Name: Joel Watson
Address: 1113 St. Cloud Street
Rapid City, 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type:
Agenda Item:
Comment:

I am FOR keeping hens in the City limits of Rapid City. Fresh eggs from contented hens rather than egg-farmed in cruelty are something to be treasured and eaten with Joy.
Name: Amy Hendricks
Address: 2526 Cruz Dr
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type:
Agenda Item: Chickens allowed in Rapid city
Comment:
Would love to support
Name: Timmi Bubac
Address: 5396 Meadowlark Dr. Rapid City, SD
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Chickens in city limits

Comment:

While I know it may be nerve wracking to some to allow change in our community, allowing chickens in city limits is one change we should not fear. Chickens, especially hens, are such fun family members. I lived in Fort Collins, CO for 10 years, many of which I raised six backyard chickens. In fact, the second house I lived in there had a coop as a backyard fixture! People in Fort Collins have been keeping backyard chickens for a long time without issues, the fresh eggs, the sweet and funny pets, and the easy chores make chickens a perfect addition to the family, and an addition who actually pulls their weight by providing healthy food! I never had a neighbor complain—hens are mostly quiet, they ate easy to take care of, there are so many inexpensive products to ensure coops stay fresh and clean and not smelly or bothersome at all.
Name: Harmony May
Address: 501 City Springs Rd. Apt. 8
Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Having Chickens in Town
Comment:

My husband and I are moving into a home in town, and we would love to have a couple hens at our home! I love the idea of having hens and no roosters in town.
I am against having chickens in the city limits of Rapid City. They are a dirty animal and belong on farms where proper care can be given.
I support the right of Rapid Citizens to own and raise chickens within city limits. Especially in current pandemic times, chickens would provide food security to households when grocery store shortages appear. Similarly, chicken eggs would be a source of high protein when travel is restricted or dangerous for some and food is limited. Further, the argument that chickens are a nuisance does not stand. They are neither as loud nor do they produce as much waste. Additionally, chickens add enrichment and many benefits to backyards, including reduced bugs, cleaning debris, and providing fertilizer for gardens. Given Rapid City’s rural roots and the historical precedent of chicken ownership prior to 2011, this new proposal fits our community and should be passed.
Name: Linda Haeder
Address: 411 S. Berry Pine Road 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Chickens
Comment:
I am all in favor of city chickens. I do not plan to own a chicken but would not care a bit if my neighbors choose to do so.
Name: Paula Jensen
Address: 409 Fieldview Dr.
Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Chickens in town
Comment:
I would love to be able to have chickens in town. No roosters and a limited amount. They eat the bugs, give eggs, and really are not that loud if you don't have a rooster.

More progressive towns have regulated the number of chickens and have been fine. Please consider.

Thanks.
I am fully in favor of allowing hens in Rapid City. Chickens can be well managed and they fit well into an urban landscape. They provide food security and can be part of a sustainable, urban yard system (along with gardens). It is time for our city to be progressive in this area and to allow for a few hens. Children will also greatly benefit from keeping chickens as they are wonderful, gentle pets that provide food for the family as well.
Name: Megan Mullin
Address: 1935 Rushmore St
Rapid City, SD
57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chickens
Comment:
I would love to raise hens to have fresh eggs and teach my son something he will have forever. Who knows about what will happen with school or grocery stores.
Please consider passing the bill to allow chickens to live in city limits.
Thank you for all your hard work, Megan.
Name: Amber Hoffmann
Address: 3411 Hall St. Rapid City SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Hen Ordinance
Comment:
Hello there, I just wanted to give my family’s support to allowing Hens inside Rapid City limits. It just makes sense to be more self reliant and sustaining. It's a pricey endeavor (building the coop, buying chickens & feed), so I believe only those who are truly committed will actually do it anyways. Dogs are truly more of a nuisance then a few clucking hens would be. Neighborhoods could put covenants in place if their majority don’t want to allow the animals.

We are a rural area and an agriculture state, so it just makes sense to me to support this endeavor and help people be more self-reliant.

Thanks so much,

The Hoffmann Family
Name: Cassandra Magee
Address: 4988 N Elk Vale Rd, Rapid City, SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: City Hens

Comment:

I am in favor of allowing hens in Rapid. Having a steady source of protein through eggs in this pandemic and beyond is a practical decision. I believe it could also foster a sense of community between neighbors through trading eggs for garden produce. Chickens are no more destructive or loud than dogs, in fact, I'd argue they are less so.
Name: Kimberly Lathe Grealer
Address: 1110 Kansas City Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Chickens in Rapid City
Comment:
I am 100% in favor of allowing people within Rapid City to have chickens. Not only are chickens wonderful pets, they can be a source of food. Too often access to sustainable food sources is denied to people. Cities not allowing people to own chickens, for example. Or homeowner's associations not allowing people to have vegetable gardens. It should be a basic human right to grow/produce your own food.
Name: Becky Vogt
Address: 1219 Burns Circle, Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Allowing Backyard Chickens in City Limits

Comment:
Thank you very for considering allowing residents of Rapid City to have backyard chickens. I would very much like to have a few hens in my backyard. I see very few negatives and many positives to this proposal.
Name: Nickolus Lopez
Address: 518 e jackson st rapid city south dakota 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Commnet
Agenda Item: Chickens is city limits
Comment:
I'm a local resident in North rapid. I've been wanting to have female chickens on my residence for a few years now. I do support the idea of giving this a try. I can speak with little experience of my own however quite a few people I know outside of the city have a great experience with females producing eggs. Which kind of the main goal after why I want chicken. I think we should stay away from the male's roosters for the time being. The only reason I say that is because I hear they can cause noise disturbances early in the morning. Can cause conflict with our neighbors. thank you for your consideration of my comment.
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
Comment:

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.