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Dear committee members, I hope this email finds you well. thank you for continuing to support our community. It is much appreciated.

I am once again writing to the council in regard to the issue of Urban Hens in Hamilton. I have just been informed that Councillor Nann is presently in consultation with staff and colleagues and On October 7th, she will bring forward a motion to the General Issues Committee to explore a pilot program permitting Urban Hens in specific areas of the City.

I would like to offer my expertise and support for this pilot since I grew up having Urban Hens. During those years we were able to correct a couple of important glitches that created a complete noon disturbance for neighbors.

Please see below my experiences and additional supporting websites:

- Hens **are very quiet** . Unlike roosters.
- Fresh eggs** and more nutritional eggs.
- fed with **Organic** and non GMO food.
- Raised **Cruelty-free**
- the chicken manure is classified as one of the **best natural Fertilizers**. Also, excellent to add to your compost.
- Pest control**: Chickens will eat any sort of bug. No need for pesticides.
- chickens Help to **cut down on food waste**. Chickens will . Help the Heavy load of landfills
- Chickens are **Therapeutic** animals. Proven especially to be helpful for people with **dementia** and children with **autism**.
- A form of entertainment / **hobby for children** other than electronics.
- Provide a taste of **country life** for city folks.

-**Inexpensive** to care for.

-there are several professional **websites** regarding backyard chickens that offer daily support and consultations.

- **local chicken vendors** that only sell quiet and docile chickens are located on the outskirts of Hamilton

- only a very **small percentage of chickens cluck** [app 10 seconds] when they lay their egg.

-**Proper chicken coop** is imperative to keep hens quiet;

Containment requirements: chickens are to be confined at all times in a coop or outdoor run, meaning free-ranging is not allowed.

Regulations related to chicken enclosures: the chicken run must have 2 ½-3 foot walls/tarp/ bushes to block the view of visiting animals[squirrels ,raccoons, etc] to prevent scared squawking. The Run should be enclosed with hardware cloth of chain-link fencing. Chicken wire is not strong enough to keep out predators.

Please feel free to contact me for further information,

sincerely, Mike Bozzo

<https://www.naturallivingideas.com/20-convincing-reasons-to-keep-backyard-chickens/>

<http://www.countingmychickens.com/is-it-legal-to-raise-chickens-in-my-suburban-backyard/>

approval of backyard:

https://www.stwnewspress.com/news/backyard-chickens-get-final-approval/article_ca3c7da6-60b6-11e9-86d0-8b094d0ead2d.html

<https://www.backyardchickens.com/>

