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Planning Commission Meeting Packet

FOR

**July 14, 2015
at 7 PM**

**Sherwood City Hall
22560 SW Pine Street
Sherwood, Oregon**



City of Sherwood
PLANNING COMMISSION
Sherwood City Hall
22560 SW Pine Street
Sherwood, OR 97140
July 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Agenda

1. **Call to Order/ Roll Call**
2. **Consent Agenda** - None
3. **Council Liaison Announcements** (Council President Robinson)
4. **Staff Announcements** (Julia Hajduk)
5. **Community Comments**
6. **New business**
 - a. **Tannery Site Assessment Update** (Julia Hajduk)

The City of Sherwood was awarded a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program to assess and prepare a plan to clean up the contaminated Frontier Leather Tannery site. The EPA grant will be used to complete the assessment of impacts from the tannery's operations. This information will allow the City to develop cleanup alternatives, estimate cleanup costs and better understand the potential liability and cost impacts it would assume if the property is acquired.

- b. **Sherwood West Preliminary Concept Plan Update** (Connie Randall)

City staff will provide an update on the community planning process to study the 1,291 acres of Urban Reserve-designated land located west and north of Sherwood, outside the City's Urban Growth Boundary, known as Sherwood West.

- c. **Public Hearing – PA 15-03 Backyard Chickens** (Michelle Miller)

The City proposes to amend the Development and Municipal Code to allow a certain number of chickens in the residential zone. Applicants wanting to raise chickens would apply for a license and abutting properties would receive notice.

7. **Planning Commissioner Announcements**
8. **Adjourn**

CITY OF SHERWOOD
Staff Report
File No: PA 15-03
Backyard Chicken Code Amendment

Date: July 7, 2015

To: Planning Commission

FROM: Planning Department



Michelle Miller, AICP
Senior Planner

Proposal:

The City proposes to amend **Title 6 Animals** and **Title 16, Zoning and Community Development Code** of the Municipal Code to regulate backyard chickens in the residential zones. The proposal includes amendments that allow a certain number of chickens based on the size of the lot. The regulation requires chicken enclosures to be maintained and kept a certain distance from the property lines, as well as adjacent homes. An applicant would apply for a license and adjacent property owners would be notified when a license was granted.

I. OVERVIEW

- A. Applicant: This is a City initiated text amendment.
- B. Location: The proposed amendment is to the text of the Sherwood Municipal code Title 6 (Animals) and Title 16 (Zoning and Development Code) and applies citywide.
- C. Review Type: The proposed text amendment requires a Type V review which involves public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council. The Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the matter on July 14, 2015. At the close of the hearing, the Commission will forward a recommendation to the City Council who will consider the proposal at a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for August 4, 2015. The Council will make a final decision whether to approve, modify, or deny the proposed language. The Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals would consider any appeal of the City Council's decision relating to this matter.
- D. Public Notice and Hearing: Notice on the proposed amendment was published in *The Times* on July 9, 2015 and published in the July 2015 edition of the Gazette. Notice was also posted in five public locations around town and on the web site on June 24, 2015.
- E. Review Criteria
The required findings for the Plan Amendment are identified in Section 16.80.030 of the Sherwood Zoning and Community Development Code (SZCDC).
- F. Background

The Planning Commission held a work session on May 12, 2015. They reviewed the proposed amendments from 2010, compared other jurisdictions' regulations, and considered the most recent local backyard chicken online survey results (over 548 responses at the time

of the work session). The Commission discussed the proposed code language during the work session and made some updates based on the survey results and new information. The Planning Commission discussed that residents wishing to raise backyard chickens should fill out an application, pay a processing fee, and agree to adhere to the city regulations. Once approved, staff will notify the property owners who reside near the resident who wishes to raise chickens. They concluded that with those changes, the recommended backyard chicken regulations were ready for public hearing.

The proposed Backyard Chicken Code Amendments include the following rules:

- Allowing up to 3 hens on single family detached lots at least 5,000 square feet in size
- Allowing up to 5 hens on single family detached lots at least 10,000 square feet in size
- Chicken enclosures must be at least 10 feet from any property line and cannot be in the front yard
- Chicken enclosures must be at least 25 feet from any abutting dwelling unit

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to allow residents to raise a limited number of backyard chickens through a licensing process with the City and mitigate any issues through Code compliance. Nearby property owners and residents would be notified that a license has been issued for a particular property.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staff published an article in the June/July Sherwood Archer describing the proposed amendments. Staff published notice in the July 2015 edition of the Gazette and in the July 9, 2015, *The Times*. Notice was also posted in five public locations around town and on the web site on June 24, 2015. Since that date, staff received the following comments.

Joyce Osborne, 23650 SW Platanus Place, submitted comments via email indicating that she was concerned about the ability of some residents to maintain chicken enclosures over time. She also expressed concern over the ambiguity of the Code language to determine whether a neighbor's coop had deteriorated to the point to be considered a "nuisance" under the terms of the existing nuisance ordinance and proposed language. Her comments are attached as Exhibit B.

Steven Hunt, 16958 SW Richen Park Circle, submitted comments via email indicating that he was not in favor of allowing roosters, but encouraged legislation that limited the number of chickens to no more than five hens that required a permit. He also indicated support for a process to make sure that any residents who have a complaint regarding chickens have appropriate recourse when a neighbor's coop was not being properly maintained. His comments are attached as Exhibit C.

Terry Miller submitted a *Citizen's View* to the ***Sherwood Gazette*** and requested that the editorial comments be submitted to the Planning Commission. Mr. Miller indicated a concern about introducing backyard chickens into residential neighborhoods and that chickens will likely encourage raccoons, coyotes and other "varmints and rodents" into the neighborhoods. He thought that the ten-foot buffer between residences and the chicken enclosures were not far enough to avoid the sounds and smells of the chickens. He also thought that the City's online survey did not accurately reflect a majority opinion concerning backyard chickens and that more time was required to accurately find out how the entire community feels about chickens. His comments are attached as Exhibit D.

Staff Response:

The public comments received thus far reflect the differing points of view that the Commission considers when making a recommendation concerning backyard chickens. Staff recommends that the proposed Code language balance the community's desire for allowing backyard chickens

with the concerns addressed in the comments. It is also apparent that the licensing process will need to be clear for the residents wishing to raise chickens and those that will live near them.

III. AGENCY COMMENTS

Staff sent notice to the Department of Land Conservation and Development on May 27, 2015. They have not commented.

Staff discussed the proposed code amendments with Bill Collins, Sherwood Police Department Code Enforcement Officer. He indicated support for clearer descriptions and penalties found directly within the new proposed Chapter 6.03, Backyard Chickens, rather than by reference to Chapter 9.44 Nuisance. Staff revised the proposed code amendments based on this discussion, adding penalty provisions as well as describing the owner's responsibility for maintaining the chicken enclosures in a sanitary and safe manner. The revised proposed code amendments are attached as Exhibit F.

Chief Groth, Sherwood Police Department, offered his assessment of the provisions via email dated July 7, 2015. His comments are attached as Exhibit G.

IV. PLAN AMENDMENT REQUIRED FINDINGS

The applicable Plan Text Amendment review criteria are 16.80.030.A and C.

16.80.030. A - Text Amendment Review

An amendment to the text of the Comprehensive Plan shall be based upon the need for such an amendment as identified by the Council or the Commission. Such an amendment shall be consistent with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan, and with all other provisions of the Plan and Code, and with any applicable State or City statutes and regulations.

Consistency with State Statutes and Regulations

Raising backyard chickens for eggs has become popular in the region over the past decade. Communities across the metro region have established different policies and rules concerning raising chickens in a residential zone. The City's current regulations do not distinguish chickens from other farm-type animals and anyone wishing to raise a few chickens in any residential zone are required to obtain a conditional use permit. This has been cost prohibitive for many residents and staff is not aware of any conditional use permit applications for raising chickens in the past eight years.

The Planning Commission evaluated backyard chicken rules in 2010 during the Development Code Clean Up project in 2010-2011, and made a recommendation to Council who decided, at the time, to table the issue. The City Council recently directed the Planning Commission to look at this issue again, hear from the community and propose recommend changes to the rules concerning backyard chickens.

Consistency with the Sherwood Comprehensive Plan

While this specific proposal does not include changes to the text of the Comprehensive Plan, it is a proposal that would amend language of a document that implements the Comprehensive Plan and is reviewed in that light. There do not appear to be any comprehensive plan requirements that would conflict with the proposed code language, as the Comprehensive Plan does not address or comment on specific types of land uses, like raising a limited number of chickens but rather

identifies policy goals for the more general residential land uses. The proposed language continues to implement the Land Use goals and policies as they apply to Residential land uses.

Consistency with Statewide Planning Goals

Because the comprehensive plan policies and strategies are not changing and the Comprehensive Plan has been acknowledged by the State, there are no known conflicts with this text change.

Allowing a certain number of chickens in the residential zone has been discussed at several public work sessions over the past several years and most recently on May 12, 2015. Staff has been available to discuss the proposed changes with the public and invited public comments throughout the current discussion. An online survey was available for people to express their opinion concerning chickens and 598 responses had been collected. The responses are attached as Exhibit E. As a whole, the proposed amendments are consistent with Goal 1 (Citizen Participation) and Goal 2 (Land Use Planning).

The applicable Statewide Planning Goals include:

Goal 1 (Citizen Involvement)

Staff utilized the public notice requirements of the Code to notify the public of this proposed plan amendment. The City's public notice requirements have been found to comply with Goal 1 and therefore, this proposal meets Goal 1.

FINDING: Based on the above discussion, the applicant satisfies this planning goal.

Goal 2 (Land Use Planning)

FINDING: The proposed amendment, as demonstrated in this report is processed in compliance with the local, regional and state requirements.

Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands)

Goal 4 (Forest Lands)

Goal 5 (Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas and Open Spaces)

Goal 6 (Air, Water and Land Resources Quality)

Goal 7 (Areas Subject to Natural Hazards)

Goal 8 (Recreational Needs)

Goal 9 (Economic Development)

Goal 10 (Housing)

Goal 11 (Public Facilities and Services)

Goal 12 (Transportation)

FINDING: As discussed earlier in this report, the proposed amendments are compatible with existing zoning designations and the public facilities and services. The proposed amendments do not affect the functional classification of any transportation facility within the City, and are therefore considered to be consistent with the "Transportation Planning Rule" which implements Goal 12.

