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Dear Councillors,

I am writing in regards to the backyard chicken issue in Hamilton. I would like you to add this issue to your agenda at the next meeting dated June 25, 2020. I have spoken to numerous people about this issue that would love to be able to voice their opinion.

I feel there is so much misinformation about backyard chickens. I know a lot of people that have chickens and as long as no one complains its ok. I would like to point out some of the misinformation about chickens and coops.

1) Noise - dogs barking is 90 decibels

- chickens is between 60 - 70 decibels about the same as a human conversation as per goggle
- my neighbours have 5 dogs barking all the time, other side 2 dogs barking , across the street 1 dog barking , backing onto my property there is about 4 or 5 hard to tell
- chickens cluck when in danger or having 1 egg a day - there seems to be a huge double standard!

2) Rats and mice - chicken eat mice

- chicken feed goes in a metal can to keep it dry and free of mice
- as for Rats my neighbours has about 10 bird feeders plus throws bread out all the time attracting not only birds but mice and rats
- my shed is full of bird seed all the time!

3) smell - like having a dog if you don't clean up after them it is going to smell , I have dogs (that don't bark by the way because I taught them not too)

I feel there is a double standard , I would like you to reconsider your view on the matter. I feel if there are standards and guideline to follow then you make it fair for everyone. may be put in place that they have to have a permit and a safe coop with limits on how many chickens they can have. I think you are aware that people are doing it anyway with or without your approval.

I have major concerns about food quality and being forced to buy food with all kinds of chemicals and antibiotics pumped into it. I have planted fruit trees , grapes, a vegetable garden and plan on putting in a pond so we can have fish as well. Please consider putting this on your agenda to have it heard.

thank you for listen to me and I hope to hear back from you on this issue.

Yours truly,
Joanne Fenbow
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