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Backyard Chickens

Presentation

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City Council: Study Session

Basics

- ▶ Ordinance allowing backyard chickens
- ▶ Neighboring cities allow or do not specifically prohibit backyard chickens
- ▶ Most have setback requirements
- ▶ Roosters are typically prohibited

Requirements

- ▶ Adequate food and water
- ▶ Nests
- ▶ Roosts
- ▶ Runs

Proposed Ordinance Conditions

- ▶ 3-6 hens only
- ▶ Education, permit, and fee payment are required
- ▶ Permit
 - Permit submittal contains site plan and conceptual design

Proposed Ordinance Conditions

- ▶ Provides standards for
 - ▶ Coops
 - 1 per property
 - Minimum coop standards
 - Minimum and maximum area and maximum height
 - ▶ Runs
 - Minimum and maximum area

Proposed Ordinance Conditions

- ▶ Provides standards for
 - Sanitary conditions
 - Adequate food and water
 - Setbacks
- ▶ Prohibits
 - Sale of chicken byproducts, including eggs
 - Processing of deceased chickens in public view
 - Roosters - not less than \$1,000 fine

Construction Standards

- ▶ Workmanship like manner
- ▶ Coop exterior - weather protection
- ▶ Maintained in conformance with City Property Maintenance Code
- ▶ Exercise yard construction standards similar to coop standards with respect to weather protection and workmanship like manner

Coop Minimum Standards

- ▶ 3 or more sides with roof or other covering capable of allowing chickens in coop to remain dry
- ▶ Direct passage from the coop to the exercise yard
- ▶ Not exceed 6 ft in height
- ▶ At least 5 ft² of area per bird but no more than 80 ft² of area

Questions?