

Chickens

From : Cyndi B [REDACTED]

Wed, Mar 15, 2023 11:15 PM

Subject : Chickens**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

I live on Taft Ave in the falls. We have a nice sized fenced in yard and would love to have a small flock of chickens. Not only would it help to provide food for our family of 6 in the form of fresh eggs, but it would be an amazing learning experience for my children who are homeschooled. Chickens are beneficial for keeping down on ticks as well as improving soil quality. Our yard could really use the extra help.

I feel that keeping it to just hens and no roosters should keep the noise level down and as long as people care for their "pets with benefits", then it will be so beneficial for the city.

Thank you for considering this amendment.

Chickens

From : Keena Tomko <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 12:31 AM

Subject : Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

I strongly support allowing Cuyahoga Falls residents to keep chickens. Of course they make noise and generate waste, but so do all of our pets. And while cats and dogs provide intangible benefits, chickens provide tangible ones, at a time when food costs are rising at a frightening rate. With appropriate limits and space requirements, residents could enjoy cruelty-free eggs without troubling their neighbors.

Keena Tomko
2945 Oakwood
Cuyahoga Falls

Chickens in the city

From : jerry alexander <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 10:24 AM

Subject : Chickens in the city

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

More and more people are planting gardens and want to be able to have a good egg source by having chickens. Price of eggs have gone through the roof so allowing residents to have a small chicken coop strictly for eggs would help many families. No need for roosters when having hens for eggs.

Jerry Alexander
Ward 6

Sent from my iPad

Propose Amendment to All Chickens

From : [REDACTED]

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 11:49 AM

Subject : Propose Amendment to All Chickens**To :** 'publiccomment@cityofcf.com'
<publiccomment@cityofcf.com>, 'Spinner@cityofcf.com'
<Spinner@cityofcf.com>, 'rloza@cityofcf.com'
<rloza@cityofcf.com>**Reply To :** [REDACTED]

Hello-

My name is Jim Long I am a resident of Ward 2, living on Kemppel Circle. I am 61 and I've lived in CF 55+ years with the exception of my military hitch. I've owned several homes in CF and I value our City and our Citizens. I live on the boarder of Ward 1 and Ward 2- per my adding Councilmembers Spinner and Loza respectfully.

I'm not sure if the proposal covers the neighborhood I am in, regardless I have concerns- due to the "Give them an inch and it's a mile tomorrow." logic. IE- Does it stop with Chickens?

I do not dislike Chickens or other "Farm" animals- And Chickens are just that- FARM animals.

Our homes throughout the Preston School Neighborhoods are close together for the most part- my home is 10' from each neighbor's foundation.

I doubt if my neighbors presently would be interested in having Chickens- however this is still a concern due to other surrounding neighborhoods.

Concerns:

- Chickens require a lot of space.
- Chickens have an expense that many do not consider on the fore front.
- Chickens make a lot of noise.
- Chickens can be destructive- property land etc...
- Chickens have an odor, and they are dirty.
- Chickens will attract Hawks, Fox, Coyotes.

I have other concerns as well- as Who will police the complaints of the smells and noise and neglect? I ask because these will be the complaints that will need attention.

I understand the benefits of raising Chickens – Eggs, Educational opportunities, fertilizer etc....

I'm not opposed in the proper environment- which is very limited in Cuyahoga Falls.

I appreciate our City Leadership in taking my concerns-

Thank you-

Jim Long-

Chicken proposal. I'm a hard NO!

From : eshaw1981 [REDACTED]

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 06:00 PM

Subject : Chicken proposal. I'm a hard NO!

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Good day. As a long-time citizen of this city I have gathered that the properties are too small and too close together for this to be an option. I am all for hunting, fishing, etc, but too much property is needed for these birds to be healthy. They kill tons of grass and crap non-stop. Not to mention that some residents are careless and will be the source of even more complaints. I'm a hard no on this matter.

Keeping fowl in the city

From : Michael Wright [REDACTED]

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 06:49 PM

Subject : Keeping fowl in the city**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Recently I have inquired about keeping quail in the city. I was told it fell under keeping fowl in the city which is prohibited. I understand that most people don't like keeping chickens around, due to sanitation and noise. But I've done a lot of research about keeping quail and have found it is very different than keeping chickens. Where chickens need room to roost and range, quail do not. You can keep one single quail in a 1 sqft area. They are easier to maintain, barely make any noise and can be kept in a small area. Most people, like myself, have struggled with current prices of groceries including eggs and chicken. I think keeping quail or small fowl in the city would not only be helpful for the citizens of the town, but would also be a compromise and alternative to keep bigger fowl like chickens. Please consider these thoughts and maybe we can all come to an agreement. Even try a year trial period for some people and see how it goes. Thank you for your time.