Goal 13 (Energy Conservation)

Goal 14 (Urbanization)

Goal 15 (Willamette River Greenway)

Goal 16 (Estuarine Resources)

Goal 17 (Coastal Shorelands)

Goal 18 (Beaches and Dunes)

Goal 19 (Ocean Resources)

FINDING: As discussed above in the analysis, there is an identified need for the proposed amendments in order to clarify the process for raising chickens in Sherwood and amending the Sherwood Zoning and Community Development Code to reflect these changes. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and applicable City, regional and State regulations and policies.

16.80.030 C - Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) Consistency

- A. Review of plan and text amendment applications for effect on transportation facilities. Proposals shall be reviewed to determine whether it significantly affects a transportation facility, in accordance with OAR 660-12-0060 (the TPR). Review is required when a development application includes a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan or changes to land use regulations.**

- B. “Significant” means that the transportation facility would change the functional classification of an existing or planned transportation facility, change the standards implementing a functional classification, allow types of land use, allow types or levels of land use that would result in levels of travel or access that are inconsistent with the functional classification of a transportation facility, or would reduce the level of service of the facility below the minimum level identified on the Transportation System Plan.**

- C. Per OAR 660-12-0060, Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan or changes to land use regulations which significantly affect a transportation facility shall assure that allowed land uses are consistent with the function, capacity, and level of service of the facility identified in the Transportation System Plan.**

FINDING: The proposed amendments are not tied to any one development application and do not affect the functional classification of any street. The proposed amendments will have no measurable impacts on the amount of traffic on the existing transportation system; therefore, this policy is not applicable to the proposed amendment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the analysis above, there is adequate information to make findings in support of the proposed amendment. Therefore, staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation of **APPROVAL** of the text amendment to the City Council as proposed.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Proposed Text Amendment
- B. Comments from Joyce Osborne dated June 23, 2015
- C. Comments from Steve Hunt dated June 30, 2015
- D. Comments from Terry Miller as written in the Sherwood Gazette published on July 1, 2015
- E. Tabulated online survey responses concerning backyard chickens
- F. Staff Amended proposed Text Amendment
- G. Comments from Chief Jeff Groth, Sherwood Police Department



Proposed Code Amendment Draft Language

MUNICIPAL CODE

TITLE 6-ANIMALS

Chapter 6.03 Backyard Chickens

6.03.010 Purpose: Residents of the City shall be allowed to keep chickens, subject to the requirements of this Chapter.

6.03.020. Number of Chickens Permitted

- A. Up to three (3) hens may be kept on properties at least 5,000 square feet in size.
- B. Up to five (5) hens may be kept on properties at least 10,000 square feet in size.
- C. No roosters may be kept within the City.
- D. Chicks up to 12 weeks old may be kept indoors and are not subject to the limitations of (1) and (2) above.

6.03.030. Location Requirements

- A. Chickens shall only be kept on property that is occupied by a detached single-family dwelling.
- B. Chickens shall only be kept upon property that is the principal residence of the owner of the chickens.
- C. Chickens and chicken enclosures shall not be located in any area between the primary dwelling and the front property line.
- D. Chicken enclosures must be at least ten (10) feet from the property line and at least twenty-five (25) feet from any abutting dwelling unit.

6.03.040. Conditions of Permit

- A. Chicken Enclosures

1. Chickens shall be kept within a secure enclosure at night. During daylight hours, chickens shall be kept within a secure enclosure unless under direct supervision within a fenced yard.

2. Allowing chickens to enter adjoining properties is prohibited.

3. Enclosures shall be kept clean, dry, and free of noticeable odors and in good repair.

4. Enclosures shall be designed to prevent the entry of rodents and predators and shall effectively contain and protect the chickens.

B. Chickens shall be kept for personal, non-commercial use only. No person shall sell eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

C. The keeping of chickens in such a manner as to cause a nuisance, as defined in Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code or under applicable law, including the criteria in this chapter is prohibited. Violations shall be enforced per 9.44.060.

6.03.050 Procedure

A. In a residential zone, a resident who wants to raise chickens per the requirements of this Chapter must obtain a permit and demonstrate compliance with the above criteria, 6.03.040 and pay a processing fee.

B. Tenants and renters of property may keep chickens only with the written permission of the property owner included with the permit request.

C. Within 14 days following the approval of a permit application, the City shall provide written notice by first class mail to all property owners immediately abutting the permit holder's property. The notice must contain the name and address of the permit holder's contact information for persons to seek information or file complaints.

Chapter 6.04 Dogs (existing)

More on next page

Title 16 Sherwood Zoning and Development Code
Chapter 16.12 - RESIDENTIAL LAND USE DISTRICTS

	VLDR	LDR	MDRL	MDRH	HDR
COMMERCIAL					
• Raising of Animals other than Household Pets ⁵	C	C	C	C	C
CIVIC					
• Public Recreational Facilities ⁶	P	P	P	P	P

⁵ [Except for a limited number of chickens as permitted under Title 6-Animals, Chapter 6.03. Chickens.](#)

⁶ Includes, but is not limited to parks, playfields, sports and racquet courts, but excludes golf courses.

Michelle Miller

From: F Joyce Osborne <obornejoy@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 9:21 AM
To: Michelle Miller
Subject: Re: Chicken ordinance response

Ms. Miller,

The ordinance states “Maintenance or keeping of any livestock or buildings for the purpose of housing such livestock in such places or in such a manner that they will be offensive or annoying to residents within the immediate vicinity thereof, or maintaining the premises in such a manner as to be a breeding place or likely breeding place for rodents, flies or other pests.”

I think the wording needs to be more specific. “Offensive or annoying” is open to interpretation. Part of the problem in Sherwood is that so many houses back up to open space. The “breeding areas” are behind our houses. All our neighbors in Sherwood maintain their yards very well year round! However, I had to take down bird feeder with seed because it attracted rodents from pond/open space behind us. If we had chickens, the neighborhood raccoons would quickly try and figure out how to open chicken coop or tear hole in fence. Neighborhood cats are always back in pond area catching rats and mice, but that is something that naturally occurs in wooded areas. Pond has no water in it now. You introduce chicken feed and rodents will come into yards to eat not breed, along with raccoons and other small animals. Tightly sealed containers to hold what is cleaned up out of chicken coop is essential or flies will really multiple in area. We had it happen from old neighbors chickens so know it is a possibility.

I see many people have written in expressing desire to have chickens. How many have actually raised chickens? There are lots of farms around Sherwood that probably have chickens. Has the city consulted with those owners to see what is necessary to maintain healthy chickens that don't bother neighbors? When we go to the Berry Barn their beautiful clean chicken coops look nothing like the one we had to live next door to at our old house for years. When we sold the house, the chickens next door were “undesirable” and decreased the number of potential buyers. This was in a city very similar to Sherwood not some trashy town. Chickens are fun and we didn't even mind the rooster crowing in the morning, but our experience taught us that wording of ordinances around chickens need to be specific for the owners of the chickens for their own health and safety as well as their neighbors.

Yes, we will try and come to meeting on July 14th. I prefer to put comments in writing rather than go through motion of getting on camera at meeting. If raising chickens is allowed, the council and planning commission have responsibility to make sure the wording is in place to regulate nuisances and prevent neighborhood squabbling about having chickens. The primary concern should be for health of the residents of Sherwood as well as the chickens health. It is sad to see chickens walking around in dirty unclean coop and or yard. Hopefully, the letters of residents don't go unread by those that make the final decisions.

Thank you for forwarding this to appropriate parties involved. Your name was online as a contact person.

Joyce Osborne
23650 SW Platanus Place
Sherwood, Oregon

obornejoy@icloud.com

On Jun 22, 2015, at 10:55 AM, Michelle Miller <MillerM@SherwoodOregon.gov> wrote:

ATTACHMENT B

Good morning,

Thank you for providing your experience/comments with living near chickens. For now, the proposal calls for regulating the coop based on proximity to other dwellings and the owner's property lines. Any violations of related to cleanliness would follow the nuisance provisions, which are located

here: https://www.municode.com/library/or/sherwood/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT9PUPEMOWE_CH9.44NU

For now, the proposed chicken chapter references the nuisance provisions for enforcing good neighbor behavior and enforcement will be through our Police Department's Code Enforcement Officer. He has indicated a preference for specific nuisance criteria identified in the chicken provisions itself and the Planning Commission may decide to be more specific as to the "cleanliness" issue as you describe. I will provide your comments to the Planning Commission so that they can review it prior to the hearing.

Hope to see you at the hearing scheduled for July 14, 2015 at 7 pm here at City Hall

Other questions or comments, please contact me.

Thanks again,

Michelle

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-----Original Message-----

From: joyce oborne [mailto:obornejoy@icloud.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 6:07 PM
To: Michelle Miller
Subject: Backyard Chickens Code Language

I don't read any specific language in documents online that address the procedures necessary to have a clean chicken coop. Are there any requirements that droppings from chickens MUST be kept in tight sealed container and disposed of on a regular basis. How often must chicken coop be cleaned? What City agency will enforce codes/laws. People are human and have different interpretations of the word "clean".

We lived for years next door to a family that had chickens due to their daughters 4H project. The chickens were fine, but the flies, odor and rodents that they attracted were not OK. We loved our neighbors and clear cut city rules about cleanliness would have helped prevent our problem. Their daughter would have had to either follow city rules or give up her chickens.

Sincerely,

Joy Osborne

Michelle Miller

From: Steven Hunt <steventhunt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:33 AM
To: Michelle Miller
Subject: Backyard chickens

Dear Sherwood Planning commission,

Thank you for encouraging Sherwood citizens to register our views regarding allowing backyard chickens in Sherwood. I am not wholly against the idea of people raising poultry in my suburban neighborhood, but I do have some concerns.

First, please do not allow roosters. I have lived next to roosters before and waking up to the crow of a rooster at 5am is not as romantic as it might sound.

Second, please limit the number of chickens to fewer than 5 per household. If someone wants to raise more chickens than that then they should move to a farm.

Third, ensure that anyone raising chickens obtain a permit and demonstrates that they have an appropriate covered, predator-proof secure enclosure.

Fourth, please include some regulations to allow neighbors to bring action should a homeowner fail to control the smell or appearance of their chickens and their living areas. There is a big difference between living next to someone who maintains a clean, well ordered chicken coop and someone who buys chickens but fails to properly maintain their hygiene.

Thank you for considering my views on this matter. Sincerely, Steve Hunt
(resident at 16958 SW Richen Park Circle)

Don't let backyard chicken fans push pro-chicken agenda

There is a move afoot to make it easy for people to keep chickens in their backyards. But chickens—bless them—have never learned how to confine their cackling to one backyard nor how to stop possibilities of poo-laden dust and poultry smells wafting on the winds.

