717



Fw: City Council to address Urban Chickens

David Bigos to: Marsha Reed, Robert Zeder, Marla Paddock,
CityClerkAgenda

07/08/2013 01:26 PM

Dave Bigos
Mayor and Council Assistant
City of Chandler

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480-782-2233 (Fax)
602-206-2016 (M)
david.bigos@chandleraz.gov
www.chandleraz.gov

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From: Neighborhood Programs/COC
To: David Bigos/COC@ci.chandler.az.us
Cc: Jennifer Morrison/COC@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/08/2013 11:36 AM
Subject: Fw: City Council to address Urban Chickens
Sent by: Judy Ramos

Dave:

Toni Cassar has several questions and I need your assistance in replying to her. Toni's email address is tsabiha@msn.com

Thank you,

Judy

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From: TONI CASSAR <tsabiha@msn.com>
To: "Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov" <neighborhood.programs@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/03/2013 07:55 AM
Subject: RE: City Council to address Urban Chickens

I don't like this idea.

Does it include roosters?

Many yards are matchbox size?

Is there an exclusion for HOA's?

How many chickens per house?

Is your police department prepared to handle all the complaints?

Toni Ann Cassar

From: Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov

Subject: City Council to address Urban Chickens

Date: Tue, 2 Jul 2013 16:34:07 -0700

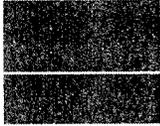
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From: ACVCBeach@aol.com
To: Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/03/2013 02:49 AM
Subject: Re: City Council to address Urban Chickens

I will be out of town for this meeting. I am certainly hoping that the measures will go through. I think it is overkill about the "disturbing noise" part.

Anni Beach
480-963-6811

In a message dated 7/2/2013 4:34:12 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time,
Neighborhood.Programs@chandleraz.gov writes:

City Council to address Urban Chickens

On Thursday, July 11, 2013, the Chandler City Council will consider an amendment to Chapter 35 of the City Code to permit residents to raise chickens on single family lots. Additionally, the Council will consider amending Chapter 11 of the City Code to designate unreasonably loud chickens as a disturbing noise, and amending Chapter 14 by repealing the requirement to obtain written consent to keep animals within 200-feet of residences. The meeting will be held at the Chandler City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street and begins at 7 p.m. For more information visit: www.chandleraz.gov/agendas.

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Neighborhood Programs Office
Chandler, AZ 85244-4008
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Fw: Phone Message from A. Ruth Brazelton
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Holly Granillo/COC on 07/09/2013 09:23 AM

To Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov

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A. Ruth Brazelton

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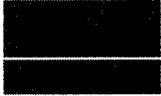
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Would like to state she is against Urban Chickens in Chandler. Also, to say thank you for the new signage and street improvements recently done in her area. She plans on attending the meeting on Thursday night.



Fw: Phone Message from Sharon Granda
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Holly Granillo/COC on 07/09/2013 09:24 AM

To Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov

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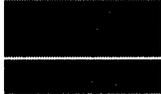
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Fw: No on Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/09/2013 08:58 AM

----- Forwarded by Susan Moore/COC on 07/09/2013 08:57 AM -----

From: "Keana Karowski" <kywoman51@centurylink.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/09/2013 08:47 AM
Subject: No on Urban Chickens

To whom it may concern:

My husband and I would like to "Vote No on Urban Chickens!"

We would like to respect the property rights of the majority.

Chicken farming belongs in agricultural property, not residential lots.

Thank You,

Billy & Keana Karowski



Fw: Chickens in Chandler
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: "Donna Bruce" <darunion@cox.net>
To: <Mayor&council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/08/2013 09:30 PM
Subject: Chickens in Chandler

Dear Mayor and City Council members.

I am a Chandler resident. I have read the proposal for backyard chickens in Chandler. I feel that the citizens of Chandler should have the freedom to have backyard chickens.

Please consider voting for backyard chickens.

Thank you,

Donna Bruce

Fw: The negative impact of chickens. You have not thought this out well, or answered the community's concerns

Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Bruce Johnson <atcalum13@icloud.com>
To: "Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov" <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/08/2013 06:10 PM
Subject: The negative impact of chickens. You have not thought this out well, or answered the community's concerns

I have additional concerns about introducing chickens to densely populated Chandler aside from the ones addressed in my previous letter.

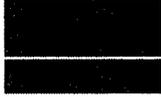
1. How are homeowners going to be compensated for their loss in property values, doctor and vet bills, and for loss of enjoyment of their property? Won't it be grand having a backyard party next to a yard full of chicken crap? A lovely view for golf course adjacent properties! How is it fair to take away one's enjoyment of lifestyle to replace another's eccentric hobby that rightly only belongs in rural settings.
2. Chickens are regulated by the Department of Agriculture, not the local animal control. Who is going to regulate disputes. People who already keep their dogs and cats in the backyard may be negatively affected because they will no longer be able to keep them there. The barking, pets killing chickens, ticks, mites and fleas to control. Who pays?
3. Chickens will also attract wildlife. This is a danger to children, the elderly and pets. How will you stop people from killing endangered wildlife that go after their chickens?
4. What lot size is considered too small? People need to have more than two acres to adequately allow free range or what's the point. What benefit is there to caging birds when we are lucky enough to have Sprouts, Whole Foods, Bashas, etc. that sell organically fed, free-range eggs and chicken. Last year I watched a PBS program on the farm to table movement and two farmers in (I believe) upstate New York and No. California talked about how they needed over 100 acres to have free-range chickens, constantly rotated their coops and yards, and had to charge over \$9 a dozen to make their business feasible. How do amateurs think they can raise chickens more cheaply and safely than long-standing businesses. We all recognize the greed of agri - business has put our food chain and our health in jeopardy. But this is not the answer. If people can't afford to feed their children, this is not the answer, because it will cause employers to leave the area.
5. Have you consulted the Center for Disease Control, or the Department of Agriculture to discover how chicken ranchers need to prevent the spread of disease, and how chickens may increase the odds of contracting various diseases? Similarly, the Department of Wildlife. The latest epidemic out of Saudi Arabia was from bats biting livestock and jumping to humans. We live in too densely populated an area not to worry. And Chandler has the distinction of being one of the only communities to have a death from the Swine Flu. Not again.
6. Do birds actually lay in the summer heat, and how is this safe?
7. How will you prevent people from selling eggs?
8. How will waste be disposed of, and will it increase everyone's trash bill? Will there be separate containers, where will it be disposed?
9. How does the city plan to fight the inevitable law suits for loss of property value and loss of enjoyment of use of homes and businesses. Not with

taxpayer money!

10. What do Intel and other business owners think of this hair-brained scheme?

You owe the community lots of answers before you vote on these measures. Vote NO!!!!!!