-Michael Wright

Sent from my iPhone

Chickens

From : [REDACTED]

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 11:15 PM

Subject : Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Hello,

We are longtime residents of Cuyahoga Falls and we LOVE our city and the way it responds to healthy lifestyle trends and interests of its citizens. Our family would love to have chickens in our large yard so that our kids can learn about the lifecycle, responsibility of care and food sources that come from sustainable farming. We already garden and compost and would love to continue to be able to practice "urban homesteading" in our wonderful community. Please consider amending the current rule against chickens.

Thank you, Emilie Oxley

Chicken Keeping Ordinance

From : Dan Hudson [REDACTED]

Fri, Apr 07, 2023 10:00 AM

Subject : Chicken Keeping Ordinance

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Hello,

I would like to voice my concern against allowing chickens in R-2, R-3, and R-4 zoning districts. This would be a change that does not fit the character of the neighborhoods, especially in the R-4 zoning districts.

I live right off Broad Blvd and am a short walk from downtown, I have neighbors close to me on all sides and my area is R-4. This area simply isn't rural enough for the smells, mess, and sounds of chickens.

Ohio is a state with many rural areas perfect for raising chickens, Cuyahoga Falls (with the possible exception of Northampton) is not one of them. Nobody is moving to the Falls to raise chickens - this ordinance could slow the growth that the city has seen lately.

Thanks,
Dan Hudson
1039 Falls Ave

Backyard chickens

From : Dawn Tallent <[REDACTED]>

Tue, May 09, 2023 08:44 AM

Subject : Backyard chickens**To :** rloza@cityofcf.com, spinner@cityofcf.com, pentam@cityofcf.com, jsiegferth@cityofcf.com, brillhart@cityofcf.com, millera@cityofcf.com, JamesJL@cityofcf.com, stams@cityofcf.com, rbalthis@cityofcf.com, nichols-rhodesmf@cityofcf.com, ashton@cityofcf.com**Cc :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Dear City Council Member,

I am writing to you today to make my voice heard on the issue of backyard chickens.

I attended the first planning commission meeting and heard what was discussed. I would like to point out one thing that was stated more than once that was inaccurate. It was stated that moving forward with this text amendment would establish rules regarding backyard chickens. There is already a rule. It's not allowed on most lots. It's in the codified ordinances already. It's clearly explained and doesn't need this to pass or fail to address the issue.

I'd also like to address the setbacks required in the text amendment. There is no setback required from a home. There are places where backyards are shallow. Moving a chicken coop 20 feet from the back property line could put it within 20 feet of a home. Since houses are typically in a line that means it would be closer to neighboring homes as well. I don't believe that is an acceptable situation.

At this time I see absolutely no reason to make this change. Cuyahoga Falls is primarily a suburban environment where homes are close together. People did not move to Cuyahoga Falls expecting farm animals next door. What's next goats, pigs, llamas? Where do you intend to draw the line?

On a personal note I live on a typical lot in the city. In the past week my home security cameras recorded a raccoon in my driveway making off with my daughter's DoorDash delivery before she brought it in to eat it. The next night the cameras recorded an opossum in the driveway. Just this morning the cameras recorded a coyote running up the sidewalk. I can only imagine the increase in this kind of wildlife activity if there are chickens in my neighborhood.

I encourage you to reject this change and leave the existing language that

allows chickens on lots more appropriate for farm animals than a 50 foot wide city lot.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to the community.

Dawn Tallent

City of Cuyahoga Falls Temp. Ordinance B-35

From : Cindy Stevens [REDACTED]

Tue, May 09, 2023 05:08 PM

Subject : City of Cuyahoga Falls Temp. Ordinance B-35**To :** rbalthis@cityofcf.com, ashton@cityofcf.com, nichols-rhodesmf@cityofcf.com, rloza@cityofcf.com, spinner@cityofcf.com, pentam@cityofcf.com, brillhart@cityofcf.com, millera@cityofcf.com, jamesjl@cityofcf.com, stams@cityofcf.co, jseigferth@cityofcf.com**Cc :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Dear Council Members:

