



Backyard Chickens

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Purpose

- Review background and previous action
- Outline process to allow backyard chickens
- Request specific direction from Council

Background

- Council has directed to Staff to explore issue on several occasions
 - Initial request in May of 2016
 - Follow-up presentations in 2018 and 2020
 - No formal action taken by Council
- Chickens only allowed in ag zoned properties currently

Overview

- Allowing backyard hens would require significant Staff work
 1. Updates to Animal Code allowing chickens
 2. Updates to LDC to allow chickens in all zones and setting standards for chicken coops as accessory structures
 3. Development of permitting program
- Groundwork laid by previous efforts and informed by researched best practices



Animal Code Updates

- Update animal code to allow chickens as a domestic animal with conditions and regulations



LDC Updates

- Allow chicken coops as accessory structures
 - Create standards based on best practices
- Allow chickens in residentially zoned areas



Permitting Program

- Establishment of permitting program
- Ensure compliance with municipal code and standards



Direction

- Does Council wish for Staff to proceed with preparing the necessary updates to allow backyard chickens?