Nanci Johnson, Springfield Lakes. 85249



Fw: Vote NO on Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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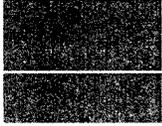
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From: <mrhdph@cox.net>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/08/2013 06:05 PM
Subject: Vote NO on Urban Chickens

I'd like to voice that a "NO" vote on Urban Chickens be cast ...

I would not like to see chickens within the urban areas ...

Michael Hernandez
602.793.9657



Fw: No Urban Chickens!!!
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda
Cc: Melanie Sala

07/08/2013 05:01 PM

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From: Bruce Johnson <atcalum13@icloud.com>
To: "Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov" <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/08/2013 04:09 PM
Subject: No Urban Chickens!!!

I cannot believe that the City Council is poised to allow chickens in an urban setting. I watched the entire council meeting and would be there tonight to express my contempt if I were in town!

After you created a high-end, high-density suburban community with expensive, and often mind-numbingly restrictive regulations, why would you destroy the upscale ambiance, and community well-being with chickens? Do you honestly think that you can retain property values and continue attracting Fortune 500 businesses with redneck neighborhoods?

Will there be lot size restrictions, like no chickens on less than 2 acres?
Scottsdale has these restrictions

Will HOAs be able to veto individuals?
Will neighbors have to sign off on this?
How will this affect property values?

What about the smell? The feathers in pools, the allergies that will ensue?
What about mites and ticks? What about bird flu and other diseases.? We already go out of state because we can't get in to any competent doctors! We were one of the only communities with swine flu deaths in the country.
Chandler is too dense not to have disease spread like wildfire.

Chickens can spread disease to wildlife populations, as well as pets. Will chicken owners be made to pay others vet bills?

How are people going to safely pasteurize their eggs, and how are you going to prevent them from getting into the hands of local businesses, or selling them on street corners. I may not want to eat out anymore!!!

Who promoted this ordinance? This is SELFISH, unnecessary and highly punitive to the community as a whole. Yet another reason to leave Chandler, not the place that was represented when we bought here.

Nanci Johnson
Springfield Lakes. 85249

Fw: Chickens Please!
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/09/2013 04:51 PM

----- Forwarded by Susan Moore/COC on 07/09/2013 04:50 PM -----

From: sarah roberson <tallmisto@gmail.com>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/09/2013 11:19 AM
Subject: Chickens Please!

Chandler Mayor and Council members,

I'm writing about the up coming chicken vote. I must say I've been waiting years for Chandler to overturn it's no chicken ordinance. I grew up with chickens and was looking forward to teaching my children how to care for and raise chickens.

I thought that the evidence of limited complaint calls in cities that allow chickens would be enough for council members to amend this law. I'm disappointed that the city is so hung up on disturbance calls for chickens, when the reality is that other cities receive such few calls on this matter. The limit of 5 chickens really deters these issues that keep coming up - smell and noise in particular.

I'd like to bring up the fact that the initial cost and upkeep of raising chickens is fairly high. Those wanting to engage in raising hens do so mostly for the eggs. Once you've spent the money on raising chickens it becomes imperative to keep them alive and happy in order to have properly laying hens. This involves cleaning the coop regularly, making sure they are fed and generally happy. Chickens are delicate and if they are not tended to, die easily. It would be rare to find the person who invested money in their chickens to then abandon them and they still be alive to cause complaints. This fact alone should alleviate your concern over smell.

It costs very little for one to buy and maintain dogs and yet the city does not place limits on quantity or even if you could keep them.

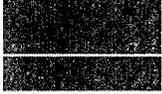
I would also like to mention the fact that most of the city of the Chandler housing is regulated by HOA's. I for one chose not to live in an HOA so that I would have more freedoms. I do not find my neighborhood to look like a slum. Myself and my neighbors take pride in our homes and do not need to be told to do so. I enjoy this freedom yet I understand why others choose to live in an HOA. I don't understand the concern with HOA's since they are allowed to make their own rules. I'm fairly certain most HOA's would have to take chickens in to consideration and those residents should be able to meet and choose themselves. The rest of the city should be allowed their freedom to raise chickens especially since the quantity is limited.

Please consider these points when you make your vote this Thursday.

I moved to Chandler when I was younger, and am proud to raise my family here. However, I'm finding that this issue alone somewhat disturbing. It's a small freedom, but I one I'm very excited and passionate about. I could see myself relocating cities just to exercise my right to raise chickens.

Thank you for your time.

Sarah Roberson



Fw: Chickens in Chandler
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Vickie Dieterle <vickie505@gmail.com>
To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/09/2013 09:52 AM
Subject: Chickens in Chandler

Dear MayorTibshraeny and Chandler Council Members:

My name is Vickie Dieterle, and I am a resident of Chandler, AZ. I understand you will be considering allowing Chandler residents to have chickens in their backyards. I ask that you please vote YES to this proposal. I believe it will greatly benefit Chandler residents.

I personally have a food sensitivity to soy and corn, and I am allergic to wheat. Since most chickens are fed portions of these grains, I cannot eat store-bought eggs because of the transference of these grains making me sick. I have found I can eat eggs, with no side affects, from people who feed their chickens grass, bugs, etc.

Please give Chandler residents the opportunity to choose to raise chickens.

Sincerely,
Vickie Dieterle

Fw: NO on urban chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Deb Mullins <seams2@aol.com>
To: mayor&council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/09/2013 09:22 PM
Subject: NO on urban chickens

Dear Mayor and Counsel
Please vote NO on urban chickens

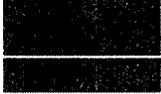
Before I begin, please take a few minutes and read the lessons learned from the blog at:
<http://theseglasswalls.wordpress.com/2011/11/28/the-problem-with-backyard-chickens/>

Undeniably, chickens get disease, they smell and draw flies. I have experienced this first hand. When these "pets" quit laying eggs and the fad wares off what becomes these unwanted urban chickens? Answer: They will end up in the local animal shelters or in the weekly trash pick up. When the chicken popularity comes to a downside (as it did with the pot-bellied pig craze in the 1980's) is the city of Chandler equipped or budgeted to step in and take ownership of a misguided decision pushed through by a locavore movement. Keep in mind; determining the sex of a chicken is not an exact science when the fowl is purchased as chick. Sometimes backyard farmers end up with roosters that under the proposed ordinance, is not allowed. Should this happen, is the city ready to engage in the cockfight that will result? Should a neighboring chicken by chance escape and meet it's demise at the jaws of my dog, or cat; who is liable? And if there is anything left of the carcass following this encounter who has the responsibility for disposal of the remains and explaining the "cycle of life" to the observing children?

Please don't try to fix something that isn't broken. Again, please don't try to fix something that is NOT BROKEN. Chandler has proven through it's re-vitalization of the historical downtown area that it is a progressive city and leads the way in promoting a desirable community for both long term and new residents. The city has done their due diligence in zoning areas for those who want to return to the country and pursue their roots. Please don't bring the country to the city in an effort to keep up with the Gilbert's e.t. all.