My name is Cindy Stevens and I live at 2424 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, in an R-4 district. The purpose of my email to you is to urge you to vote against the Temp. Ordinance B-35: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REGULATORY TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1133.04(A)(5) TO ALLOW FOR THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN R-2, R-3 AND R-4 ZONING DISTRICTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

I have spoken before the Planning Commission regarding the following concerns and questions, and I want to share those with you well:

CONCERNS: Noise, violation of number of chickens and/or coops permitted, coop or shelter approval being done in a timely manner with reference to location, proper maintenance of coops, unsanitary coop conditions (spill-over of feces, food, etc.), draw of other animals and fowl (raccoons, squirrels, hawks, crows) to the coop areas and surrounding neighborhood, provision for disposal of animal waste (dead chickens, rotten eggs), allowance for euthanizing chickens, inspection of feed containers: All of these are potential concerns for homeowners who do not have chickens but have neighbors who might.

QUESTIONS: What is the recourse for residents who encounter neighbors in violation of any of the conditions set forth in the proposed text amendment? Will our City Council members be responsive to phone calls and emails regarding chicken issues? Will the Community Development department staff be responsible for the enforcement of the list of conditions for keeping chickens? Who do neighbors call when they become aware of any of the violations that may occur?

I appreciate that many of the residents in Cuyahoga Falls have neighbors who would be in compliance with all conditions of owning chickens in their respective districts and potentially not have any of the concerns I've listed above. However, there are potentially MANY residents who do NOT live next door to folks who would be compliant. Many residents, like myself, live in an R-4 district where the backyards are tiny and nothing separates the houses except for a driveway. The majority of six out of the eight wards in our City are R-4 zoned districts. I never expected the possibility of having to live next door to chicken coops when I purchased my home in this City. Had I had hopes of raising chickens or living next door to them, I would have chosen the area in Cuyahoga Falls that currently allows for that.

I respectfully urge you to consider the potential negative impact on our City residents living in the smaller property lots in the R-2, R-3 and R-4 districts as you vote on the proposed text amendments.

Thank you all so much for your time and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully yours,
Cindy Stevens
2424 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221

Backyard chickens

From : Pat Tompkin [REDACTED]

Wed, May 10, 2023 09:49 PM

Subject : Backyard chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Sent from my iPhone

Wanted to give my support for having back yard chickens I see no harm in them. I find it beneficial. Might find it even quieter than loud barking dogs which are considered pets and are tolerated.

Urban Chickens

From : Lauren Grossman [REDACTED]

Wed, May 10, 2023 09:50 PM

Subject : Urban Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

I am writing to voice my support of the legislation regarding urban chickens. Sustainable urban farming, including raising fowl, is an important part of urban living. Please pass this legislation!

Backyard Chicken support!

From : Michala Halterman [REDACTED]

Wed, May 10, 2023 10:10 PM

Subject : Backyard Chicken support!

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Hi!

I was writing this email to voice my support for backyard chickens! I am a resident of Cuyahoga Falls and I would love to be able to have backyard chickens.

Thank you so much.

Michala Halterman

Backyard Chickens

From : [REDACTED]

Wed, May 10, 2023 10:13 PM

Subject : Backyard Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

To whom it may concern,

My name is David Bartch and I am reaching out in hopes to express the importance allowing chickens in Cuyahoga Falls has to myself and my family. It is my understanding the allowance of chickens within the falls will be a topic of discussion at the city council meeting on the 15th.

Having chickens is hugely important to to my family and I for many different reasons, but most importantly the impact it will have in my homeschooled children's education. Agriculture and sourcing your own food is a large part of the lesson plan my wife and I incorporate into our children's education. I understand Cuyahoga Falls High School has chickens on the campus for educational purposes. It is my hope that my children will be able to get those same experiences while continuing to homeschool.

I appreciate your time and hope to be able to raise chickens within Cuyahoga Falls in the near future.

- David Bartch

Chickens

From : Shelly Dennison [REDACTED]

Wed, May 10, 2023 10:19 PM

Subject : Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

My family would largely support backyard chickens! In particular my oldest son who is severely autistic. We have found chickens to be greatly therapeutic for him and of course with the cost and shortage of eggs, our entire family (and neighbors!) could benefit from us owning chickens! Thank you!

Laura Dennison

Sent from my iPhone

Backyard chickens

From : debbie golden [REDACTED]

Thu, May 11, 2023 08:23 AM

Subject : Backyard chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Reply To : debbie golden [REDACTED]

I am firmly in support of being able to have chickens in your yard in Cuyahoga Falls..

Especially in light of the horrible economy... people would be able to better feed their families and help out neighbors...

