

Lauren Schumann

From: City of Chandler <webmaster@chandleraz.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 9:52 AM
To: David De La Torre; POD
Subject: Webform Submission From: Planning and Zoning Commission Public Comment Form

Submitted on Wed, 02/02/2022 - 09:51 AM

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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Andrew Surnamer

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Comments

I just read that you are thinking of allowing chickens. I am STRONGLY AGAINST changes that would allow people to keep chickens at their house. I have lived next to houses with chickens before. They ALWAYS smell and make noise. Allowing this could also negatively impact property values.

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Lauren Schumann

From: Derek Horn
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 12:21 PM
To: Heather Figueroa
Cc: Andy Bass; Lauren Schumann; David De La Torre; Kevin Mayo
Subject: RE: Backyard chicken

Thanks, Heather. I shared with the Planning Team.

Best,

Derek

Derek D. Horn, P.E. | Director
City of Chandler | Development Services Department
215 East Buffalo Street | Chandler, Arizona 85225
480.782.3410 PHN

From: Heather Figueroa <Heather.Figueroa@chandleraz.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 12:18 PM
To: Derek Horn <Derek.Horn@chandleraz.gov>
Cc: Joshua Wright <Joshua.Wright@chandleraz.gov>; Tadd Wille <Tadd.Wille@chandleraz.gov>; Dawn Lang <Dawn.Lang@chandleraz.gov>; Andy Bass <Andy.Bass@chandleraz.gov>; Melissa Quillard <Melissa.Quillard@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: FW: Backyard chicken

Good Afternoon Derek,

FYI.....Mayor and Council received the following comments supporting backyard chickens.

Thank you.

Heather Figueroa
Executive Management Assistant
City of Chandler - Mayor and Council Office
Phone: 480 782-2206
Website: <https://www.chandleraz.gov>



From: Sam Huang AZ <samhuang.az@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Mayor&Council <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: Backyard chicken

Dear mayor and council,

I hope the council would lift the backyard chicken ban. This is not a public safety, health, or peace issue. The city shouldn't have intervened with it in the first place.

One of the major reasons why some people are against backyard chicken is because the noise they make. That isn't a real issue if they have some basic understanding about backyard chicken:

1. Chicken only make noise during the sunshine day time. For most of the time and especially after sunset, they are silent.
2. If one stays inside the house, one can barely hear the noise. Only under a very unusual situation that one would keep their windows or door open during the hot day.
3. People who have a big backyard or a garden in the backyard generally are not bothered with neighbor's backyard chicken.
4. Most people avoid going out to their backyard during the hot sunshine day time. The people who are really bothered were the chicken keepers themselves.
5. If someone did go out to their backyard during the day, in good chances they may hear many other noises, e.g. dog barking, construction, law mowing, birds, kids playing, people talking, and etc. Any of these are louder than neighbor's chicken.
6. Chicken won't do any partying during the night. People do, always more noise and louder.

Sam Huang

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From: Brittany Barry <Brittany.Barry@chandleraz.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 3:53 PM
To: Derek Horn <Derek.Horn@chandleraz.gov>
Cc: Joshua Wright <Joshua.Wright@chandleraz.gov>; Dawn Lang <Dawn.Lang@chandleraz.gov>; Tadd Wille <Tadd.Wille@chandleraz.gov>; Andy Bass <Andy.Bass@chandleraz.gov>; Matthew Burdick <Matthew.Burdick@chandleraz.gov>; Melissa Quillard <Melissa.Quillard@chandleraz.gov>; Heather Figueroa <Heather.Figueroa@chandleraz.gov>; Lynda Ruiz <Lynda.Ruiz@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: Constituent Inquiry FW: Chickens in Chandler

Good Afternoon Derek,

Please see below constituent question. If you or staff could reach out to the resident with information and provide our office an update, I would appreciate it. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Brittany Barry
Executive Management Assistant
City of Chandler - Mayor and Council Office
Phone: 480 782-2209
Website: <https://www.chandleraz.gov>



From: Matthew FritzMiller <matthew.fritzmillier@basised.com>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 10:23 AM
To: Kevin Hartke <Kevin.Hartke@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: Chickens in Chandler

Hi Mayor Hartke,

I hope you had a great summer. I wanted to check in on the chicken vote for Chandler. I know it was slated for this summer, but I didn't see anything on the Chandler website about when this will happen or if it will happen. Can you please let me know any update on this? I'm looking forward to being able to have chickens in our non-HOA yard.