Do the right thing. VOTE NO on Urban Chickens

Thank you.
Deb Mullins
A Chandler resident for 26 years unless you call fowl on this issue.



Fw: PRO- CHICKEN 25 YEAR RESIDENT OF CHANDLER
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Angie Allen <angieaz2012@yahoo.com>
To: "Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov" <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/10/2013 04:23 AM
Subject: PRO- CHICKEN 25 YEAR RESIDENT OF CHANDLER

Dear Mayor & City Council Members,

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I would strongly urge you to take this matter very serious as an issue of freedom. I would love to have a few of chickens for eggs so that I would no longer be exposed to hormones and GMO grains that are given to commercial chickens. Why are you not allowing me that freedom? Please consider that by disallowing this freedom you are admitting that you are controlled by the GMO community, Freedom Haters, interested in greater government control over people and subject to recall or SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES to re-election. If you don't think many people are watching, you are very naïve. Furthermore, as a consistent voter for the last 30 years, I would greatly appreciate each of you voting YES for chickens aka pets with benefits.

Please vote for FREEDOM and allow people to have 1 chicken/10 square feet as recommended by many books on the subject and websites promoting back yard chickens. Of course, no roosters--- that would be an infringement on neighbors.

REMEMBER, WE ARE ALL WATCHING CLOSELY.....PLEASE CONSIDER MY FREEDOM TO HAVE A SAFE FOOD SOURCE FROM MY PETS. Votes have consequences..... Please vote for pets with benefits--Chickens!!

Thank you for your attention.
Angie Allen

Fw: VOTE YES FOR CHICKENS. --PETS WITH BENEFITS!
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Angie Allen <angieaz2012@yahoo.com>
To: "jack.sellers@chandleraz.gov" <jack.sellers@chandleraz.gov>, "trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov" <trinity.donovan@chandleraz.gov>, "nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov" <nora.ellen@chandleraz.gov>, "kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov" <kevin.hartke@chandleraz.gov>, "rick.heumann@chandleraz.gov" <rick.heumann@chandleraz.gov>, "jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov" <jeff.weninger@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/10/2013 04:35 AM
Subject: VOTE YES FOR CHICKENS. --PETS WITH BENEFITS!

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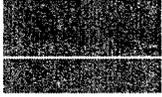
Please vote for FREEDOM and allow people to have 1 chicken/10 square feet as recommended by many books on the subject and websites promoting back yard chickens. Of course, no roosters--- that would be an infringement on neighbors.

To those of you who voted yes for chickens- THANK YOU!!!! To those who voted against-- I and many others consider your decision to be anti-personal freedom and will work to oppose your re-election.

PLEASE CONSIDER MY FREEDOM TO HAVE A SAFE FOOD SOURCE FROM MY PETS. Votes have consequences..... Please vote for pets with benefits--Chickens!!

Thank you for your attention.
Angie Allen

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July 11, 2013



Fw: Chickens ... NO
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/10/2013 04:40 PM

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From: Leigh Rivers <leighrivers2000@yahoo.com>
To: "Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov" <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>,
"mayorandcouncil@chandler.az.gov" <mayorandcouncil@chandler.az.gov>
Date: 07/10/2013 03:09 PM
Subject: Chickens ... NO

Mayor Tibshraeny, Vice-Mayor Sellers, and Members of the Council,

I write today **IN OPPOSITION** to ordinance #4449 ("urban chickens") and the removal of the requirement for neighbor consent.

To the first item:

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Why must Chandler strive to be like any other city? I moved here because it is BETTER than any other city. And if the goal is to be like Phoenix, Tempe, and Mesa, why is there no mention of containment for these animals?

What is proposed amounts to another ordinance with no real-world ability to cause compliance. There is no method for any enforcement of what few rules there are.

The fact that this idea applies only to part of the citizens is very dangerous. It WILL affect property values in non-HOA neighborhoods while not in HOAs. This is discriminatory.

Consider the welfare of the animals. For each "good chicken farmer" who will care for their animals, there will be a bad farmer who will simply toss the birds in the yard and wait for eggs.

There will be added costs to the city:

Added enforcement man-hours and the already-paid-for printing of informational pamphlets.

Why shouldn't the chicken farmers pay these expenses? Why should all of Chandler bear these expenses?

To the second item:

Chickens are OK now unless your neighbor objects.

Talk to your neighbor. Offer them free eggs. Don't ask for a citywide change in the law that has existed for 54 years.

Reason with your neighbors. Don't twist their arm.

Please vote NO on these twin issues.

Sincerely,

Leigh Rivers



Fw: NO on Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: "Theresa Jimenez" <tjimenez6@cox.net>
To: <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/11/2013 07:08 AM
Subject: NO on Urban Chickens

Good Morning to All;

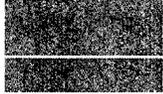
I am a resident of Chandler, and I say No to Urban Chicken.

I do not want the smell, noise. dead animals cause by dogs, cats, etc. I love my quiet street, that's why I picked this neighborhood.

If people want chicken, then they should move to farm land.

Thank you all and have a nice peaceful day.

Theresa L. Jimenez



Fw: Urban Chickens -- no please
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Margaret Hall <madehall2@gmail.com>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/11/2013 01:17 PM
Subject: Urban Chickens -- no please

Dear Mayor and Council,

Our family wishes are: no chickens in the city.

We're not sure how this even came about. Farmers moving into the city and wanting to maintain the farm? New hobby? Back to nature movement?

We know what it's like to keep chickens in the city because our neighbors on Orchid Lane kept chickens...actually not kept them very well. They wandered all over the neighborhood--you might imagine what the results were. (I seriously considered fixing chicken soup.)

We have a lot of outlying properties beyond the city limits for raising fowl and animals. Why are people trying to move into the city and stir up the citizens that chose to live in a no-farm city.

We would be delighted if all of the council would vote to have NO URBAN CHICKENS.

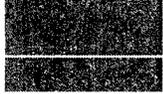
Thank you.

Margaret and Dennis Hall

1200 N. Oregon St.

Chandler, AZ

San Mateo Estates Neighborhood.



Fw: Urban chickens vote
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Sue Hoffman <s.hoffman99@cox.net>
To: jay.tibshraeny@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/11/2013 06:41 AM
Subject: Urban chickens vote

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Chandler likes to present itself as a “progressive, cutting-edge City where entrepreneurial spirit and hometown traditions create a truly dynamic destination.” Some of the most progressive, cutting-edge movements happening in our country today involve sustainability, which includes backyard farming and raising chickens.

Chicken keeping has been a part of life for humans since these fowl were domesticated at least 7,000 years ago. Although much of the knowledge of chicken keeping has lapsed at least a generation or two for many Americans, the popularity of having a small flock is gaining a resurgence.