You may want to rule out roosters... but chickens are fine...

I've been to homes in Hudson that have chickens and they weren't on acres of land..

Please get with the times. Which are horrible for young and old alike..

Deborah Butler

Sent from Yahoo Mail o n Android

Chickens in Cuyahoga Falls

From : Bri C [REDACTED]

Thu, May 11, 2023 10:07 AM

Subject : Chickens in Cuyahoga Falls**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the upcoming meeting about having chickens in Cuyahoga falls. I am in support of allowing responsible ownership of laying hens. Laying hens will provide supplemented food as well as all natural fertilizer for our gardens and plants. In addition to these two reason they also can be used to teach our children respect for where our food comes from and the care we need to take for other living creatures. As a young child, my son would come home from a long day at school where things could be quite challenging and he would go sit with his hens and just let the day melt away. The hens were quiet, docile and let my son just be, even coming over for a scratch and cuddle. I have been raised around animals my entire life. I have owned horses, goats, chickens, dogs, cat, rabbits, and the list goes on when I lived in Montana. Now living in the Cuyahoga Falls area would like to be able to have laying hens again and provide a more nutritious food source for my family as well as the natural fertilizer for my plants, one that doesn't require those little warning signs for children and pets to stay away!

For those who are opposed to having urban chickens because they believe they will smell and be noisy, I have never seen a police report for nuisance clucking from laying hens at all hours of the day unlike dogs, all animals smell- including people if not properly taken care of. I have never been charged by an off leash hen , but have repeatedly been charged by dogs. I have never had a neighbor's laying hen come dig up my flower beds and use it as their private bathroom like neighbor cats do.

We are not asking to be a full fledged chicken operation, just to have a few laying hens to help feed our families and make ourselves more self-sufficient. Thank you for taking the time to consider my point of view in regards to having chickens in Cuyahoga falls.

Sabrina

In support of backyard chickens

From : [REDACTED]

Thu, May 11, 2023 11:05 AM

Subject : In support of backyard chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

To Whom it May Concern,
I am fully in support of changing the ordinance to allow backyard chicken in all wards.
Thank you,
Emilie oxley

Pro Chickens

From : Alena Fiocca <[REDACTED]>

Thu, May 11, 2023 05:27 PM

Subject : Pro Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

I would just like to let the council know that I support allowing backyard chickens in our town!

Thank you,
Alena Fiocca
2707 Overbrook Rd.

Hens

From : Charissa Maffett [REDACTED]

Thu, May 11, 2023 06:47 PM

Subject : Hens**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Just getting my comment in about chickens as I will not be able to attend. My mother, myself and my daughter ALL residents have been dying to have a few laying hens for several years and have been waiting for this opportunity.

Larger cities allow them. We absolutely support allowing laying hens with reasonable regulation. If we are all going to complain about our neighbors then let's consider getting my neighbors to stop blowing pot smoke constantly onto my backyard patio- point being EVERYONE could complain about something their neighbor does. And this will be no different. But forward thinking communities are doing this. Let's join them

Please consider allowing us to be more self reliant.

Charissa Maffett

Support of Urban Chickens

From : Sarah Aiello [REDACTED]

Thu, May 11, 2023 09:28 PM

Subject : Support of Urban Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Hello,

Me and my fiancé are planning to move to Cuyahoga Falls in November after we get married.

We were planning to have chickens wherever we move so I'm happy to see that the city is discussing the possibility of allowing chickens in urban backyards!

I fully support the move to sustainable living, especially in urban settings, through gardening and raising chickens.

Thank you for taking the time to seriously consider allowing chickens in the Falls!

- Sarah Aiello

Cuyahoga Falls for Chickens

From : Lauren Lutz [REDACTED]

Thu, May 11, 2023 10:00 PM

Subject : Cuyahoga Falls for Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Reply To : Lauren Lutz [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern,

I am fully in support of changing the ordinance to allow backyard chicken in all wards.
Thank you.

Lauren Lutz
Cuyahoga Falls Resident

Backyard chickens

From : AnnMarie Bunnell <[REDACTED]>

Thu, May 11, 2023 10:05 PM

Subject : Backyard chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

To Whom it May Concern,
I am fully in support of changing the ordinance to allow backyard chicken in all residential districts within the city.
Thank you, Anna Bunnell

Attn: Council

From : Sarah Gomez [REDACTED]

Thu, May 11, 2023 10:15 PM

Subject : Attn: Council

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

To Whom it May Concern,

I am fully in support of changing the ordinance to allow backyard chicken in all residential districts.