My yard already has random visits from possums, skunks, and raccoons, and a neighbor saw a coyote taking an afternoon walk down Highpoint. Unfortunately, chickens will encourage these varmints and rodents.

Stunned by the impact chickens might have on the character of our home, I went to Sherwood City Hall. Presumably, pressure from the chicken ad-

CITIZEN'S VIEW

by Terrence Miller

vocacy group has already caused the Planning Commission to create proposed regulatory language.

The initial language explicitly ignores any notice to, or rights of, adjacent property owners to object to or veto this impairment to the livability and peace of their mortgaged and taxed property: It ignores the majority of us.

The suggestion is that poultry owners have to keep their fowls at least ten feet from property lines. (As if a solid 10 feet of empty air would be enough to isolate us from their

chickens?!)

A pro-chicken email accidentally sent to me stressed the need to quickly get signatures for an online 'survey' by the Planning Commission.

The group hoped to convince people in favor of chickens to participate in the bogus survey. They were trying to gather 1500 positive responses to indicate popular opinion, amongst our 18,000 plus citizens. But how many voting age individuals have ever accessed the city's web site, much less the Planning Commission?

The fowl advocates want enough online signatures and voices at city meetings to feign apparent popularity, without any realistic count of voters. Can anyone imagine the issue

being popular in the newer neighborhoods! My informal survey of neighbors within four blocks of our home east of Sunset showed that only one person had any inkling of this political move. Most of them were a bit aghast at the possibility and all of them were against it.

Backyard chicken advocates will try to push for a quick decision in their favor at future City meetings before the general populace has any chance to weigh in on the issues. Sherwood democracy again!

We need to stand up for the quality of life we all want in Sherwood.

Terrence Miller is a Sherwood resident.

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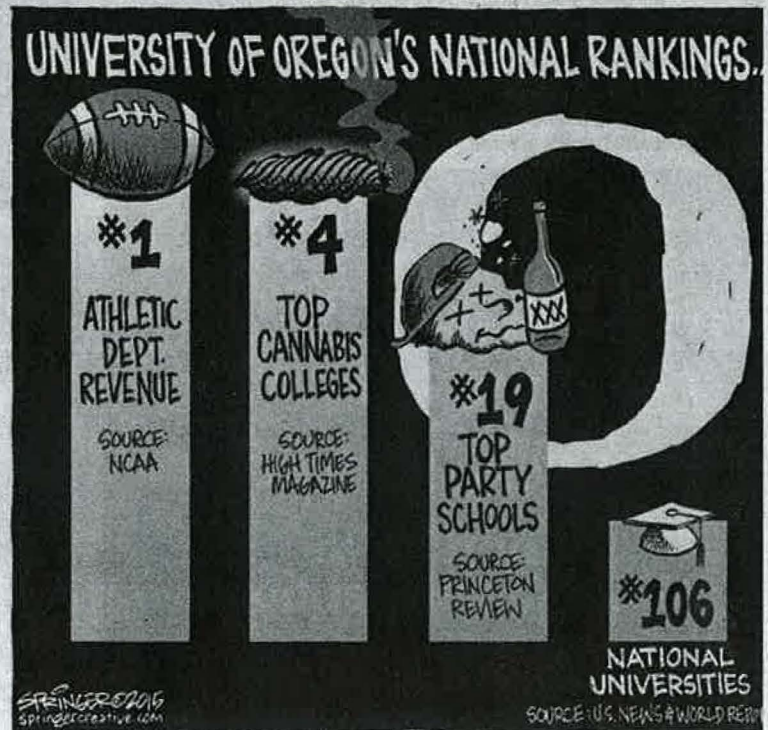
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Backyard Chickens

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ATTACHMENT E

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Total Responses

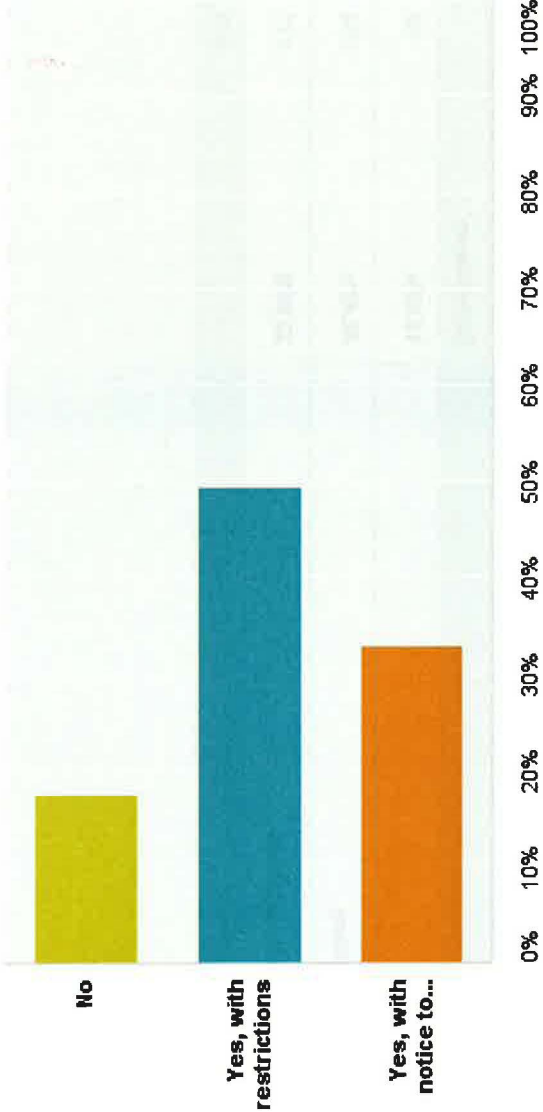
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Complete Responses: 535

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Q1: Should the City of Sherwood change its policy to make it easier to allow backyard chickens?

Answered: 522 Skipped: 76



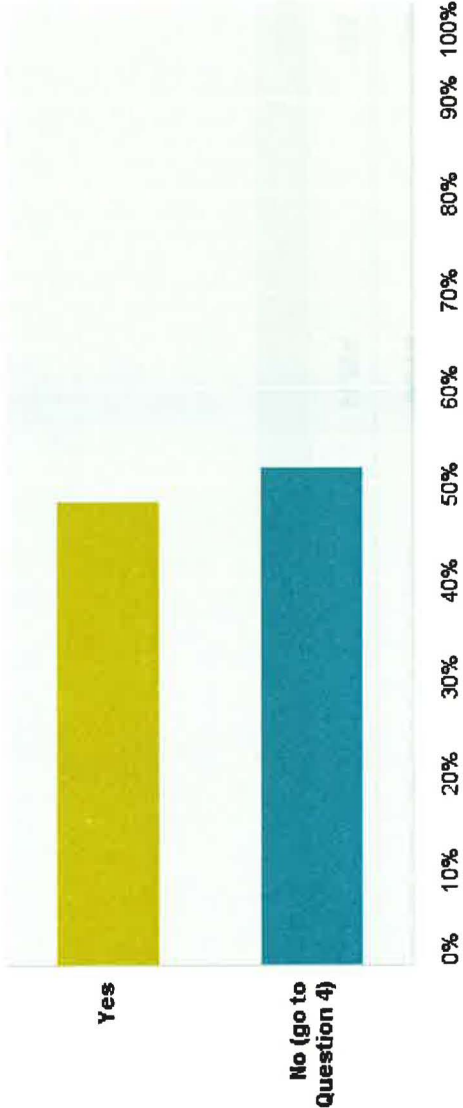
Q1: Should the City of Sherwood change its policy to make it easier to allow backyard chickens?

Answered: 522 Skipped: 76

Answer Choices	Responses
No	17.62% 92
Yes, with restrictions	49.43% 258
Yes, with notice to neighbors	32.95% 172
Total	522

Q2: If backyard chickens are allowed, should residents be required to get a permit from the City? (This could be a change from the existing requirement to obtain conditional use permit)

Answered: 531 Skipped: 67



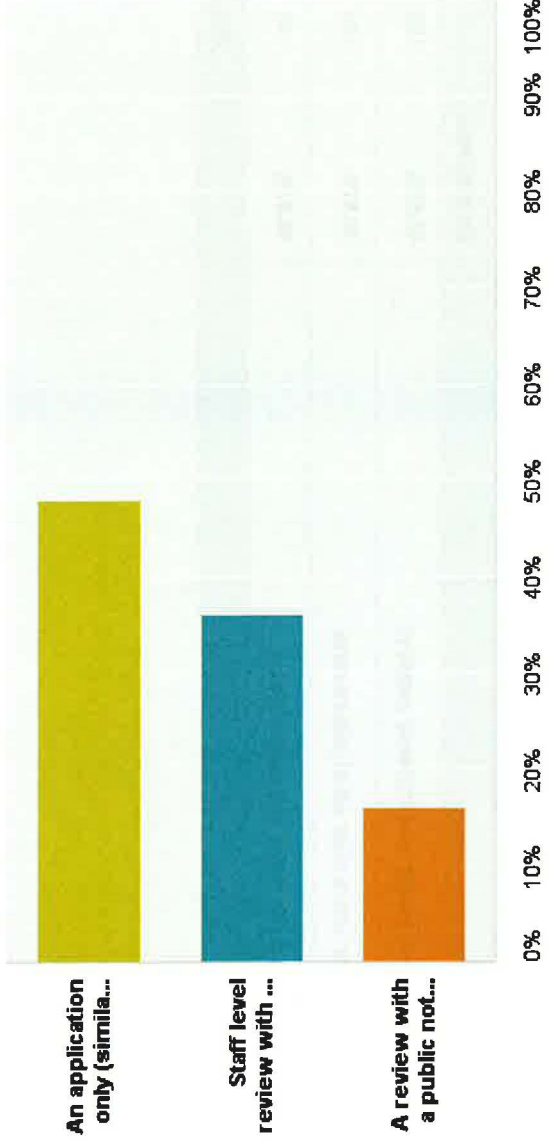
Q2: If backyard chickens are allowed, should residents be required to get a permit from the City? (This could be a change from the existing requirement to obtain conditional use permit)

Answered: 531 Skipped: 67

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	48.21%	256
No (go to Question 4)	51.79%	275
Total		531

Q3: If a backyard chicken permit is required, what level of review should an application have? (check all that apply)

Answered: 288 Skipped: 310



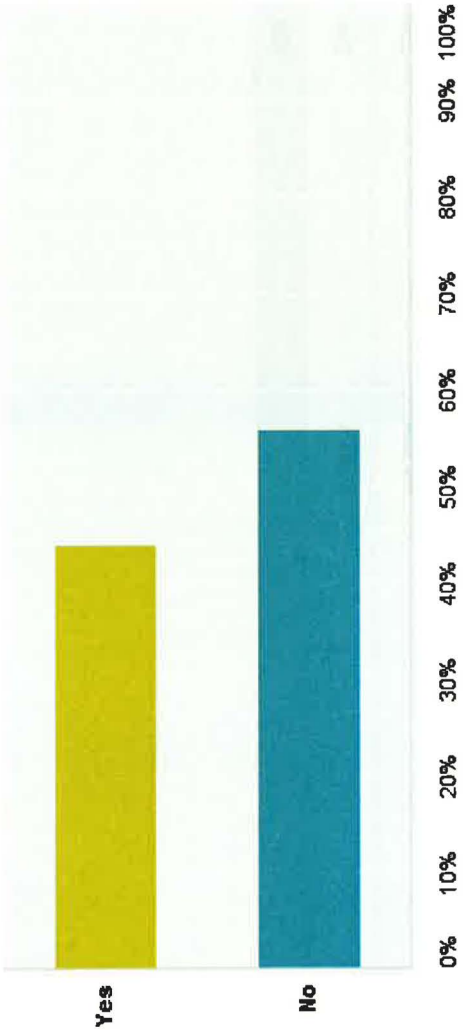
Q3: If a backyard chicken permit is required, what level of review should an application have? (check all that apply)

Answered: 288 Skipped: 310

Answer Choices	Responses
An application only (similar to a license or registry)	47.92% 138
Staff level review with a clear set of requirements	36.11% 104
A review with a public notice and public hearing	15.97% 46
Total	288

Q4: If your neighbor wanted to have chickens would you want to be notified?