Many folks are choosing to raise chickens in order to be more closely connected to their food sources. However, they also discover that these birds quickly cultivate affection as their keepers enjoy their distinct personalities and entertaining social behaviors. In addition, if just looking at the numbers, we see that eggs from hens raised on pasture have a lot more to offer than eggs from conventionally raised hens:

- 1/3 less cholesterol
- 1/4 less saturated fat
- 2/3 more vitamin A
- 2 times more omega-3 fatty acids
- 3 times more vitamin E
- 7 times more beta carotene

Chicken keeping is important in helping children and adults alike to develop a connection with nature and a sense of responsibility for another living being. Also, chicken manure serves as a wonderful addition to compost, which is great for any garden!

David de la Torre made a thorough and informative presentation to City Council and answered any concerns a neighbor may have about living near a household with chickens. The Valley Permaculture Alliance has offered their assistance in educating residents about raising chickens. The Chandler Public Library has many resources on the subject, as well.

I am a Chandler resident living in a traditional neighborhood without an HOA. I am a working professional in Chandler. I buy in Chandler. I would very much like to add chickens to my household. I urge you to vote "yes" tonight.

Thank you for your time,
Sue Hoffman



Fw: AGAINST Allowing chickens in residential Chandler homes
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/11/2013 01:44 PM

----- Forwarded by Susan Moore/COC on 07/11/2013 01:43 PM -----

From: <linda.pike@wellsfargo.com>
To: <mayorandcouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/10/2013 03:49 PM
Subject: AGAINST Allowing chickens in residential Chandler homes

Mayor and City Council Members,

I am totally AGAINST the City of Chandler approving to allow chickens in back yards of Chandler residential homes.

I love Chandler and don't want it to go to the "chickens". This is one of the reasons I have bought 3 homes in Chandler over the past 20 years!... There are established restrictions between "Residential" and "Agricultural" properties. I DON'T WANT TO LIVE BY CHICKENS!!!! If I did, I would have bought in the agricultural areas. It is totally WRONG for you to change the rules in the middle of the game.... If

you pass this change, **YOU** are **taking away** my freedom of that choice.

Currently people who want chickens in/near their yard **have a choice** of where they live and buy their property. And the people who DON'T want chickens **have a choice** of where they live and buy their property. If you make this change, you are FORCING me to give up my rights and freedom of buying a property that is "chicken-free". **I will no longer have a choice.** I don't want to live near chickens and I don't want them to live near me!!! That is why I bought a residential property and not an agricultural property. I don't want to be invaded by chicken noises, diseases, feathers, smells and who knows what else.

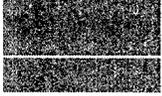
The city of Chandler currently cannot (or should I say will not) enforce any complaints against barking dogs unless the person reporting this violation gives their name, address and phone number which is **then given to the offender** . This leaves the person reporting the offence completely vulnerable to retaliation from the offender which I have heard of people having dog poo put on their front doorstep and their cars and/or houses egged.... If this is passed, this is going to create even more hostility between neighbors and conflicts within our city. Our city will no longer be a place to say you are proud to live. Our city will no longer have community pride and camaraderie within neighborhoods. We will just have more differences to split us up and tear our city apart.

**PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS
CHANGE!!!!!!**

Thank you,

Linda Pike

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Fw: Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: <jlbaggett1@cox.net>
To: Mayor and Council <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/11/2013 02:40 PM
Subject: Urban Chickens

Vote NO on urban chickens. The property rights of the majority should be respected. Thirty seven years ago we purchased a residential lot on which to raise our family. We certainly did not sign up to be chicken farmers.

Request Detail Report

7/11/2013

1:56 PM

Request #: 13-07-0529

Status: New Request

As Of: 7/10/2013 9:17 PM

Requestor

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X Street:			
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Country:	USA	Parcel:	
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State:		Zip Code:	
Department:		Building Type:	
Supervisor:	Melanie Sala	Location X:	
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Scripts

Just thought I'd chime in on the urban chicken discussion. Although I don't live in Chandler, I work there, and I have a lot of customers who have chickens. They swear by them for pest and weed control. There are a lot of areas in town that do allow chickens - basically, they're quieter than dogs, and I guess they make good pets. I imagine they'd be good for teaching kids responsibility as well. If Chandler allows single lot homes to have chickens maybe Phoenix would follow suit. Thanks!

Comments:



Fw: I AM VERY OPPOSED TO NEIGHBORHOOD CHICKENS
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/11/2013 01:45 PM

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From: rmfw43pjr@q.com
To: mayor&council@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/10/2013 04:05 PM
Subject: I AM VERY OPPOSED TO NEIGHBORHOOD CHICKENS

I just recently heard about the possibility the City of Chandler will take away the current city ordinance restricting the ownership of chickens within city limits. From what I understand it is lawful to purchase and keep chickens on your property (provided certain requirements are met) as long as those living next door to you do not have a problem with it. I understand some people want to have chickens regardless of how their neighbors feel and are trying to get the city to change that and the city is going along with it. This seems unreasonable.

City neighborhoods are not farms, and farm animals do not belong in the city. Just because I want a cow, a horse, or a chicken doesn't mean I should have one unless I live in an area zoned for such animals. Dogs and cats are pets, not farm animals. There is a huge difference. The noise, mess, and potential disease associated with farm animals is completely different than those associated with domestic pets. We have vaccination/license/leash/noise requirements for pets, are we going to have the same for chickens? What if the chicken owner is an irresponsible person and doesn't care anything about his/her neighbors? Is the city going to enable this person to be a menace to those living next door?

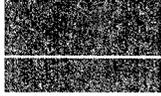
HOA's do not allow such things as chickens - and for good reason. It is unfair to punish those of us that bought houses where there is no HOA. I own an older home in Chandler and take very good care of it and I try to stay involved and keep an eye on my neighborhood as well - would the city rather those of us that are responsible homeowners only live in HOA's? What would happen to all the neighborhoods/homes in Chandler that were built before HOA's became the norm - or does the city no longer care about them? It is already very difficult to try and keep my property from losing value due to investor rentals, cheap landlords, low income residents/housing, etc..., I can't believe the city is trying to make it even more difficult for those of us trying to be responsible home owners. Would you want a bunch of chickens on the other side of your fence?

This issue should have been communicated better - many of my neighbors didn't even know about it until I found out, which is just a few days ago. I will be spreading the word now, and hopefully the city will not do this or least make sure they have the public support before doing so, and I mean a majority support - not just the support of a minority of people that want to have chickens regardless of how their neighbors feel about

it. Just do a survey of all homeowners, whether they are in an HOA neighborhood or not, and ask them if they want chickens living next door to them. I bet you can guess the outcome.

Thank you,
Rochelle
480-234-2695

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Fw: Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Cindy Gerstner <cjgerstner@earthlink.net>
To: MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov
Date: 07/10/2013 07:25 PM
Subject: Urban Chickens

Hello, My Name is Cindy Cutting I reside at 147 W. Iroonwood Dr. Chandler, AZ

I want to voice my view on the chicken issue. My first Question is, What are going to happen to these chickens once they quit laying eggs?