Thank you,
Sarah Gomez
1722 7th St.
C. Falls, 44221

Sent from my iPhone

Chickens in single family residential districts

From : Harry Lehman [REDACTED]

Thu, May 11, 2023 11:21 PM

Subject : Chickens in single family residential districts

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Please do not allow chickens in small lot residential neighborhoods. It's a fad that should not be acknowledged by changes to the city's general development code.

Harry Lehman
2112 Ohio Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Attention: Council (RE: Chickens)

From : Jenn Miller <[REDACTED]>

Fri, May 12, 2023 09:17 AM

Subject : Attention: Council (RE: Chickens)**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Hello,

I would like my comments to be considered at the Public Hearing for the "Chickens in family residential districts."

I am for the chickens to be allowed in R-2, R-3 and R-4, however with some rules.

First, the City of Cuyahoga Falls has been all about sustainability this year. The Spring Expo promoted Gardening, recycling... organic lawn care, zero-waste lifestyles.. Owning and taking care of backyard chickens is part of a sustainability lifestyle. Chickens contribute to the making of good soil (through fertilizing) promote sustainable food production and eliminate the need for factory-farmed food. Chickens can also eat a multitude of garden waste and weeds- even dandelions. Chickens can also be great with food scraps! The city recently partnered with Rubber City Reuse for the specific purpose of a "food scrap collection service." Well chickens can do that too!

Upon researching, MANY other cities allow chickens, with restrictions. Some restrictions to be considered could be setting the max number of chickens to 3. Also, the city could have some pre-designed coup plans (easily downloadable to residents) to promote the health of chickens as well as easy ways for maintenance. Lastly, this could be a trial consideration, maybe a 2 year trial to see how it goes. I think some residents who want chickens will find they may not like actually owning them, and decide to not continue. Whereas others who truly desire to own chickens will do a great job and not let it be a nuisance to surrounding neighbors either.

Ultimately, the choice is what is best for the city residents? Do not look at individual opinions or pre-concieved ideas of what chickens are like. The people making the decisions should research the pro's and con's to make sure the decision being made is best for the residents of the city. If the direction the city is heading is sustainability... well? You cannot deny chickens are beneficial to the environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this,

Jenn Miller

Backyard Chickens

From : Reynolds [REDACTED]

Fri, May 12, 2023 09:47 AM

Subject : Backyard Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

To whom it concerns,

The issue of backyard chickens should be passed. The people of Cuyahoga Falls that would want to keep chickens more than likely responsible enough to properly take care of them and if not I'm reasonably sure neighbors

would complain to council members. To me it is no different than irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up their yards of waste or allow incessant barking. The minimum size of the lots in my opinion is discriminatory.

Thank you,

Brian Reynolds

General Development Code/chickens

From : Gretchen Hudson [REDACTED]

Fri, May 12, 2023 10:13 AM

Subject : General Development Code/chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Good Morning-

I have lived in Cuyahoga the majority of my life; attended CF Schools K-12, and I have currently owned my home for 12 years.

While I am agreeable in theory to allow residents the opportunity to raise chickens within the city limits, I am opposed to a "blanket" authorization for all properties.

Only parcels that are at minimum .5 acres should be considered.

Chickens, ducks, or any other livestock (such as goats) are noisy, they attract predators (raccoons, hawks, skunks, possibly coyotes).

The manure generated will produce smells as well as flies and other insects.

How would the owners dispose of said manure?

On smaller parcels, these by-products will be enhanced; there would also be the issue of neighborhood dogs being triggered by the smells and noises which can in turn cause additional disturbances.

My own parcel is roughly .10 acre; I have 3 other properties backing up to my backyard and another property next to my driveway.

I cannot begin to imagine sitting out in my backyard and hearing/smelling possibly 4 chicken coops.

I implore the council to take these issues into consideration and structure any amendment to only allow chickens on larger parcels.

Thank you

Gretchen Hudson
1871 18th Street
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Zimbra

bezbatchenko@cityofcf.com

Chicken Amendment

From : Tanner Odle [REDACTED]
Subject : Chicken Amendment
To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Fri, May 12, 2023 02:43 PM
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Good afternoon,

I am simply writing to express my support for the proposed amendment to the Ger Development Code to allow chickens in single-family residential districts. Further, n experience within the Cuyahoga Falls community seems to strongly favor the amen well.