Answered: 530 Skipped: 68



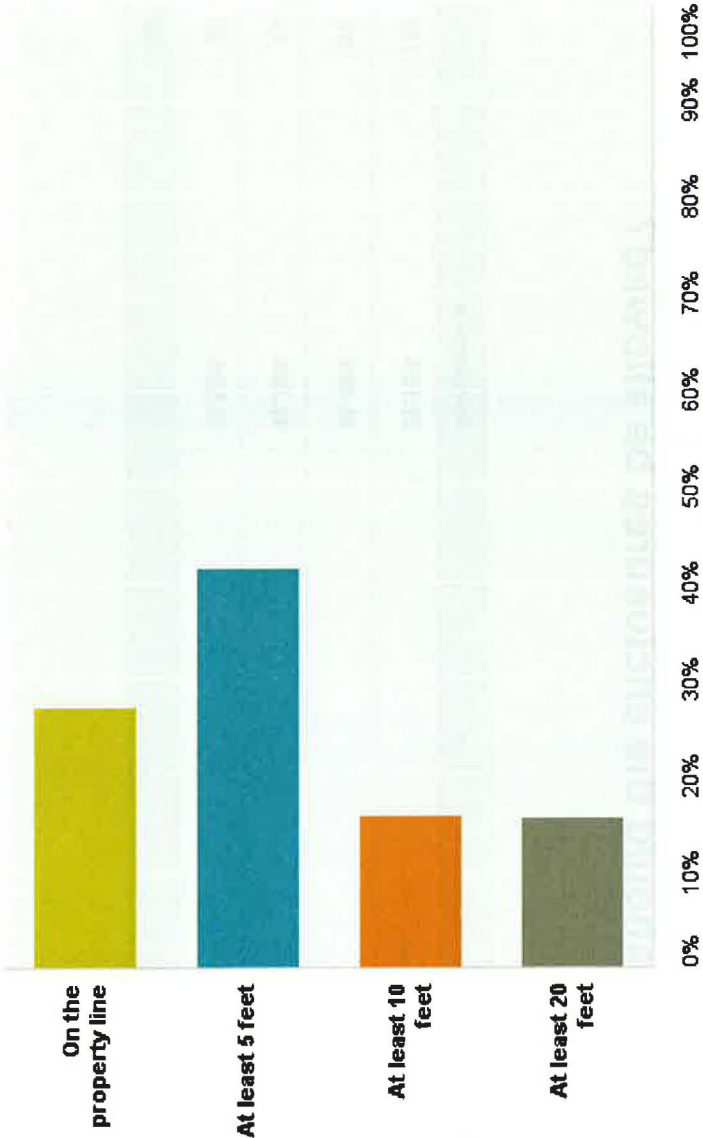
Q4: If your neighbor wanted to have chickens would you want to be notified?

Answered: 530 Skipped: 68

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	44.15% 234
No	55.85% 296
Total	530

Q5: We currently allow accessory structures in the backyard. We would consider chicken enclosures an accessory structure. How far from the rear and side property lines should the enclosures be allowed?

Answered: 526 Skipped: 72



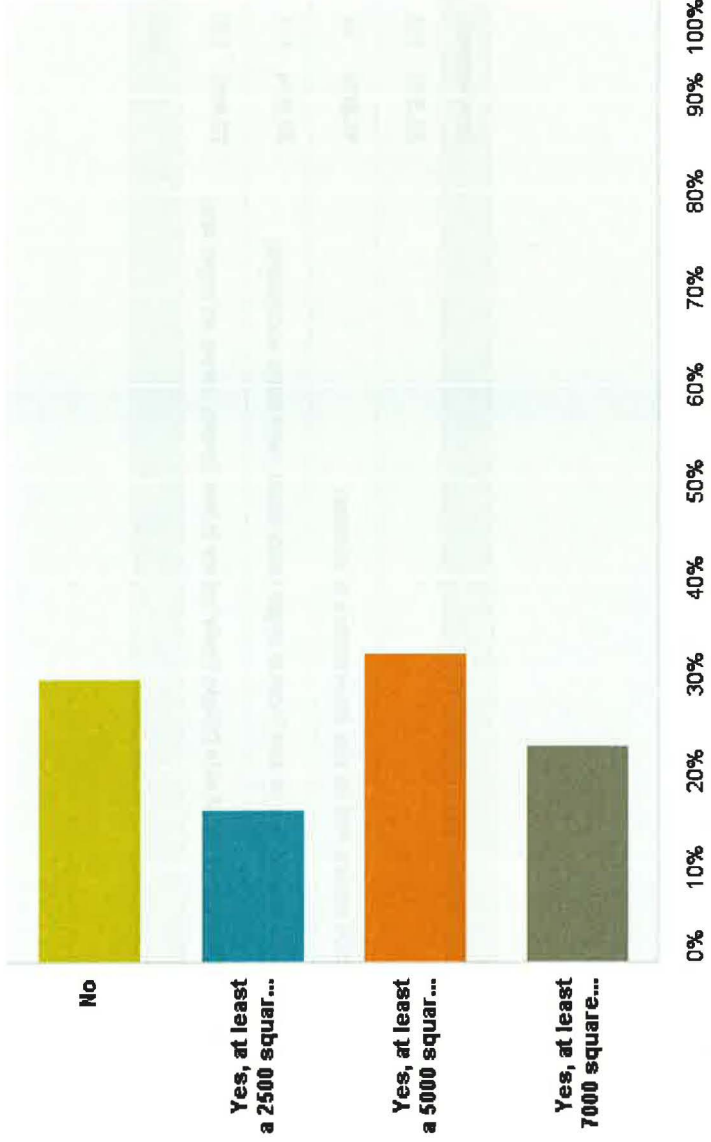
Q5: We currently allow accessory structures in the backyard. We would consider chicken enclosures an accessory structure. How far from the rear and side property lines should the enclosures be allowed?


Answered: 526 Skipped: 72

Answer Choices	Responses	
On the property line	27.19%	143
At least 5 feet	41.44%	218
At least 10 feet	15.78%	83
At least 20 feet	15.59%	82
Total		526

Q6: The lot size is the total land area of your property. Should there be a minimum lot size to have backyard chickens?

Answered: 531 Skipped: 67



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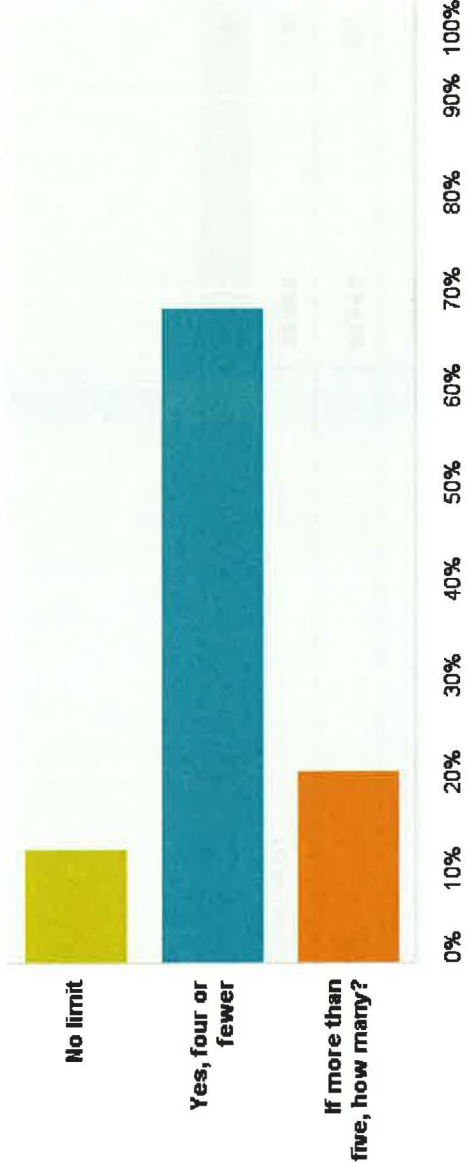
Q6: The lot size is the total land area of your property. Should there be a minimum lot size to have backyard chickens?

Answered: 531 Skipped: 67

Answer Choices	Responses
No	29.38% 156
Yes, at least a 2500 square feet lot size (townhomes or condos)	15.82% 84
Yes, at least a 5000 square feet lot size (typical single family home, with some exceptions)	32.20% 171
Yes, at least 7000 square feet lot size (single family homes in low density zones on larger lots)	22.60% 120
Total	531

Q7: Should there be a limit on the number of birds, and what should that limit be?