They can live for a good decade longer and actually raising these chickens can be noisy, messy, and expensive. There are shelters on the east and west coast that have hundreds of abandoned chickens waiting to be put into homes, these chickens have quit laying eggs and are no longer of use. Many areas with legalized hen - keeping are experiencing more and more of these birds coming into shelters because they are no longer wanted. And you are seeing these chickens listed on ebay because they have quit laying eggs.

Second of all they bring with them pest like RATS and hawks and even neighborhood dogs, who is going to be held responsible for getting rid of rats in the neighborhood?

We had a family behind us that had chickens and with them they brought other birds, pigeons, doves, blackbirds and sparrows. Even though the chickens are gone we still have the remaining birds, and this is a constant mess of cleaning up after them.

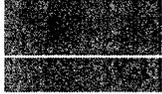
When buying our property it was not zoned for any kind of farm animal. That was why we purchased our home in this area.

And as far as City Code taking care of issues that might arise over these chickens I don't see how that is going to happen. First of all they have to have permission to go in your backyard and if not granted could take up to 9 months to even get started on the process. They are already under staffed. They can't get to all the alley and weed problems or cars parked in yards, and these are homes that are not grandfathered in on the parking issue.

The Council really needs to think twice before letting this pass and we have more code problems.

Thank You,

Cindy Cutting



Fw: Zoning change concerning "Backyard Chickens"
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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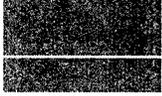
From: "Audrey Polka" <anthony_charlotte@copper.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/11/2013 01:45 PM
Subject: Zoning change concerning "Backyard Chickens"

This message is urging the council to vote "NO" on a zoning code change which would allow unobstructed "chicken farming" in Chandler residential, single-family neighborhoods. This seems like "the few" might have their unusual desire to raise chickens in the city overrule "the many"; there are agricultural areas which serve their purposes; this is not one of them.

Because of a scheduling conflict with a major City of Chandler event being held at the Chandler Center for the Arts at the same time, this family will not be represented in person at tonight's council meeting, but be assured that the Polka Family votes "NO" on this unsanitary, intrusive idea of changing codes to benefit "the few" and to overrule the rights of the "the many," those of us who bought and have lived in homes in central Chandler so that we wouldn't have to live next to "chicken farms."

Please let us count on your sensible "NO" decision in this matter.

The Frank Polka Family
116 West Ironwood Dr.
Chandler, AZ 85225



Urban Chickens
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

07/11/2013 03:33 PM

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From: Holly Granillo/COC on 07/11/2013 02:45 PM

To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov

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Contact:

Colleen Sigfusson

of:

1151 W Canary Way Chandler 85286

Phone: 480-917-0130 FAX:

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Message:

Mrs. Sigfusson supports the Urban Chicken item.

Dave, per our conversation on 7/11, I am sending you this document and photos.

The lack of code enforcement has produced a significant decline in traditional neighborhoods over the past 4 years. Permitting residents to raise chickens places further burdens on distressed neighborhoods.

(See photos to illustrate code violations in traditional neighborhoods)

We have watched our neighborhood decline in beauty and value. Additionally, we anticipate a rise in crime with the overall decline in our neighborhood.

HOA's will not be exempt from chicken farming. Clearly HOA's can enforce their CC & R's and fine the homeowner or take civil legal action. However the homeowner would not be violating city code by having chickens.

In conclusion, many traditional neighborhoods are declining rapidly; therefore it would be irresponsible for the Mayor and council members to approve chicken farming in neighborhoods until Neighborhood Services is operating more efficiently.

In reviewing the salaries and administrative costs of the Neighborhood Services, we believe reallocating the funds to the police department to take over the duties of code enforcement would be beneficial to your constituents and cost effective. Another option is to expand the reserve police officer program and allow them to handle the code enforcement task.

The benefit would be two-fold for your constituents. First, residents would be more inclined to remain in compliance with a uniformed officer making the request and follow-up. Second, the police would provide a presence in the neighborhood which will ultimately reduce crime.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Linda Sawyer
Sherry Orth