Thanks,

Tanner Odle | Attorney

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Chickens

From : Cass P [REDACTED]

Fri, May 12, 2023 05:08 PM

Subject : Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

I support back yard chickens!

Cassidy Pittman
2331 Broad Blvd
Cuyahoga falls, 44223

Backyard Chickens in Cuyahoga Falls

From : [REDACTED]

Fri, May 12, 2023 09:48 PM

Subject : Backyard Chickens in Cuyahoga Falls**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com**Reply To :** [REDACTED]

I have lived in Cuyahoga Falls for 8 years. I love this city and I proud at how progressive we are. However, there is a demand for self-reliance and sustainability, which includes keeping of backyard chickens.

Why do I want backyard chickens?

-Fresh eggs

-Backyard chickens reduce the demand/support for factory farming and the inhumane treatment of those animals

-Food security, we have all been shown just how fragile our global food system is with the pandemic and, Now with outrageous cost of eggs (amongst everything else) due to Corporate greed price gouging

-If one in three households raised backyard chickens in America, there would be no egg industry

-Keeping backyard chickens and urban farming can help in “food deserts”

-Interestingly, 100 years ago, families kept chickens in suburban/urban areas, during WWII, the government actually encouraged it and Victory gardens to help lessen the strain of food supplies

-After WWII, we saw a huge change in food production with factory farming, supermarkets, and governmental subsidies going to huge corporations, these all create a dependent consumer

Another reason:

- Fertilizer, chicken manure is great fertilizer
- Estimated that 17% of waste in landfills, or about 29 million tons, is biomass
- If in one city, 2,000 household kept 6 chickens, they could divert over 500 tons of biomass from landfills each year
- They will not attract predators, the predators are already in the area, our chickens will be fenced in and protected

-I would also like to point out that surrounding cities that allow chickens, actually have higher median home values, such as Kent, Stow, and Hudson.

-Interesting to note that cities that are more urban than Cuyahoga Falls have less restrictions about chickens, for instance:

- Cleveland allows up to six hens on a parcel lot of at least 800 square feet with only 5 feet set back from property lines
- Lakewood, who's average lot size is 1,500 square feet
 - limit 6 hens, no property line setback, no lot size requirements

Our neighbors in Kent that just passed their chicken ordinance in 2018:

- city does not require a permit, no registry
- only a hand full of people actually have gotten chickens since 2018
- and they have had ZERO complaints

This proposed ordinance change is very restrictive, with the mimim 50 foot property requirement, 20 foot set back from propter lines, 4 hen mimim, restriction of no more than 2 out buildings on your property, needing to get a building permit, 6 foot

fencing around the coop, and building material requirements. Most people will not even be able to get chickens. So, there shouldn't be a fear that everyone in there brother will be going out and getting them and will be over run with chickens.

-Christin Boozer
Ward 2

Chickens

From : Kevin Myers [REDACTED]

Fri, May 12, 2023 11:14 PM

Subject : Chickens**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Hi there, just wanted to send an email in to show our support in allowing hens in the proposed wards. We live on 25th street and think it would be a wonderful opportunity for friends and family to be able to enjoy them as pets and a food source. Hens are low maintenance, noise free and if properly looked after no smell. If taken care of properly neighbors would never even know they live next door. Our son is young and think it would be beneficial and educational for him to grow up raising chickens. It teaches a responsibility and shows them where food comes from. I've owned chickens and other live stock previously all my life up until marrying my wife and moving into the falls. I couldn't possibly support this ordinance change anymore, thank you for the consideration.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Zimbra

bezbatchenko@cityofcf.com

Chickens

From : Elise Hamilton [REDACTED]

Sat, May 13, 2023 12:36 PM

Subject : Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Please vote yes for allowing chickens in Cuyahoga Falls!

Elise Hamilton
2941 8th St

Sent from my iPhone

Proposal for Raising Chickens in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

From : Thomas Kennedy [REDACTED]

Sat, May 13, 2023 01:21 PM

Subject : Proposal for Raising Chickens in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**To :** Publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Dear City Council of Cuyahoga Falls,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to bring your attention to a matter that I believe could have a profound positive impact on our community here in Cuyahoga Falls - the prospect of raising chickens within our city limits.

Given the increasing interest in self-sustainability and healthy living, backyard chicken raising has become a popular practice in many urban areas. Chickens not only provide fresh, organic eggs, but also contribute to our environment by eating pests, reducing food waste, and producing natural fertilizer.