Answered: 530 Skipped: 68



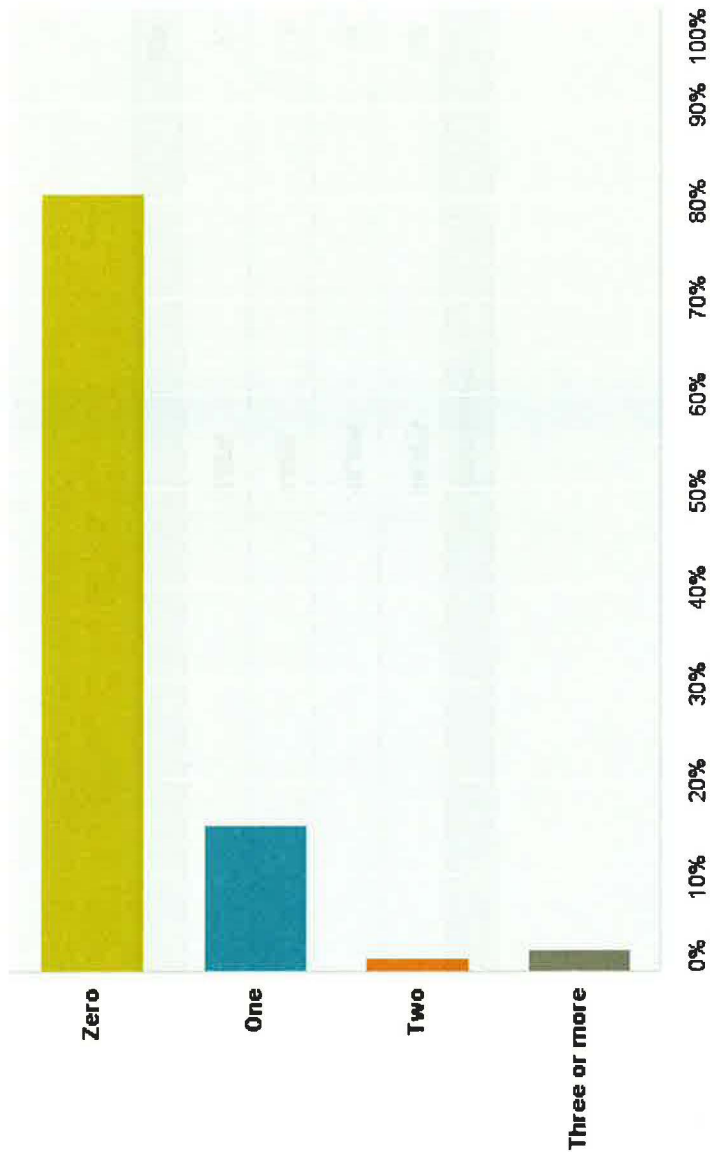
Q7: Should there be a limit on the number of birds, and what should that limit be?

Answered: 530 Skipped: 68

Answer Choices	Responses
No limit	11.89% 63
Yes, four or fewer	68.11% 361
If more than five, how many?	20.00% 106
Total	530

Q8: How many roosters should be allowed?

Answered: 528 Skipped: 70



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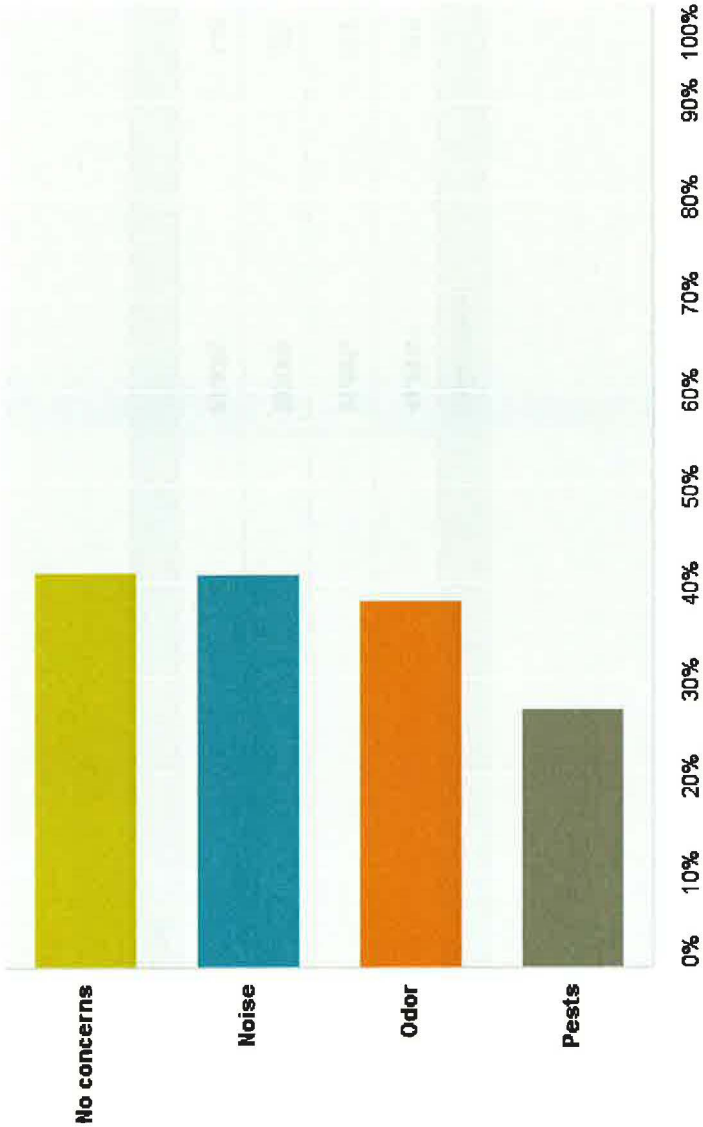
Q8: How many roosters should be allowed?

Answered: 528 Skipped: 70

Answer Choices	Responses
Zero	80.87% 427
One	15.34% 81
Two	1.52% 8
Three or more	2.27% 12
Total	528

Q9: If the City were to allow backyard chickens what would be your primary concerns? (check all that apply)

Answered: 529 Skipped: 69



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Answer Choices	Responses	
No concerns	41.21%	218
Noise	41.02%	217
Odor	38.19%	202
Pests	27.03%	143
Total Respondents: 529		

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I really hope chickens are allowed in Sherwood. I hope you will allow it. Thank you for your time!

Chickens are not harmful and provide happiness to families!

Yes, with the following restrictions: - no roosters - lot size restrictions (many lot sizes in Sherwood are too small for chickens not for the chicken's sake but for neighbors) lot sizes less than 10k square feet would not work. - hoas must have the ability to reject chickens entirely - the permit fee should be reduced to a reasonable fee, but not so cheap that just anyone can add chickens without serious consideration. In other words, not \$50 but perhaps somewhere in the \$500 to \$800 range. - chickens must be in a penned or fenced yard, both for the safety of the chickens and the neighbors. - limit the number of hens, perhaps based on lot size?

Just let people have their hens, but require a registration or permit just to make sure they have the space and means to keep them humanely. But there should be no payments to the city involved besides perhaps a nominal admin fee for researching an applicant's space. That's just ridiculous to charge outrageous fees for such things.

Yes, with no restrictions. (3)

Yes. As in most progressive cities municipalities are discovering that small flocks with no rooster pose no problems in urban neighborhoods. In fact, their presence is bringing communities together.

Yes, but it shouldn't be anyone's business what someone wanted to do on their own property.

No restrictions (except for roos), no notification.

Restrictions should only for small land residence, no rosters allowed

Make a max # allowable without neighbor consent.

Absolutely. Neighbors don't need notification either.

No restrictions or notice to neighbors needed!

Yes...no notice required.

Neighbors should be notified - but they shouldn't decide the outcome. The application process should.

No fees if neighbors approve

As long as your neighbors approve, and it is registered with the city, that should be enough. My neighbors don't care but I would never pay anything to the city to have chickens.

I think having chickens is a superb idea. An application with approval from bordering neighbors and clear guidelines as to how many can be had would ensure harmony in the neighborhoods.

I think that citizens of Sherwood should be allowed to have chickens within their backyards with a small fee for a permit and possibly notifying the neighbors out of respect.

I worry about backyard chickens becoming a sort of "nuclear bomb" in neighbor disputes. While the city says it complies with all applicable ordinances, neighbor a disapproves of neighbor b's landscape scheme, for example. Neighbor b declines to make any changes. And so, as a retaliation or as a "bargaining chip," neighbor a decides to get some chickens. Neighbors should also be notified, but the biggest help in making it easier would be a more reasonable permit fee. Tualatin, for example, only charges \$50 as long as the requirements are met and neighbors are notified about it. I know this because I own a home in Tualatin and my renters have backyard chickens. I think Tualatin's requirements are reasonable and Tualatin can be looked to as a model and resource for Sherwood as it is a nice, somewhat upscale community.

Portland allows for up to 3 chickens without a permit. Follow this model.

Please take time to consider how important it is to allow self-sufficiency to raise and grow food sources. Over \$4k for a permit restricts access to lower income that would greatly benefit from raising chickens. The fee for a permit in areas that require it like Portland is \$31.

Look at Portland, it works there. Go for it. Too often small cities that were once rural or boarder rural lands forget their heritage. Chickens pose no harm and bring a multitude of positive attributes to communities.

I'm super-excited that the city of Sherwood is considering allowing backyard chickens. I think Multnomah county allows three chickens in the backyard which seems reasonable. The issue is responsible pet ownership. Chickens are quieter than dogs, produce usable waste (garden), provide eggs, and are truly great pets. Believe it or not they have unique personalities and are smarter than people think they are. Thank you for considering this sustainable idea!

Check out Newberg. A great balance allowing chickens and keeping everyone happy

The city should not be involved with this \$4312.00 is bs just a way to control the people 4611 dollars for a permit insane!!

The current fee is outrageous and the process ridiculous. Smacks of rule-making to justify the need for rule-enforcers.

Charging 4600 for backyard chickens is one of the dumbest things I've ever heard. Dogs are a bigger nuisance and create more problems (on land and with neighbors) than almost any amount of chickens would.

I think it's a great idea. I would be first in line to have my own chickens but cannot afford over \$4000 to make it happen. Self sufficiency is a wonderful thing that all people should be able to attain.

Fees. Why do we charge someone to feed their families. Property taxes are insulting enough. Too much government at every level

I have successfully kept chickens in Sherwood, my neighbors enjoyed them also and I don't have them now solely due to the ridiculous fee.

The current \$4,611 conditional use permit application fee for backyard chickens is ludicrous, and an embarrassment to the city.

I think it is awesome. I am glad this is coming to the council. I have wanted two or three chickens for fresh eggs for some time but couldn't afford nor justify the 4k fee.

It should have some restrictions but not have such a high cost for a permit. \$100-\$300 would be good. Not over \$4000. That's way too much

It's moronic you have to pay over \$4500 if you want to have chickens

I have no problem with roosters crowing, but others might. Get rid of that encumbersome permit. Ridiculous

The permit should be less expensive.

The permit fee should be minimal.

Remove the permit fee.

No permit needed, cap on amount of chickens and no roosters.

Even if the permit was a reasonable cost, like the cost of a dog license is reasonable.

