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Dear Counsellors,

I would like to start off by saying I'm sorry I missed the virtual meeting but I had to work, I have watched the whole meeting and I have a number of things I would like to point out.

I feel it is so important at this point in the pandemic to teach our children or grandchildren to be self-sustainable its essential. Food is an issue especially healthy food. Counsellor Wilson pointed out the nutritional value of backyard chickens, as per Google nutritional value of farm fresh eggs verse store bought, pasture-raised eggs are widely regarded as one of the best food sources for Vitamin D while Farm Fresh and store-bought eggs have cholesterol backyard eggs contain less most of the cholesterol in eggs is considered good cholesterol that does not cause the health problems.

I'm not sure why none of the councillors are concerned about all the rural chickens according to counsellor Clark he pointed out that rural chicken coops have no standards why is that, are they not living things? If the counsellors are so concerned about chickens why is no one concerned about the humane treatment of rural chickens? Why is there one standard for urban chickens and no standard for the rural ones?

I would have to ask counsellor Ferguson since he grew up on a farm how many chickens did they have in this Coupe that he is referring to from the last meeting? I would also like to know if he was trying to kill this chicken that ran up his back and pecked him on the neck? I would like to know the standards of the coop housing these chickens? Since you are comparing your personal experience. Are you comparing large Farm coops to a backyard Coupe with 3 - 5 chicken there is no comparison. Counselor Clark also stated chickens flying the coop, that can easily be prevented by clipping their wings

Counsellor Pearson complained about chickens in her neighbourhood. I don't know of any neighbourhood in this area that does not have raccoons, I have raccoons rats mice snakes an opossum. My neighbour has numerous bird feeders out approximately 10 and when I complained about it, the city sent me an email stating despite section 2 a person may feed or permit the feeding of a bird if 1 the bird is fed on premise owned or occupied by the person. 2 there is no accumulation of bird feces. 3 there is no interference with the normal use or enjoyment of any other premises. That seems like a double standard that you're so concerned about a chicken coop and yet my neighbour can put out 10 bird feeders? Just for the record to avoid mice and rats and raccoons in a chicken coop just use hardware cloth a Mouse cannot get through it. You also have to bury it two feet out from the chicken coop and the chicken run, to avoid things digging underneath the coop.

I believe there should be a change in the by law to allow chickens for all of the wards not just one two and three! If there was a pilot program I would like to be included in this and I am in Ward 11, I am on several chicken forms and people quite often give away chickens so should you allow a chicken pilot program there is a way of re-homing them.

I have been a big part of getting so many people to sign this petition that Heather Bond had circulating. That is why there is so many names on it. I think if you allow chickens to all of the wards there should be restrictions on how many you can have as per the size of your property. People with under 40 ft wide should only have about three, people over 40 should have no more than six. Coops should be about 10 ft away from all property lines. Personally I think if people got two chickens at a time that would stagger the laying. I have done research on how long chickens lay eggs I have spoken to about 7 people about birds laying between 5 to 7 years old, obviously they slow down in production especially in the winter time when there's less daylight or they're molting. I can supply you with 7 names of people with first-hand experience with birds that lay up to 7 years. The chickens that you're referring to that only lay two years are Sex Link chickens that are bred to produce 365 days a year and burn out quickly. Most people that have backyard chickens get Heritage breeds. That's why they refer to them as pets they are paying much more for these birds because they are bred for their looks and for their demeanour lol they don't run up your back and Peck you in the neck.

I hear a lot of comments from the counsellors about their personal experience or their personal opinions. I was under the impression that the counsellors were there to represent their constituents not their own personal issues.