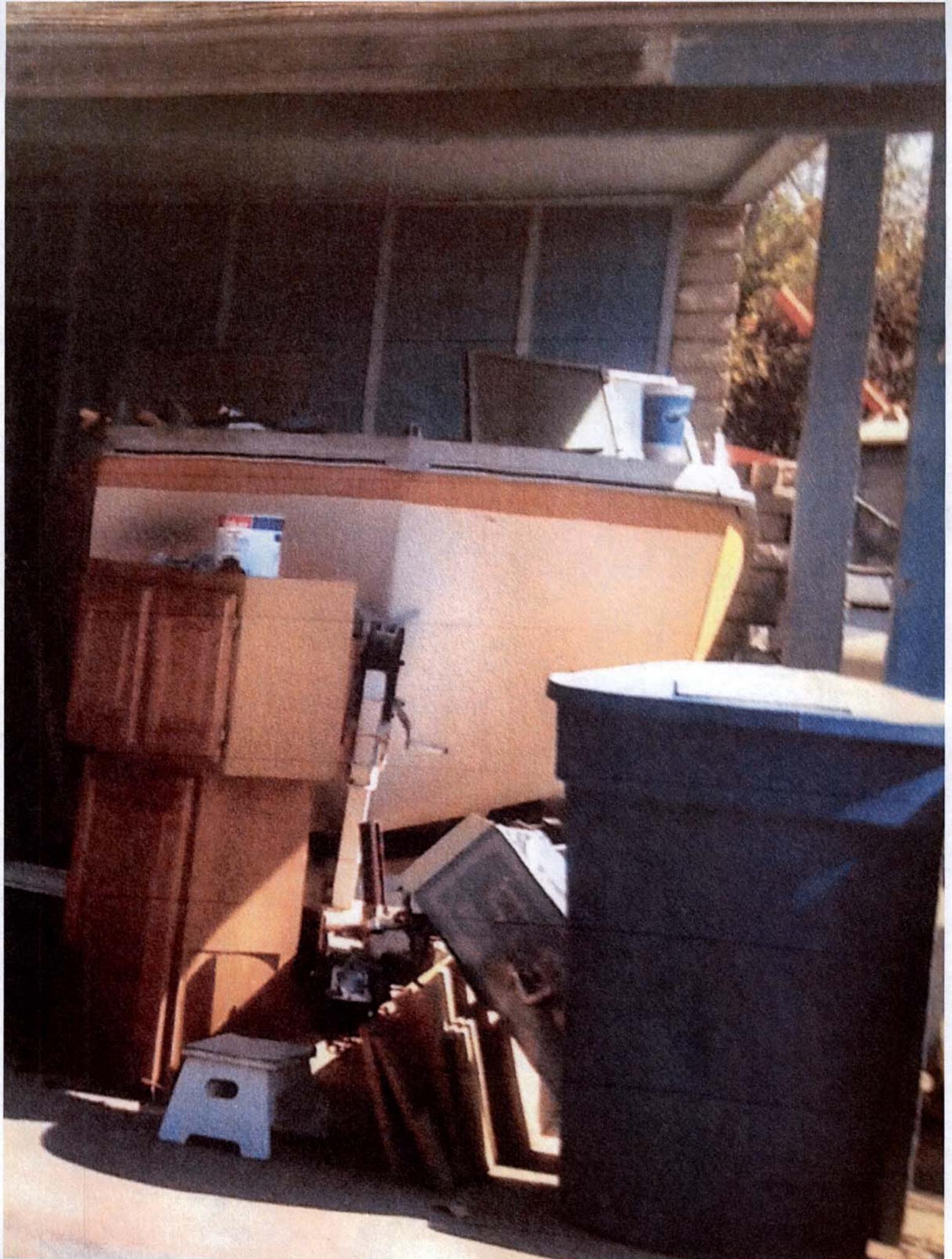


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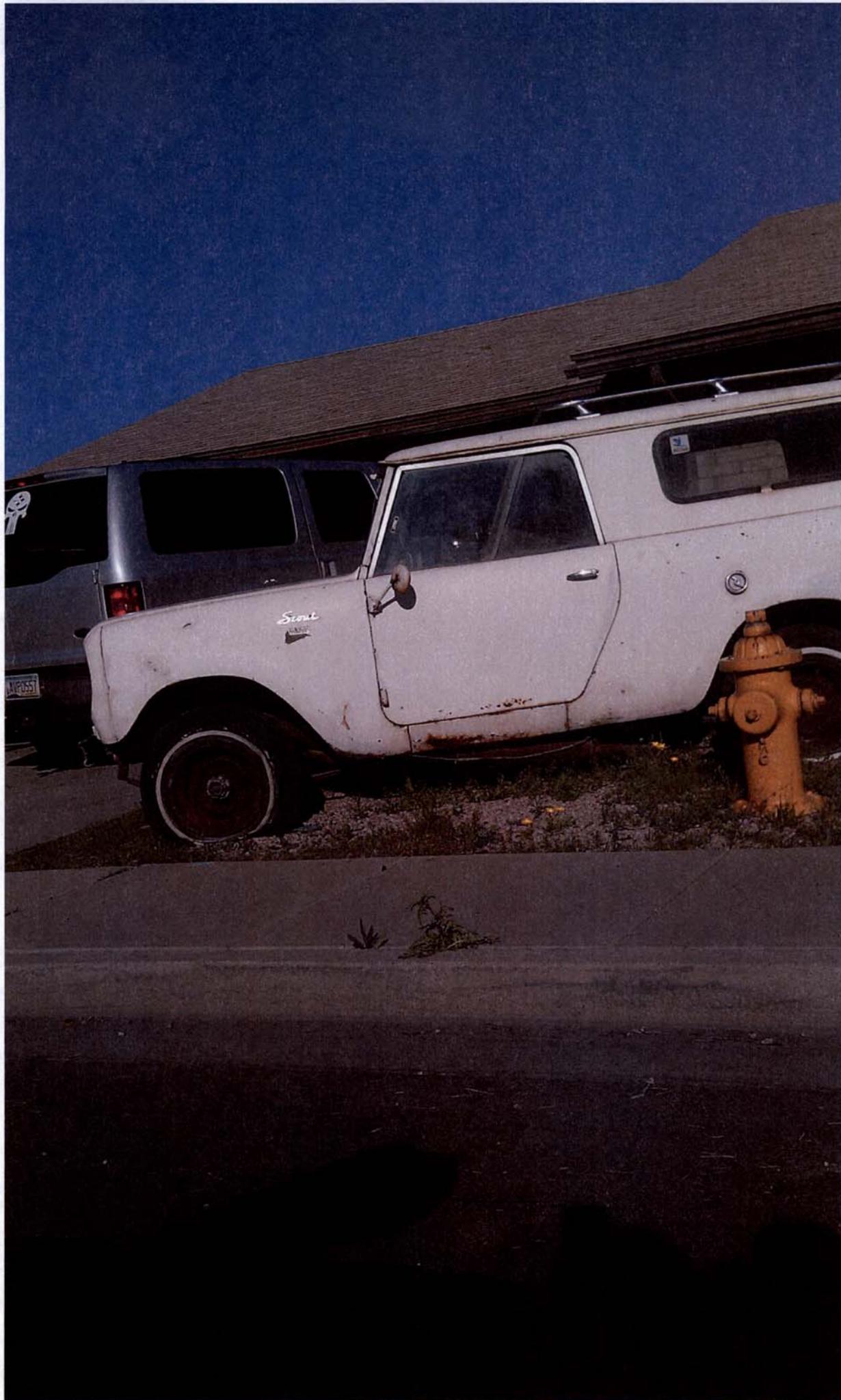




