

Name: Susan Martin

Address: 1415 Jupiter Ct

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Urban Hen Ordinance

Comment:

If my family could have a few backyard hens, it would provide eggs for our family and others. I can tell you from personal experience that hens are no more a nuisance than a dog or pet bird... in fact, they are less. Hens won't bite the mailman or bark at the neighbors. If a hen mistakenly gets loose, it won't wander far & it will naturally return to its coop at dusk for safety.

Not only would this ordinance provide food source for families like mine, it would also provide additional 4-H options for youth. We want our future generations to stay in South Dakota (a primarily agricultural state) and 4-H is a large part of that experience and community involvement. My children love caring for the chickens at Grandma's house near Nemo. They have learned responsibility and the importance of ag in our country/state. They long for hens of our own to raise for 4-H as well as the delicious eggs they produce!

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Cheryl Allen

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Benefits of Raising Backyard Chickens

Chickens lay eggs. ...

Chickens create excellent fertilizer. ...

Chickens make great pets. ...

Chickens help clean your yard. ...

Chickens are like a natural garbage disposal. ...

Chickens are fairly easy to take care of. ...

Chickens help control bugs and weeds naturally. ...

Fresh, home-grown meat.

Name: AmyHendricks

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I am in full favor of Urban hen ordinance

Name: Katy Stulc

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I am in support of the possible new hen ordinance within Rapid City.

Name: Clay Schweitzer

Address: 2806 maple ave

Rapid City SD

57701

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Agenda Item: Back Yard Hens

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I write this in support Of the back yard hens ordinance. I believe the proposal set forth would allow community members to practice sustainability and the ability to gain self reliance. I also believe it could bring a lot of joy to families caring for the hens and in return getting fresh eggs. We are a state built on agriculture and I would love to add some hens to the garden to help with pest control and fertilizing. Thank you for your time.

Name: Christian Hunter

Address: 1421 11th Street

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

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I'm writing in support of the backyard hens ordinance. They're great and easy pets to have that allow people of all ages to see how various hens, their egg shape and color, and the flavor of their eggs can differ greatly!

The main complaints of noise and smell are unfounded. If you have only hens and regularly clean their coop then you'll have pets that smell and sound less than dogs.

I don't believe it makes sense to restrict the placement of hens in your backyard because other pets have no restrictions. Most homeowners like large structures like sheds at the edges of their property because it's nicer to have uninterrupted space in a backyard.

Hens also provide a healthy source of food security. Eggs have a great nutritional value for everyone. Chickens can forage and be fed scraps in addition I to feed in order to get healthy and delicious eggs.

Name: Courtney Vesely

Address: 1019 Fulton St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

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We just moved back here from Portland where urban farming and chickens are commonplace. We had chickens there that were able to supply ourselves and neighbors with eggs when they were hard to get at the store with Covid. Even in normal life, they are an easy to keep animal, and do not provide any more noise or disruption than dogs. I believe it's important to allow families to supply food for their family and teach their kids how to take care of animals, whether inside city limits or not. I believe having chickens in city limits would only add to the sense of community and culture in Rapid City, not detract from it. We must continue to strive to progress forward as a community and take care of ourselves and others. I believe allowing chickens in city limits is a huge step in the right direction.