I think it should be less cost prohibitive, but restriction should be tight and neighbors should receive notification.

With restrictions to numbers, cooping requirements, and limit on number of days a rooster is allowed. Those animals get loud!

Offer chicken ownership classes to provide education on humane and neighborly chicken keeping.

Must follow certain guidelines for proper maintenance.

What would be the process to have the chickens removed if they become a nuisance?

There should be clear guidelines that if violated would preclude keeping your chickens.

I believe that the city needs to monitor living conditions to insure ethical and humane treatment of the animals

I like the idea of a permit so the person registering can obtain a clear set of expectations and perhaps local resources. I also think there should be a way for neighbors to get

involved if noise/smell/abuse are a problem. I live on the urban growth boundary and the neighbor behind us has a bunch of roosters the size of bulldogs! They crow 24/7. We don't like that but know it's the trade off. (seriously, why does he need so many roosters??)

Part of the permit procedure should be education and testing of the knowledge and skills required for keeping healthy poultry. All applicants should have a plan for swiftly dealing with sick or injured birds. Facilities should be inspected prior to issuing the permit, with a focus on proper ventilation as well as predator and pest protection. Facilities should be located closer to the permit-holder's residence than to any neighbor's residence. Considerations for other types of poultry (ducks, quail, turkeys) should be included in the new policy.

We live in a neighborhood that would require us to pay the \$4000. My 12 year old son is in 4th grade and loves farm animals but we have to find a family outside the city to house our animals for us. He wants to raise a couple of hens for eggs at our home. He has a garden for his vegetables and will soon own a rabbit. We would like to have the ability to raise a few chickens for this experience for him. I think you should limit the number of chickens to less than 4, but allow households to raise their own hens and eggs

The fee should not be so exorbitant that it prohibits a family from producing eggs for their own consumption.

There shouldn't be a fee to have backyard chickens. The current standards are outdated and overbearing

Low fee!

I can't believe anyone ever paid over \$4000 to be allowed to raise hens for eggs. The city should be ashamed

Citizens should be able to raise chickens, if they desire, however the regulations shouldn't be fee-based, the regulations should require a minimum lot size (e.g. 3/4 acre).

I think this is great that the city is considering this. The number of chickens allowed could be based on the net available square footage of the lot. Net would be lot size minus house footprint and minus hard surface area. It benefits no one to have too many chickens in an area.

I personally think there should not be any chickens allowed on property less than 2 acres. Chickens do not belong in neighborhoods, they belong on farms.

Allow more chickens with a permit. Or allow an increased # according to lot size

My concerns could be mitigated by tying the number of chickens allowed to the size of the yard - the bigger the yard, the more chickens. I don't see a problem with smaller yards having one or two chickens as long as there are regulations in place to ensure they are kept properly (although I don't know how you will regulate/enforce that. It certainly doesn't seem like anyone is checking that dogs and cats are kept/cared for properly.)

Yes some restrictions will make sense. A limit to the number of hens. And a minimum square footage of yard. I know I could easily keep 4 well cared for hens on a 7k square foot

yard. I do not like the 100 foot from any dwelling restrictions that some cities have. It pretty much eliminates almost every home from being able to have chickens.

And other restrictions including minimum lot size allowed, buffers to neighbors, and maintaining a quiet, clean, odor-free environment.

I think that people within city limits we a large enough enclosed lot size should be able to raise chickens in order to promote growing and eating local. Chickens alone barely make any noise or create a disturbance. They are less noisy than most dogs in the neighborhoods. I think this issue should most definitely be reviewed and corrected.

The number should be tied to the size of the property

If people have them there should be at least three. Chickens are a social animal and will wither and die if there is only one or two.

Chickens should be allowed with very limited restrictions. Three hens with no restrictions at all, roosters prohibited & an inexpensive, easily obtained permit for keeping additional hens should be in place. Hens help connect people to their food & can help teach people how to create a small simple symbiotic system in their own back yard. My husband & I moved away from Sherwood when we bought a house in part because chickens are restricted.

Do not allow roosters. (noise pollution)

Perhaps just restrictions on the number of chickens

5 is a good amount. Max should be 10

2

3 (3 respondents)

Even less than 4.

5 (14)

5+ with permit

6 (37)

7 (2)

8 (7)

People should have no more than 10.

10 (11)

12 (2)

15

Less than 20

I think the number should be dependent on lot size

Limit based on square footage of lot.

Depending on lot size bigger the lot the more chickens

Ratio of three chickens per resident

Depends on size of property. Should be allowed at least 6

Ten or less with no permit, additional birds with a permit.

Amount contingent on lot size

As many as can live clean and healthy (plenty of green grass, etc. not a mud pit with tons of birds)

Depends on the size of the lot. A 5,000sqft lot should start with 6.

Depends on size and type of bird (chicken, duck, quail, turkey) and facility (coop, run, etc.).

Depends on the size of the property.

Depend on available space, and other restrictions like type of structure, health conditions.

1 bird/quarter acre

Limits should be based on yard size 2 chickens for 5000 square foot yards, 4 chickens for 7000 square foot yards. Etc..

Should be tied to the size of the lot

Four or fewer for 5,000 sq. ft. lots and 1 extra hen per 1,000 sq. ft. above 5,000 and capped at 10 hens maximum.

I just think with the cost of food it wouldn't be bad to allow for at least three chickens.

Definitely no roosters... They're super loud. Chickens don't really have much odor

If someone wishes to have more than 5 chickens a permit process should be considered. Why is this process any different than cats and dogs?

There should be a limit on number of chickens and some type of regulation on roosters crowing

Limit the number of chickens. No roosters.

My comments are for the majority of homes in the city. My concern is for those owners who have unusually large property and might need more than four birds, a rooster etc.

Absolutely no roosters!

I'm really for this!! Just a little apprehensive about roosters waking us up early.

Hens but not roosters

No roosters, limit number of hens...something similar to other large cities

The only restriction I would support is that roosters not be allowed in the city. They make too much noise.

No males.

I am concerned about the noise of roosters.

I've been around chickens all my life and they provide many benefits to the owners. As long as there were no roosters allowed I think it would be ok to allow residents to own chickens for meat or eggs.

No roosters allowed

They are good for neighborhood just no roosters!!

Only a ban on roosters

Roosters are too loud to have on less than 1-2 acres or more. Other ordinances should cover noise, odor or smell issues. It's silly not to allow a few backyard hens!

Do we have a "no roosters" policy? I think female chickens only. Sorry dudes.

Roosters could be allowed in residential areas for a certain number of days to allow breeding, growing up if hatched in yard, etc. But not all year around or past a certain age because they are loud.

If most of my neighbors can't keep their dogs quiet, how will they keep their cocks from crowing at ungodly hours?

My concern would be chickens too close to fencing where they could disturb neighboring pets. I am not opposed to roosters, however would not want noise from crowing. Also would prefer regulations that no slaughtering can be done within city limits.

Yes should people be allowed to kill them for meat if it's their chicken of course

I think they are less annoying than other animals

We seem so worried about noise (rooster), yet there is always noise from garbage trucks, landscapers, people at the senior center all before 6 am etc. Rather hear a rooster!

I am sorry, but what is the big deal? Dogs are louder and their poop is bigger and smellier (is that a word) ;)

When I lived in Eugene, my neighbors had chickens. They aren't noisy or smelly. I myself, would love to have a few chickens, fresh eggs... Yum!

We moved from Eugene where chickens were allowed and common. We had chickens in our back yard. They are not noisy or smelly and didn't bother the neighbors. We now live in Sherwood on one acre and would like to have chickens again.

While as a neighbor, my biggest concern is noise, I feel the main overall issue is ethical and humane welfare.

If there noisy they simply go away.

Residents must clean up after their chickens or be charged a fine.

Must be contained, not roaming through neighborhood, clean conditions to keep odor/pests away

Getting loose and into my yard.

Adequate screening on hutches to prevent a fly problem

Our neighbor has chickens and there have been no problems. No smell, mess or pests. The noises are very low and minimal. We love seeing and hearing them

Any home owner should be allowed to keep chickens in their backyard without cost to the city. Mess and odor should be monitored by the city just like dog poop odors or any other odor problem.

Must be clean and poop removed on a regular basis. Weekly disposal. Must use odor control and fly control if it is a problem

Cats do more damage, and have zero leash laws, why should we not allow backyard chickens?!

Chickens are considerably less noisy than dogs and produce less mess. The only restriction should be that situations which are causing a problem (smells or true disturbances of the peace) should be resolved in a reasonable amount of time. Your current pricetag is clearly an attempt to prevent chickens, not prevent issues with them.

Citizens can't be trusted to pickup their dog crap in our parks when we provide poop sacks for free. What makes anyone believe we can trust citizens to keep their chicken coup clean and odor free????? Seriously! Chicken crap has a severe stink when left unkept. Dog crap on my shoes at Snyder Park is bad enough on occasion and chicken stench every day at home is intolerable. No chickens, keep that stink in Portland.

Sherwood is a unique and vibrant community with no large negative elements like many neighboring communities. Sherwood is also very unique and does not necessarily need the same community components that many of our neighboring communities might feel works well for them. In Sherwood the old tannery site was once the huge stinking blemish on our town until it burned down one day. Now Sherwood is recognized as one of the best communities in the USA because of all of its great features including access to rural life activities. With rural areas so close if a citizen deeply wants to responsibly have chickens they can easily network with many of our local farmers or co-ops to have a community type chicken coup where several people share the responsibility of caring for the chicken flock. I've lived in communities that allow chickens in subdivision style homes and it all sounds nice and wonderful until a family goes on summer vacation in august and leaves the chickens on their own a few days in the summer heat. The stink grows exponentially each day with the heat and enforcement is almost impossible and quite honestly useless while all the neighbors suffer with the stink until the family returns. We have a respect for the idea of being sustainable, but this idea is a failure at its core in the long run. Please keep our entire community in mind and don't ruin it just for a couple people who thinks this is a new wonderful idea to raise their own eggs.

It's hard to get kids to clean a cat's litter box in the house. How are people going to keep their outdoor chicken coup clean so the neighbors don't smell the chicken feces odor that is outrageous if not well tended? We moved to Sherwood for all the great things it offers including no chickens. Our last house in a neighboring community had chicken neighbors and we lived on the down wind side. It was horrible and the realtor even asked, "what is that smell" when preparing to show our house.....it was the neighbors chicken coup. We moved to Sherwood to get away from chicken poop and now we hear one single particular city councilor named Jennifer Harris wants the smell of chicken poop in Sherwood neighborhoods. This is so frustrating for us as we are elderly and can't survive another move if chickens are living next door. Hopefully this will all blow over because we hear it's just one city councilor who wants chickens. Please hear our voice as we can't attend your meetings and we don't like to complain in public, but this situation can ruin Sherwood. No chickens!!!