Raising chickens can also serve as an educational tool for our children, providing lessons in responsibility, biology, and ecology. Additionally, it could foster a sense of community as neighbors share their experiences, knowledge, and possibly even their egg yield.

I understand there may be concerns about noise, smell, and potential health risks. However, with proper regulation, these can be effectively managed. For example, the city could limit the number of chickens per household, exclude roosters due to their loud crowing, and enforce sanitary coop conditions to prevent odor and disease.

Cities similar to ours, such as Lakewood, Ohio and Madison, Wisconsin, have successfully implemented such measures and seen the benefits of urban chicken raising. I believe that with thoughtful planning and community involvement, we could do the same in Cuyahoga Falls.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this chicken proposal.

Best regards,

Thomas Kennedy

Support of Urban Chickens

From : nate rellinger [REDACTED]

Sat, May 13, 2023 01:53 PM

Subject : Support of Urban Chickens

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

To whom it may concern,

I am currently in the process of shopping for a single-family home in Cuyahoga Falls. One of my strong considerations was whether I'd have the ability to raise chickens, and it's recently come to my attention that the city is discussing potentially allowing for chickens in urban backyards.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my full support of this initiative, as it relates to a sense of sustainable living. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I hope that this passes in the upcoming vote.

Sincerely,
Nathaniel Rellinger

Vote to Allow Backyard Chickens

From : Amanda Kennedy [REDACTED]

Sat, May 13, 2023 02:05 PM

Subject : Vote to Allow Backyard Chickens

To : Publiccomment@cityofcf.com

To Whom It May Concern,

Please support the zoning amendment to allow chickens in Cuyahoga Falls. I'm sure you've been inundated with many arguments for and against the measure, so I'll only list a few of the things that stand out most to me:

- Chickens are a good way to teach responsibility and life skills. From caring for chicks, providing feed and water, cleaning the coop, recognizing the expenses and the reaping the benefits of eggs or meat.
- Chickens provide natural pest control - eating bugs and attacking mice and rats - and consuming yard and food waste.
- Chickens are enjoyable pets, that can improve a person's mental health.
- I am understand the concern about the noise from roosters, and for the sake of neighborhood peace can understand excluding these, as well as other poultry like turkeys or guinea fowl.

Respectfully,
Amanda Kennedy
14th Street

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Amanda Kennedy

City Chickens

From : Ronda Roxbury [REDACTED]

Sat, May 13, 2023 03:05 PM

Subject : City Chickens**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Dear Sirs and Madames,

I would like to ask you to consider voting to allow backyard chickens in our city. As you know, having your own small flock has many benefits for a family. Personally, I have provided for my family fresh eggs for over 10 years. I also, have saved food waste from going into the trash by feeding it to my chickens. I don't have an ant problem, mosquitos are at a minimum.

People will say they are noisy and smelly. I don't find that to be true at all. Over the years I have had several chickens....the most 18(I was raising peeps to pullets for my former boss) the least I had was 6. Caring for chickens is no different than caring for any other pet. Feed, water and clean bedding. As for the noise, my neighbors never hear themwe sure do hear the dogs across the street and around the corner barking all time of the night!

As for the smell..... just like any pet, if you have pets you know you have to care for them. I would think by imposing rules and regulations just as you have with dogs we could satisfy those of us who want to provide fresh eggs with those who rather go to the local grocery store.

My chickens are contained in a fenced in area within my fenced in yard. I keep their food and water inside their coop to prevent any extra visitors. I haven't seen any rodents or evidence of any anywhere near my coop.

My chickens are healthy. I know what my hens are eating. I don't have to worry about the cost of eggs rising. For about \$20.00 a month or so for feed and another \$20 for bedding occasionally.....I can feed my family fresh eggs daily, keep food scraps out of the landfill and keep pests down to a minimum. Not to mention, the hours of entertainment that chickens provide, especially when they eat spaghetti!

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and thank you for considering to vote to allow Chickens with restrictions in our great city!

Ronda Roxbury

Chickens

From : sspengler11 [REDACTED]

Sun, May 14, 2023 05:04 PM

Subject : Chickens**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Fellow residents,

Chickens are great on the tables, horrible in the community. The city does not have a racoon culling program, so chickens in the suburbs is a horribly reckless idea. If this passes all must be prepared to pay. I believe that all of the surrounding communities around us have shot this proposal down. Will all the residents of Cuyahoga Falls benefit from free eggs or chicken meat? No. Will all the residents pay should this dunderheaded proposal pass. Yes. For the few who think that chickens are a rational idea despite all the data, will they pay for the consequences to the community? No. Perhaps land should be set aside near the National Park where a fee would be paid to raise chickens in a controlled environment similar to how community gardens are managed throughout the country. You want to be a self sustainable farmer do it where it belongs..on the farm.

