Name: Michelle O'Toole
Address: 3661 Serendipity Lane
Rapid City, SD
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chickens
Comment:
Please consider NOT allowing chickens to be raised on private property in city limits!
Living next to individuals who do not keep up their property ie mow lawns, paint houses, general upkeep!
Cleaning chicken coops is pushing the envelope!!
People are just not responsible enough.
Thank you
As I watch the number of Covid 19 cases rising in Pennington County along with the death count, I am appalled and enraged that the city government has shown no concern for the lives of the citizens. A simple order requiring the wearing of masks in public spaces would do much to lower the numbers of sick and dying. Why is Rapid City relying on corporations like Walmart, Target, Safeway, and Lowe’s to enact mask requirements and do the job of our government? REQUIRE MASKS NOW!
Name: Jimmie Lynn e
Address: 915 E Tallent st Rapid city S.D. 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Covid
Comment:

The general public is very much well aware that this covid issue is political and really has nothing to do with our well being! Now, after saying that I think South Dakota is one of the best places to be right now and any other time. Please serve the people that elected you and remember to not follow political agendas. We will support you if you don’t restrict us, this is an infringement on our political rights if you force us to wear masks. I for one will be out there protesting. If you force us to wear masks or anything else that goes against our, constitutional rights. Please continue to make us proud.
Name: Andrea Palmer
Address: 2613 ivy ave
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Backyard hens
Comment:
I am looking forward to backyard hens passing. They are less of a nuisance than barking dogs. On top of having fresh eggs they are a great learning experience for children. Please vote to approve the backyard hens! THANKYOU!
Name: Charles John Baker
Address: 4237 Canyon Lake Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: 32. LF071520-11
Comment:
I am opposed to urban hens in city limits. My brother is outside of city limits and his neighbors have hens. They are noisy and disruptive. I encourage the city council to vote against urban hens.
Name: Melanie Schafer
Address: 5234 Ross Ct
Rapid City, SD 57703

Meeting: Zoning Board of Adjustment / Planning Commission
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Chickens in city limits

Comment:
Chickens are absolutely awesome pets! They can be as loyal and loving as your family dog. Some people can’t have indoor animals because of allergies so chickens are a great substitute and can help teach kids responsibility. Chicken poop makes great fertilizer after some aging and chickens bring breakfast to the table, sometimes dinner!
Greetings, City Council and Mayor,

Please, please, please do not allow chicken coops in city limits.

a) our city animal control folks do not need the extra burden of chicken checks

b) the argument of chickens eat bugs and fertilize the ground is true but...they will not be free range-
they would be cooped. Those coops would need cleaning with some frequency

c) my property values would suffer. I, myself, cannot imagine buying a home by a chicken coop!

d) if this idea proceeds...at the very LEAST.. chicken license app should be annual, with a city fee, with
the beginning application process gaining the unanimas consent of all properties bordering the
applicants. If the license is obtained, the annual renewal (and fee) would be contingent on the neighbors
involved stating the chicken owners have been good stewards.

thank you.
Name: MaryMickley
Address: 2723 Rawhide Dr
Rapid City SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Chickens in city limits
Comment:

I am against the proposal allowing chickens within city limits. Code enforcement is already an issue here and adding yet another ordinance to a short staffed city department is not a fiscally responsible thing at this time. My other concerns are the smell of these coops if they are not properly kept up and the noise associated with them which could possibly decrease property value if and when a person decides to sell their home. Please do not allow chickens within the city limits now or in the future. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Mary Mickley
Name: Emily Beck
Address: 4314 Wonderland Dr
Meeting: Legal and Finance
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Hens
Comment:

I encourage you to support hens within the city limits. Please note that I encourage you to look at making it scalable. I have a very large family and sufficient land to care for more than 4 hens. Also the costs of hen husbandry do not reach the break even point with only 4 hens. This restriction would cause a financial loss for most people trying to supplement their families diet.

Maybe initially the limit is 4 and you monitor for violations and allow increases as the public sentiment changes.
Name: Katy Stulc
Address: 5106 Indigo Court
Rapid City, SD
57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chickens
Comment:
I support being able to own chickens within city limits.
Name: Alecia Fuller Kjerstad
Address: 2922 Tomahawk Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Aldermen Items - Hens
Comment:
I fully support allowing hens in city limits. I have spent considerable time in communities that allow hens and I have never heard a complaint. Under the proposed ordinance, the hens would be well contained, well maintained, and well regulated. People that keep hens tend to feed them vegetable food scraps that can keep waste from going to our already strapped landfill. Hen owners also tend to compost, which also reduces waste from going to the landfill. I am guessing most people opposed to hens just haven't been educated about the issue and have never lived next to hens.

Please support the allowing Hens in City Limits.

Thank you.
Name: Pamela Ekberg
Address: 821 Fox Run Drive
Apt 126
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: chickens in city
Comment:

having chickens in the city limits with all of the restrictions that have been defined

I do not live in an area where chickens could be kept however using chickens and their eggs for food in this rural area definitely makes sense to me
Name: Brooke Hatch
Address: 605 Cleveland Street, Rapid City, SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chickens
Comment:
Please allow hens in RC. We need to teach kids where food comes from and with a responsible ordinance we can do it! Pottery Barn makes chicken coops and the ones I have seen in other cities are well maintained and add value to neighborhoods. With a well defined ordinance that has accountability and regulations, we can make this work for our town and make it our own.
Name: Lisa Bennett
Address: 2005 Buena Vista
Rapid city, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Chickens in City Limits
Comment:
Highly support allowing hens in Rapid City. They provide a sustainable, economic food source and also make nice pets.
Hello,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the Urban Hens Ordinance. I believe the keeping of urban hens can be done in a safe and respectful manner, as evidenced in more and more cities who have adopted such ordinances. Any time we can encourage families to become connected to their own food production, and take some direct control of their own diets, I believe we should do so.

Thank you,

Glen Marshall
Name: Brad A Winter
Address: 4322 circle drive rapid city sd 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item:
Comment:

I support the right to own 3 hen chickens in Rapid City. Most big cities allow this and I think it would be an awesome idea. I would be willing to take care of chickens that escape until we find them a new home. Fresh eggs, fertilizer for my garden and flower beds would be two big benefits!! Please vote yes!!
Name: Iorian Rea
Address: 2120 Harney Dr
Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: Legal and Finance
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Backyard hens
Comment:
I am in full support of allowing hens in Rapid City (with restrictions). A few hens are a welcome addition to a family's ability to live sustainably and are less bothersome than a loud, barking and pooping dog. Please be progressive and allow for chickens in Rapid