Chickens smell horrible.

If u could control the dog poop & daily noise first, then maybe chickens. Most of the families that live in Sherwood work outside the area, and cannot even control their dogs during the day because no one is home.

Manure control and insects issues are a concern. Disposal of dead fowl. Bird flu. Most people work and will not have time to properly care for the birds. It is a fad? Maybe.

Absolutely 100% no. Sherwood is a top notch community that doesn't suffer from the stinking stench of chicken poop. When people with chickens go on vacation in the summer and leave their flock unattended the heat makes the chicken poop stink like the Albany pulp mill or the Newberg sewer plant. This is the sort of disgusting odor that causes real decreases in property value. Unlike many of Sherwood's neighboring community we have unlimited rural access where if a person wants chickens they can collaborate with a local farmer to clean/tend/care for a flock. A more responsible solution to this problem that fits Sherwood is a coordinated effort to work with a handful of surrounding rural properties owners for "community" type chicken flocks. Having chickens as a neighbor in my Woodhaven community is not the answer Jennifer Harris. Chickens stink like your idea to raise them in our town. Take your stink to another town.

Allowing backyard chickens increased the likelihood of predators in our neighborhoods such as raccoons, wolves and other hunter gathers where our children play.

I moved to Sherwood to have a suburban lifestyle. I have lived next to chickens and the noise level is unacceptable. Also, Sherwood has plenty of coyotes coming into the neighborhoods looking for easy prey, i.e. cats. Chickens will be a target as well if allowed to roam free in yards.

Being in a rural area, despite the density of housing in much of Sherwood, I think having chickens will have a strong potential of attracting predators into the neighborhood environment. We have coyotes and cougars in this area and having easy prey in backyards will only bring them closer in. I strongly feel that having backyard chickens is unnecessary and the negatives seriously outweigh the benefit.

Chickens attract rodents and skunks and raccoons. If left unattended the coup can sink of chicken poop and in the summer this odor will make your eyes water. How will the police monitor and enforce unattended stinking chicken poop houses? If we have marijuana and chickens in Sherwood in 2015 I predict Sherwood will plummet to the bottom over time in the list of "livable cities". Shameful. Hear citizens voice on this matter and keep chickens out. Tell Jennifer Harris if she wants chickens so bad to just go get her own outside Sherwood, but don't force chickens into our clean, fresh smelling neighborhoods. Please keep chickens where they belong.....on the farm.

I used to live in a city that allows chickens within city limits. It was horrible. Roosters would start crowing as early as 3:00am!! The smell is horrific! Even with good pet owners (if you want to consider chickens as pets) don't always keep up with cleaning the chicken houses. Did you know skunks love chicken eggs? We have plenty of houses in Sherwood that border fields, green space, etc. Skunks and pests would become everyone's problem, not just chicken owners! I just don't see the need to allow chickens within city limits. If some one wants farm fresh, organic, free range eggs they can easily be purchased all around this city! Just drive around...farmers have signs up all over the place! Our table co-op has them available everyday. No chickens within city limits please!!!

Waste disposal. Chicken droppings are toxic and should require proper disposal. I.e. Not in a garden or flower bed

Maybe a public service brochure on the positive aspects of chickens - like less slugs, less pests, less bees, and without roosters there really isn't a noise issue. People love healthy chickens putting around.

Chickens often get lice; they are dirty. They should not be allowed in the city, period

My chickens are quieter than my neighbor's obnoxious barking dog so noise isn't an issue if you don't allow roosters. Rats can be an issue if the owner doesn't know how to set up a coop properly, but with a little education they can be avoided. Outdoor is minimal. I have an ideal, predator proof setup. Happy to share info.

They are less noisy than small barking dogs- they eat insects and slugs- overall much more pleasant than dogs to keep up after and they lay eggs

The attention it would garner for predators. My neighbors behind me have chickens and my mom saw a bobcat in the yard one day. It makes me afraid for neighborhood children's and pets.

There needs to be ongoing regulation (code compliance) regarding enclosure size, animal neglect, cruelty, noise, odor and pest control. Failure to control or correct should be subject to loss of permit.

The bigger your yard is the more chickens you can have.

It's about time. Sherwood is a farm friendly town. Chickens should be a no brainer.

Chickens should be treated like other pets, they should be allowed as long as people give them adequate space and care. Information on proper chicken keeping practices should be available. Manual or chickens keeping class would be great!

Seems kinda of silly to be having this discussion in 2015. Chickens are not the enemy. Only concern would be if the chickens start wandering. Chickens have a tendency to escape little fences and like to roam. There should absolutely be restrictions making sure they are not allowed to roam free off property.

It's a fun and easy way for kids to connect with their food and allows families to raise protein in a small area.

They're honestly not very different from pet cats, rabbits, inside birds, and dogs. It is silly to have to go through all this.

Do the community a favor and make it as easy as possible for people to raise their own food. Besides coops, chicken tractors are a useful way to manage a couple of chickens. You get just enough eggs for a family of 4.

Given the recent upsurge in urban flocks it would be nice to have Sherwood keeping up with the times!

People should have free access to chicken raising on their own property.

Please, you allow dogs and cats, all surrounding communities allow a limited amount of chickens, please allow Sherwood residents the same opportunity.

It should be allowed to have chickens, with the option to have "welfare checks" if there was a complaint, and then be handled respectfully and appropriately.

I think a lower barrier to entry will also allow for more legal chickens... There are several illegal chickens in the city currently due to the high permit cost (along with people's choice to get chickens regardless)

A structure for complaints that is easy to access and quick to resolve.

Cleanliness of the area used.

Disease! I live in old town and strongly oppose allowing back yard chickens.

Be logical. A few chickens should be ok if their area is kept clean.

Disposal of soiled bedding. In yard debris bin?

I'm very much in favor! My neighbor's dogs are far more annoying than chickens could ever be.

Yes. If allow chickens, what are you going to do when the dogs that most of us have start barking at the chickens next door? Are you then not going to enforce that noise restriction? Or is that enforceable by the local shelter? I see this creating more problems that it solves. What about violations on the weekends when code enforcement officer is not available? How are we going to judge what odor is too offensive? What about the wind blowing the smell over so that neighbors can't keep their windows open so they don't get smells of chicken feces coming inside their home? Is it right to grant a right to a few in order to inconvenience & trump the majority of us who don't have them? We live in a city that is

housed too close together to have chickens. Most of our housing is on lots smaller than 5,000 sq. ft. & there just isn't room. Move out of the city limits if you don't like it!

My main concern would be ground water contamination. In other cities the permit is free once they inspect the run and make sure it's safe for the birds and the environment.

Ducks and other poultry should be considered as well.

Ducks too please!

I would like the term "chickens" changed to "domestic fowl" as that would give residents the option of raising ducks, game hens, quail, and so on.

People don't normally have backyard chickens to raise them and sell. They have them for the eggs. This needs to be kept in perspective!

Let us have geese too

Raising animals such as chickens would provide a great opportunity for Sherwood youth to learn about raising and caring for animals, especially those youth that aspire to have a career in the area of animal science and/or veterinary care. Other small fowl such as ducks should also be allowed in the city limits (with the same regulations as chickens) because some may prefer them over chickens.

I think that having backyard hens should be a right. They provide eggs, which is a nutritious food. I think if a person has a right to have a dog or cat, a person should also have a right to have a few hens.

Sustainable living should be our right!

We think everyone should be able to raise chickens and it shouldn't be cost prohibitive.

Allowing backyard chickens will bring even more community to the town and encourage sustainable, healthy living. Thank you for reevaluating this issue.

I truly think that backyard chickens are a wonderful addition to cities. It is a wonderful way to help feed your family. A healthy cared for chicken will not spread disease. The risks for disease are only high in large operations where the chickens cannot be individually cared for by loving owners. I'm not against some restrictions. Lot size and number of chickens and no roosters. A clean cared for coop does not smell. One of the best things to put on the ground of a coop is sand and then the top can be sifted and the manure removed from the coop weekly. Hens are reasonably quiet during the day, though some do like to call out when laying. But as most people are out at work during the day the occasional sound should not likely be thought too terrible. By evening the hens have settled into their coop and are extremely quiet, they will not disturb anyone's sleep. I would really enjoy the opportunity to keep hens in my back yard. I've kept hens before and was disappointed to hear they were essentially illegal here in Sherwood. My neighbors before loved my coop, it was built to match the architecture of our home and blended in nicely and was always clean. The hens were well socialized and cared for, I never lost a hen to sickness.

With the problems of the commercial egg production practices coupled with thinks like avian flu, it is prudent that cities promote local food resources. Chickens are one way to do this.

Chickens are a valuable source of food and provide free fertilizer for gardens as well as help with weeds. Everyone should have access to them if they choose.

No restrictions. Everyone should be able to raise their own food resources.

No restrictions. Barking dogs and lawnmowers are more of a nuisance. Chickens provide a way for families to raise a cost effective source of organic protein.

I would love to have chickens again! I think this is a great idea!

Let people do what they want and don't complain about your neighbor

Sherwood is the only city in Oregon not to allow them!

This is silly! If I want chickens in my yard and they aren't bothering any one I should have, grew up having chickens my parents never had to get permission this city loves to many rules, crazy!

Allow chickens!

Please allow them!

Yes, finally!!

The city should get out of the people's lives. This is a way to control the people. The city are the royals and the people are commoners or just something they have to scrape of their boots

Barking dogs the neighborhood but no clucking chickens. We could have neighbors that are thieves break in the houses and selling drugs from the house but no chickens to me chickens are very peaceful to listen to. To keep the bugs out in the backyard which saves money on spray. People cooking on sale phones I see all the time you will never find a chicken that will do something against the law.

Living with chickens, under the proper restrictions, is no more of a nuisance than living with dogs. Except that chickens are more useful. It's outrageous that someone would have to pay thousands of dollars to be allowed to raise a couple of chickens in their back yard.

Every morning we hear the roosters down the street and I am constantly thinking about chicken dinner. Lol. Seriously I live in the city not in the country.

We would love to raise them!

They would cut back on pests! They eat them!:)

I feel that the current cost for growing backyard chickens in Sherwood is pretty outrageous. In fact, it is prohibitive for many people. If I were growing chickens in my backyard, it would be for the purpose of providing fresh, organic eggs for my family which I cannot afford to purchase at the market. In effect, the city is denying me quality, healthy food by imposing so much cost for doing something that no one would have thought twice about 75 years ago.