Also to all the gardener's who think it's hard to keep your salad safe wait till there is a chicken coop on every block. If this proposal passes because of lack of community interest/invlovement I will sue the city for the damages that will be forthcoming

Thank you,
2x taxpayer
Sent from my Galaxy

Urban Chickens 2023

From : Amanda Lowe [REDACTED]

Sun, May 14, 2023 07:06 PM

Subject : Urban Chickens 2023

To : publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Good Evening,

My family and I are looking forward to a possible update with the chicken ordinance in R4 lots. We love this city and love our home. All that's missing are some hens. As a family, we would love to have chickens for eggs but also to help teach our 2 little ones how to work and care for animals PROPERLY. Something for them to do and help with as we do not allow them to watch TV all day or have tablets. When do kids even go outside to play or work anymore?? Let's bring that back. Our 3 year old has already named our future hens (Tina, Tuna, Luna and Boona). Now, we do understand that this has come about several times over the past decade and know that things may not change for smaller lots. We do hope that you approve this and go with the stipulations laid out by zoning to weed out a large majority of folks so it's not an overwhelming change. Eagerly waiting for an update!

Thank you for your time.

The Lowe's

Chickens

From : Thomas Sullivan [REDACTED]

Sun, May 14, 2023 09:41 PM

Subject : Chickens**To :** Public Comment <publiccomment@cityofcf.com>

To members of council:

My short answer to this is absolutely not .

Do you have money in the budget for an inspector to police these regulations ?

Are we rewarding those who are keeping chickens illegally for their bad behavior?

I purchased my home in an area where I would not have to be around farm animals, what happens to my rights ? After a brief stay in Copley two I made it a point to never live in are where farm animals were permitted.

When the wheels come off of this and we end up with that owner who brings in rats and salmonella do you want to be a yes vote that allowed this to happen in our city?

There are reasons those who sat at the very same rail you sit at now decided it would be best to not allow chickens in our more densely populated neighborhoods, do you want to be the yes vote that allows us all to find this out all over again.

In closing please tell me with a straight face that a neighbor keeping chickens next to me or behind me will have absolutely effect on the selling price of my home when my children decide to put me and Patty in a home, you can't can you.

One of your jobs as Council people is to insure harmony and goodwill within our neighborhoods. The legislation before you will bitterly create battle grounds within your very own wards, just for the sake of a few.

Thank you for reading this

Thomas Sullivan
447 Tallmadge Rd

In Favor of Backyard Hens

From : Elzbeth 2609 <[REDACTED]>

Mon, May 15, 2023 03:46 PM

Subject : In Favor of Backyard Hens**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Hello,

I am a resident of Ward 6 and would like my email to be taken into consideration for approval of backyard hens in Cuyahoga Falls.

I am writing to you today to advocate for the benefits of backyard hens. As a public health professional and someone who believes in sustainable living, I strongly believe that backyard hens can have a positive impact on the environment, provide educational benefits for youth, promote food equity, and even improve public health.

Firstly, backyard hens can have a significant positive impact on the environment. They consume food scraps and convert them into nutrient-rich fertilizer, which can be used to grow vegetables and other plants. This reduces the amount of organic waste that is sent to landfills, which in turn reduces greenhouse gas emissions and the release of harmful toxins. Additionally, backyard hens can help control pests in the garden, reducing the need for harmful pesticides.

Secondly, backyard hens provide a great opportunity for youth education. Raising chickens can teach children about animal care, biology, and how to produce their own food. It can also help children develop responsibility, empathy, and a connection to the natural world.

Thirdly, backyard hens can promote food equity. By producing their own eggs, families can save money on their grocery bills and have access to fresh, healthy food. This can be especially important for families who live in food deserts or have limited access to affordable, quality food.

Finally, backyard hens can also have public health benefits. Eggs from backyard hens are often fresher and of higher quality than store-bought eggs. Additionally, backyard hens are generally raised in a more humane and natural environment, which can result in healthier chickens and eggs. This can lead to reduced risk of salmonella and other foodborne illnesses.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that backyard hens can have a positive impact on the environment, provide educational opportunities for youth, promote food equity, and improve public health. I urge you to consider the benefits of backyard hens and support policies that enable their responsible ownership.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Jessica Pintiello, BSPH