Thanks!

Matt

Matthew FritzMiller
Head of School
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Lauren Schumann

From: Erica Barba
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 12:55 PM
To: Lauren Schumann
Subject: Fw: Meeting about chickens in residential areas

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Hi Lauren,

Below is the email we received as discussed.

Thanks again!

Erica Barba, CMC
Assistant City Clerk
City of Chandler, Arizona
City Clerk's Office
(480) 782-2183



From: Samantha Statt <samanthabustillo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 12:27 PM
To: Erica Barba <Erica.Barba@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Meeting about chickens in residential areas

Hello,

I am forwarding this after an automatic reply that Dana DeLong will be out of office for a while. Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Samantha Bustillo** <samanthabustillo@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022
Subject: Meeting about chickens in residential areas
To: dana.delong@chandleraz.gov

Hello,

My name is Samantha Statt and I am a resident in Chandler. I would like to know if/when there is a meeting scheduled to discuss allowing chickens in residential backyards and how I can participate in this discussion. I'm a wife and mom of four and we would like to have chickens as pets and to provide our family with eggs but recently learned, after talking with code enforcer Phillip Hubbard over the phone, that our home is not zoned to allow this. As a young family, we are not able to purchase land and/or a home large enough in an agricultural zone. I think families, especially children, in residential areas could benefit greatly from taking care of chickens.

I can be reached via email or my cell phone at 602-733-8628. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,
Samantha Statt

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Samantha Statt
Independent Certified Health Coach
602-733-8628

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From: Les Minkus <FAMINKUS@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 11:22 AM
To: Joshua Wright; Mayor&Council; Lauren Schumann; Rene Lopez; Kevin Hartke; Christine Ellis; Matt Orlando; Mark Stewart; OD Harris; Terry Roe
Subject: IMPORTANT - Opposition to the proposed chicken ordinance
Attachments: Chicken Powerpoint.pptx

Importance: High

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Good morning, please find attached a slide presentation expressing concerns on behalf of many Chandler residents regarding the discussion and scheduled Council vote by December 2022 on backyard chickens in Chandler. Please also see the following link regarding the abandonment of chickens by people that had acquired them during the recent Pandemic <https://www.foodandwine.com/news/adopted-chickens-returning-pandemic> .

We will be proceeding with community meetings and press releases to inform all Chandler residents citywide, that the CURRENT 6 Councilmembers and the Mayor **will be deciding for them** and over 280,000 residents, of the issues and impact on their daily lives due to the proposed amendment to the ordinance to allow a maximum of 5 backyard chickens in **All single family residences** in Chandler.

We believe the people's voice should be heard, therefore it is in the best interest of the entire community to include this issue in a ballot proposition to give the residents the right to vote on this amendment in a referendum. Also, with the newly elected Councilmembers taking office in January 2023, the current Councilmembers, whose terms end in December, should not be voting on this proposed amendment since the newly elected councilmembers will be able to vote on such issues in January.

Thank you,

Linda Sawyer, Les Minkus, Ruth Jones, and Mary Yanno

Lauren Schumann

From: Erica Barba
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 3:10 PM
To: Lauren Schumann
Cc: Dana DeLong
Subject: Fw: No to Chickens

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Hi Lauren,

I received the following email, I also spoke to the individual over the phone and she was not comfortable sharing her contact information as it would be public record.

Thanks!

Erica Barba, CMC
Assistant City Clerk
City of Chandler, Arizona
City Clerk's Office
(480) 782-2183



From: publicemail@q.com <publicemail@q.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Erica Barba <Erica.Barba@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: No to Chickens

Thank you for taking my call, Erica. Have a great rest of the day.

Please reject the proposal for chickens in single family communities in Chandler, especially those with common walls.

1. With chickens comes more noise, odor, disease (with potential for public health emergencies), rodents like RATS and ROACHES, as well as, predators such as coyotes and wild boar, threatening our pets. Plus, the chickens will be able to trespass on neighbor's property when the walls are short
2. When we purchased our properties, they were not designated as agricultural properties and that should not be changed for chicken enthusiasts. They can move to areas zoned for agricultural hobbies.
3. Despite the promise of Code Enforcement, we will have absolutely no recourse to prevent issues related to chickens.
 - a. With all due respect, the City has little to no recourse or power to enforce current city code now, as evidenced by the homeless on the streets, panhandlers on every corner, junk in yards, cars parked on the streets for days, blocking line of sight to oncoming traffic, neighbors/renters that do not clean up

dog waste or properly maintain the relief areas or adhere to leash laws, and current chicken owners violating city code with chickens and not effectively maintaining the areas.