Their poo makes good fertilizer for organic gardening!

Let's get it done! This is taking Sherwood to long.

Allow chickens today. Don't deprive people of food.

Allowing chickens provides families with a sustainable source of food as well as the joy and pleasure if a pet. Chickens are certainly no noisier than the many dogs that persist in barking throughout the day in my neighborhood. The citizens of Sherwood should be allowed to raise 4 or fewer chickens.

My family crossed Sherwood off our list of possible places to live due to the chicken restrictions. I'd love to see this change for the better.

Yes, with very limited restrictions. No roosters is reasonable, as is a limit such as ten or under without a permit. Your current rule guarantees I will never live in your town.

Allowing chickens would be great. Planning on moving to your area but won't move until I find a town like mine.. We are allowed to have poultry and any miniature livestock in city limits

Would there be fees imposed for those who fail to follow the regulations and rules for backyard chickens? How would the new regulations be handled and made sure they were being followed? Where would complaints go & who would handle these to ensure residents are following the regulations?

Deal with problems as they happen like with other animals people have such as dogs, cats, etc.

I would want the home owners association to agree with these terms, and chickens allowed in Woodhaven.

We are a farming community and should be allowed to keep backyard chickens.

Chickens in high density neighborhoods are just not feasible, if you want chickens, you should have some land. I believe that even if enclosed, the chicken will get loose at some time and wonder the neighborhood. Then they become a problem to all residents. Would the owners be fined if the chickens get loose? If the chickens get loose, who cleans up the waste they leave behind? How could a neighbor enforce clean up of waste or destruction of property? Get land have chickens.

Too many concerns to voice them all. Please don't force this on citizens.

Chickens do not belong within city limits! Properties are way too close together. Even if the city puts restrictions on property size and number/sex of chickens, it would cause problems. Smell, pests, annoying rooster crowing, etc.

Chickens are farm animals that if not tended daily will generate odor and attract skunks, raccoons and other rodents. Many people can't responsibly pick up after their dogs in our parks where free bags are provided and this is hard to enforce. How would Sherwood enforce chicken standards on private property affectively?

Chickens are farm animals unlike cats or dogs. Leave them on the farm and maybe just maybe Jennifer Harris needs to be put out to pasture with this idiotic chicken idea. We just

got rid of the tannery and now Harris wants to smell chicken stink. If this passes I suggest an amendment that Jennifer Harris is required to have 5 chickens in her backyard while she is a city councilor so she has to smell the crap like the rest of us citizens. We need to smell chickens like we need a hole in the head. Dumbest idea I've heard for Sherwood in my 11 years here.

Chickens attract rats, mice and other rodents to eat their chicken feces and food. This sort of activity is better suited for urban cities that have no access to rural properties, but in Sherwood we are surrounded with rural large properties. I don't want to hear or smell chickens in Sherwood. Years ago there was a dairy where the bird refuge sits and it stunk unbelievably bad. At another time in Sherwood history the tannery stunk to high heavens and neighbors complained and property values plummeted. Only out of pure ignorance would a city councilor like Jennifer Harris who smokes marijuana for fun want to bring stinking chickens into Sherwood to ruin our wonderful little piece of heaven. Don't let chicken poop stink up our great town.

Chicken coops attract mice & rats. Sufficient space between the neighbor's property line and the coop is necessary so the neighbor doesn't have to deal with the rodents. Needs to be limited. Farm animals don't belong in high density areas.

This is a city with mostly high density housing. No chickens or any other livestock please.

Chickens are a farm animal. Should not be allowed in the city for all of the reasons in question 9. (noise, odor, pests)

Please do not allow backyard chickens within Sherwood city limits

I wouldn't allow backyard chickens at all if possible

No chickens in the city limits please

No backyard chickens in Sherwood residential communities please. If people want farm animals, they should go live on a farm. Thank you.

This is a city not a farm. I don't think it's necessary to have farm animals in the city

This is a horrible idea to amend the code.

Not in my neighborhood, or I'll vote against any sitting council members!

They are not meant for suburban neighborhoods they are a rural animal or are we going to allow goats too

Move to a rural area if you want chickens! They should not be allowed in neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering the needs of both the backyard chicken advocates and the needs of the chicken-free backyard enthusiasts!

This is a dumb idea!!!

In today's world this is a good idea. People should have an option that doesn't cost them thousands of dollars. The price tag right now is ridiculous, especially in a suburb like Sherwood.

I'm good with hens but not good with roosters in back yard.

There should be some requirements as a condition of having chickens that owners keep the coop clean and free of pests....licenses should be able to be revoked if they don't follow cleanliness or pest rules.

Most residential homes have CC&Rs against farm animals. Chickens are not allowed. Chickens should not be allowed because of people complaining until the city gives in. We live in a city not in a rural area. If they want chickens let them move to a farm. When you live in a city you need to be considerate to your neighbors. Do we allow dog kennels in residential area - no. The city should respect that chickens are not a good fit. Make the right decision.

Please don't regulate this - more than a regular pet like dogs. It is such a beneficial Eco system and great for kids and families:)

Chickens belong on farms not in residential neighborhoods. I do not have confidence that the city respond appropriately. Many homes have CC&R cides that state NO farm animals. That includes chickens. There should be absolutely no chickens within city limits unless you live on farm zoned areas. If residents what chickens they should move to the country where it will not effect neighbors piece if mind and home values.

Having a fee for people to be able to grow a life sustaining product on their own is ridiculous! Get rid of the fee.

Clear rules and processes for handling complaints (with funding)

Any adjoining property owner ought to have veto power over the chickens. It's represents a nuisance to their property and possibly a diminution of value to them. As is I have raccoons, possums and skunks cross our yard at night, and coyotes within a few blocks away. Chickens could draw vermin, and their droppings can be a health hazard. In addition I had Lyme disease from ticks in my back yard last year and one of my neighbor contracted it from the nature center. Chickens can carry ticks. It's an idiotic fad to allow chickens in a developed urban area.

Just say NO!!!

Raising chicken is great and I consider them less nuisance than dogs and cats. They are gentle, quiet and provide family with fresh eggs. I moved here last year from New Mexico and I had chickens over there. I hope city of Sherwood will reconsider to allow residents to have chickens in backyard. Thank you!!!



Staff Revised Recommendation Proposed Code Amendment Draft Language

Original Draft language is in Blue underline

Staff recommended changes in green underline

MUNICIPAL CODE

TITLE 6-ANIMALS

Chapter 6.03 Backyard Chickens

6.03.010 Purpose: Residents of the City will be allowed to keep chickens, subject to the requirements of this Chapter.

6.03.020. Number of Chickens Licensed

- A. Up to three (3) hens may be kept on properties at least 5,000 square feet in size.
- B. Up to five (5) hens may be kept on properties at least 10,000 square feet in size.
- C. No roosters may be kept within the City.
- D. Chicks up to 12 weeks old may be kept indoors and are not subject to the limitations of (1) and (2) above.

6.03.030. Location Requirements

- A. Chickens will only be kept on property that is occupied by a detached single-family dwelling.
- B. Chickens may only be kept upon property that is the principal residence of the owner of the chickens.
- C. Chickens and chicken enclosures may not be located in any area between the primary dwelling and the front property line.
- D. Chicken enclosures must be at least ten (10) feet from the property line and at least twenty-five (25) feet from any abutting dwelling unit.

6.03.040. Conditions of License

A. Chicken Enclosures

1. Chickens must be kept within a secure enclosure at night. During daylight hours, chickens must be kept within a secure enclosure unless under direct supervision within a fenced yard.
2. Allowing chickens to enter adjoining properties is prohibited.
3. Enclosures must be kept clean, dry, in good repair and not cause an odor that is unreasonably offensive or annoying to residents within the immediate vicinity.
4. Enclosures must be designed to prevent the entry of rodents and predators and must effectively contain and protect the chickens.
5. Enclosures must be designed so that they are not a breeding place or likely breeding place for rodents, flies or other pests.

B. Chickens must be kept for personal, non-commercial use only. No person may sell eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

6.03.050 Procedure

A. In a residential zone, a resident who wants to raise chickens per the requirements of this Chapter must obtain a license and demonstrate compliance with the above criteria, 6.03.040 and pay a processing fee.

B. Tenants and renters of property may keep chickens only with the written permission of the property owner included with the license request.

C. Within 14 days following the approval of a license application, the City will provide written notice by first class mail to all property owners immediately abutting the license holder's property. The notice must contain the name and address of the license holder's contact information for persons to seek information or file complaints.

6.03.060 Penalty: Violations of this section are classified as a Class C violation punishable by up to a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) fine.

Chapter 6.04 Dogs (existing)

[More on next page](#)

Title 16 Sherwood Zoning and Development Code
Chapter 16.12 - RESIDENTIAL LAND USE DISTRICTS

	VLDR	LDR	MDRL	MDRH	HDR
COMMERCIAL					
• Raising of Animals other than Household Pets ⁵	C	C	C	C	C
CIVIC					
• Public Recreational Facilities ⁶	P	P	P	P	P

⁵ [Except for a limited number of chickens as licensed under Title 6-Animals, Chapter 6.03. Chickens.](#)

⁶ Includes, but is not limited to parks, playfields, sports and racquet courts, but excludes golf courses.

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From: Bradley Kilby
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:26 AM
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Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

From: Julia Hajduk
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From: Jeff Groth
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:05 AM
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Cc: Joseph Gall; Tom Pessemier; Ty Hanlon
Subject: Chickens-Municipal Code

Julia,

I am aware there are current discussions regarding the code to deal with backyard chickens. I want to share my input and desire that the code language/provisions be contained in chapter 6 of our current code, which deals with animals. I suspect at least some of the provisions needed are already contained in chapter 6. For example there is language regarding unreasonable noise and simply modifying it from "dogs" to "animals" will cover chickens as well.

The language should contain whatever restrictions & conditions needed with clear language establishing violations as Class "whatever" (likely C). This will enable the officer, or Bill to use discretion, as with any violation, and if they issue a citation the violator will have a chance to plead not guilty and go before the judge for a hearing. I do not want a "system" that complicates enforcement by requiring letters, etc.

From an enforcement perspective, this needs to be kept as simple and as clean as possible, or it will be become too burdensome for us to enforce. Keeping it simple & in one place will enable any police officer to locate the code, understand the code and enforce the code, and the burden will not fall on Bill alone or require the officer to refer to multiple chapters and/or deal with chapters they are unfamiliar with. This has the potential to be a big deal for us and it is important we keep it manageable.

Thx-JG

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The difficult we do now; the impossible takes a little longer.