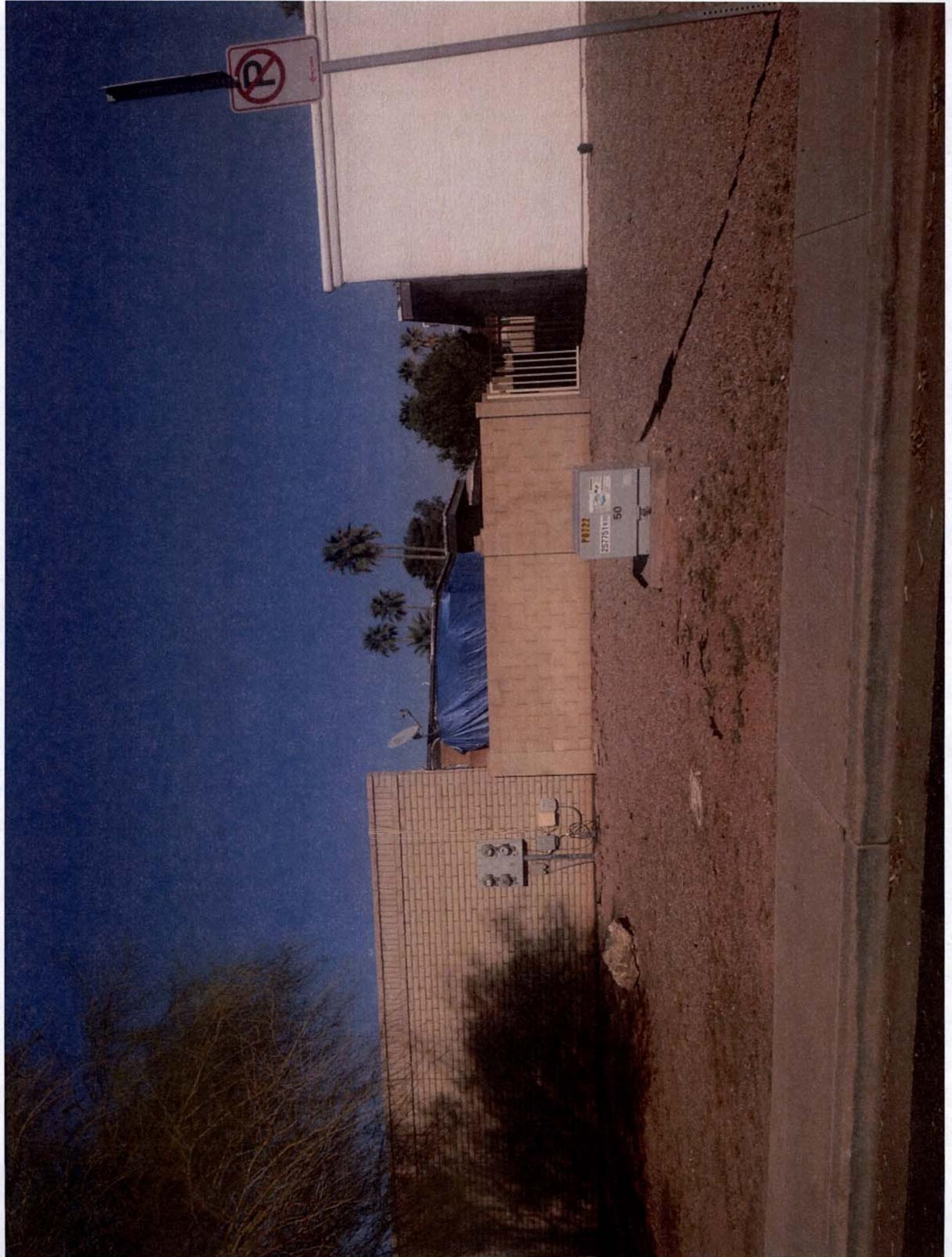






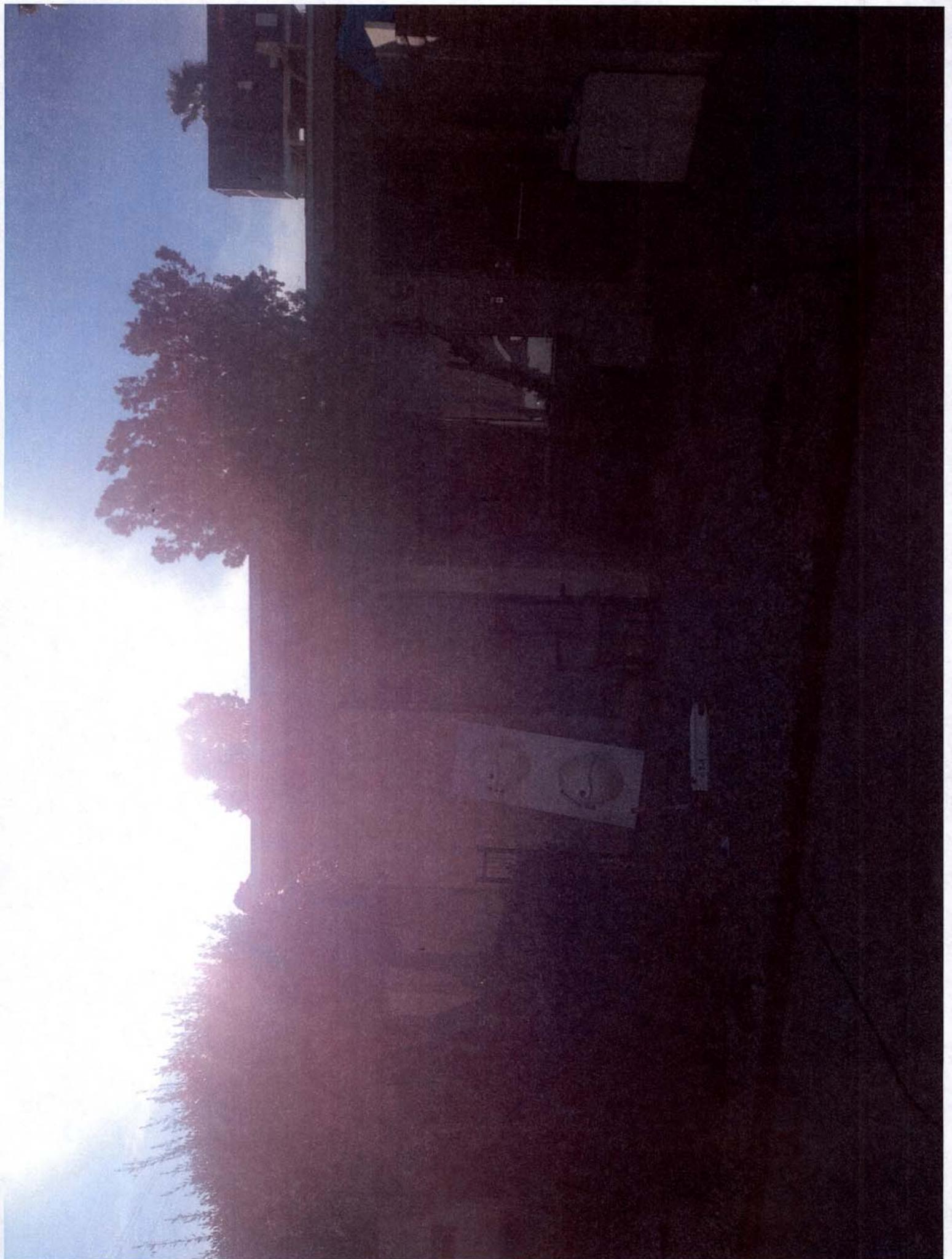






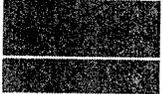












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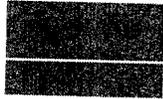
From: "Michael Oakes" <moakes4@cox.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/11/2013 04:11 PM
Subject: Zoning Changes

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Michael Oakes
198 W Kent Dr
Chandler, AZ 85225



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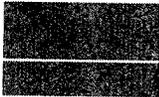
From: "Karen Oakes" <kaykayellis@cox.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/11/2013 04:09 PM
Subject: Zoning Changes

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Karen Oakes
198 W Kent Dr
Chandler, AZ 85225



Fw: Phone Message from Alicia Peres
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: Holly Granillo/COC on 07/11/2013 04:01 PM

To: Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov

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Alicia Peres

of:

1312 N. Dakota St., Chandler 85225

Phone:

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Message:

She stated that she is not in favor of Urban Chickens in Chandler.

Fw: Urban Chickens, the dark side
Susan Moore to: CityClerkAgenda

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From: "Robert-Pat-Snarfle-Dinky" <somecrazydogs@centurylink.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/11/2013 03:50 PM
Subject: Urban Chickens, the dark side

Please read the following prior to tonight's meeting.