- b. There is NO way to enforce the 5 chicken rule, odors from poorly maintained areas or the noise created by farm animals, despite promises and assurances to the contrary. Violations will have to be litigated individually, unnecessarily creating a financial burden on residents or force us to live with unwanted chickens.
 - c. Chickens in backyards will only serve to create unnecessary neighborhood tensions. There are always those that push the envelope and will have more chickens than permitted. Violations will never be enforced because that means a person will have to identify themselves when reporting a concern, whether to the city or HOA, which will upset the chicken enthusiast and that can be dangerous. Even if a person doesn't have to identify themselves when reporting a violation, it's a nuisance we don't need.
4. These chickens will effectively be in our backyards because of the close proximity and common walls, forcing us to unwillingly endure unsanitary conditions created by chickens. Chickens will create a stench, effectively stealing our property from us because we won't be able to enjoy the land and home we purchased.
 5. Residents will call our police department to enforce noise and odor violations because it is no longer safe to approach neighbors about issues. We need our law enforcement for crimes.
 6. While it's up to individual HOAs to determine if chickens will be permitted, rest assured that HOAs will allow such a measure because it means more dues for them to enforce the new rules, which they don't enforce either. Again, residents are forced to identify themselves, creating neighbor tensions.
 7. This is a disaster waiting to happen and residents will be left with no recourse. If people want farm animals, they should move to a farm. Rather, this proposal will force others to suffer or have to move. We have bigger issues to address in Chandler and adding the nuisance of chickens should not even be on the agenda. Crime, proper education, homelessness, lack of law enforcement, poor roads, increased air pollution, etc., should be the City's focus.
 8. Plus, we are being forced to endure all of the noise and pollution from private jets to and from Chandler Municipal Airport, despite voter's wishes. Chickens will just add another level of nuisance to our communities.

Please reject the proposal for backyard chickens in single family communities and those with common walls.

Thank you for your consideration.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

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Lauren Schumann

From: Erica Barba
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:55 PM
To: Lauren Schumann
Cc: Dana DeLong
Subject: Fw: No to Chickens

Hi Lauren,

Please find the opposition correspondence below.

Thanks,

Erica Barba, CMC
Assistant City Clerk
City of Chandler, Arizona
City Clerk's Office
(480) 782-2183



From: Bill Robbins <warobbins@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Erica Barba <Erica.Barba@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: No to Chickens

Please reject the proposal for chickens in single family communities in Chandler, especially those with common walls.

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 - b. There is NO way to enforce the 5 chicken rule, odors from poorly maintained areas or the noise created by farm animals, despite promises and assurances to the contrary. Violations will have to be litigated individually, unnecessarily creating a financial burden on residents or force us to live with unwanted chickens.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Robbins

602-980-0000

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Hi Lauren,

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From: Susan Putman <susan.putman@q.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:12 PM
To: Erica Barba <Erica.Barba@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: No to Chickens

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Susan Putman

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Lauren Schumann

From: Cindy Ashcraft <cindydavid4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2022 7:02 PM
To: Lauren Schumann
Subject: Re: Backyard Chickens- City of Chandler

thanks for calling and letting me see the actual ordinance plan. My biggest concern were roosters; did not realize they were not allowed.

If that stays that way, I'd be ok with it. Also like the 5' set back in the yard and like that there is a plan if there are complaints from neighbors. . I still don't get it why it's necessary (and wonder if other farm animals will be next?) but if there is no noise and chickens are contained it's fine. thanks again

Cindy Ashcraft

On Fri, Oct 28, 2022 at 3:04 PM Lauren Schumann <Lauren.Schumann@chandleraz.gov> wrote:

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> Cindy, thank you for taking the time to take my phone call today. Here's a website for residents to provide comments on the proposed City Code amendment to consider allowing chickens within single-family lots, <https://www.chandleraz.gov/government/departments/city-clerks-office/city-code-and-charter/backyard-chicken-ordinance-comment-form> . Please note all comments will be attached to staff's memo to the City Council.
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> If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.
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> Lauren Schumann
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