Backyard chickens dumped at shelters when hipsters can't cope, critics say

JoNel Aleccia NBC News

July 7, 2013 at 12:19 PM ET



Niko Kallianiotis / for NBC News

Susie Coston, national shelter director at the Farm Sanctuary based in Watkins Glen, N.Y., is holding Becky, a pet hen, as former backyard birds wander nearby. About 250 abandoned backyard birds are waiting for homes at the shelter's three sites on both coasts.

Despite visions of quaint coops, happy birds and cheap eggs, the growing trend of raising backyard chickens in urban settings is backfiring, critics say, as disillusioned city dwellers dump unwanted fowl on animal shelters and sanctuaries.

Hundreds of chickens, sometimes dozens at a time, are being abandoned each year at the nation's

shelters from California to New York as some hipster farmers discover that hens lay eggs for two years, but can live for a good decade longer, and that actually raising the birds can be noisy, messy, labor-intensive and expensive.

“Many areas with legalized hen-keeping are experiencing more and more of these birds coming in when they’re no longer wanted,” said Paul Shapiro, spokesman for the Humane Society of the United States. “You get some chicks and they’re very cute, but it’s not as though you can throw them out in the yard and not care for them.”

That accusation is disputed by advocates of home-grown chickens, who say that a few negative incidents shouldn’t give a bad name to a practice that encourages both self-sufficiency and the consumption of sustainable food grown in a humane manner.

“We’ve experienced smell, noise, pests, etc., way more from improperly cared for dogs and cats than we have from backyard chickens,” said Rob Ludlow, owner of the fast-growing website, BackYardChickens.com, which started with 50 members in 2007 and now boasts 200,000 members. He is the author of three books, including “Raising Chickens for Dummies.”

“Hundreds of thousands of people are realizing the wonderful benefits of raising a small flock of backyard chickens, the pets that make you breakfast,” he said, noting that cities nationwide have agreed, passing ordinances making it legal to keep small flocks of urban chickens.

However, at the [Farm Sanctuary](http://FarmSanctuary.org) headquartered in Watkins Glen, N.Y. -- which operates three shelters on two coasts -- some 225 former backyard chickens are waiting now for new homes, said National Shelter Director Susie Coston. They’re among at least 400 to 500 abandoned chickens that show up every year, including many suffering from maltreatment or illness.

“They’re put on Craigslist all the time when they don’t lay any more,” said Coston, 48. “They’re dumped all the time.”

It’s the same scenario at the [Chicken Run Rescue](http://ChickenRunRescue.org) in Minneapolis, Minn., where owner Mary Britton Clouse has tracked a steady climb in surrendered birds from fewer than 50 in 2001 to nearly 500 in 2012.

She traces that rise to the so-called “locavore” movement, which spiked in popularity in 2008 as advocates urged people to eat more food grown and processed close to home.

“It’s the stupid foodies,” said Britton Clouse, 60, who admits she speaks frankly. “We’re just sick to death of it.”

People entranced by a “misplaced rural nostalgia” are buying chickens from the same hatcheries that supply the nation’s largest poultry producers and rearing them without proper space, food or veterinary care, she said.

The most commonly available hens have been bred to be good egg layers. At the same time, backyard farmers often use enhanced feed, light or other tools to prompt hens to lay constantly. After keeping up that pace for 18 months to two years, however, hens often develop reproductive problems including oviduct diseases that can kill them, veterinarians say. However, healthy hens can live for years longer, up to a decade after they stop laying.



Niko Kallianiotis / for NBC News

Many people would be surprised to know that chickens are smart, with funny, quirky personalities, Coston said.

Because chickens are notoriously hard to sex, some backyard farmers wind up with roosters, which are often culled and killed because they can be noisy, aggressive and illegal, and, of course, they don't lay eggs at all.

In addition to the noise, many urban farmers are surprised that chickens attract pests like rats, and predators including foxes, raccoons, hawks, and even neighborhood dogs.

When they get sick or hurt, they need care that can run into the hundreds of dollars, boosting the price of that home-grown egg far beyond even the most expensive grocery store brand.

Enthusiasts who start out with good intentions frequently wind up posting messages like this one delivered to Britton-Clouse last month:

"One of our hens grew up into a rooster and our neighbors are starting to complain. Do you know someone who might take him?"

"People don't know what they're doing," Britton Clouse said. "And you've got this whole culture of people who don't know what the hell they're doing teaching every other idiot out there."

But Ludlow, the backyard chicken enthusiast, said that "it's very rare" that people make such mistakes or underestimate how difficult it is to raise chickens.

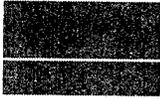
"While we definitely want to see more education around the lifespan and laying lifespan of chickens, we find that most people become so attached to their hens as pets, that even though they planned to eat or cull their hens at the end of their laying life, they decide to keep their girls around even without laying eggs," he said.

Coston, the Farm Sanctuary shelter director, said she wished that were true. Most people don't realize that chickens are funny, with quirky habits and affectionate personalities as distinct as any other pet's.

"Oh, my god, they're amazing," said Coston, who frequently cuddles her chickens. "We have some of the sweetest ones here. They just sit beside you and they let you pet them. And they're big and dumpy."

She hopes the enthusiasm for raising backyard chickens will fade and that consumers will take a second look at their appetite for eggs and poultry.

"To go back in time sounds wonderful," she said. "But there is not enough land on this earth to sustain the amount of meat, dairy and milk that people want."



Fw: Please vote "No" on Chandler Urban Chicken zoning vote tonight
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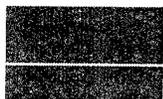
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To: "MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov" <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/11/2013 03:44 PM
Subject: Please vote "No" on Chandler Urban Chicken zoning vote tonight

Please vote "No" on the proposed zoning code change, which would allow unregulated residential chicken farming in the city of Chandler, at the Chandler City Council meeting tonight.

Chandler already has agricultural zones set aside for farming and raising farm animals. Residentially zoned areas are not appropriate for farming. Allowing urban chicken farming will pose potential health risks to Chandler residents and will pose potential risks to the animals since there is no oversight to insure proper treatment of the animals involved.

Thanks ... Lesley Wood, Chandler Resident



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From: "Michael Oakes" <moakes4@cox.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@chandleraz.gov>
Date: 07/11/2013 04:55 PM
Subject: FW: Zoning Changes

After further thought, I failed to mention the health hazards this is certain to lead to.

And of course, if you allow chickens they will assume the right to include goats, pigs and who knows what else.

Please respect the property owners such as myself who have contributed to the growth and success of Chandler over the past 30 or more years.

Thank you for listening.

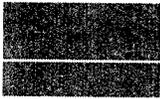
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Message:

She stated that she is not in favor of Urban Chickens in Chandler.