We are totally against the keeping of hens in the city limits.

We are concerned that the structures for the birds will be constructed out of pallets or any other materials that may be available. What about electricity for lighting and heating the structure? Can the City guarantee that it would be done safely for a structure that could be a mere 25’ from our home?

We have the possibility of being surrounded by 18 hens .. not 6. Our home, as many homes in town, have neighbors on both sides and the back. The home behind ours is not separated by an ally or any other barrier and neither are the homes on either side.

The Humane Society has said that they do not endorse this ordinance. We would question the authority of the RC Hens group to enforce this ordinance..at best they will be able to help with stray or unwanted hens.

Please do not allow this ordinance to pass.
Mr Mayor & Council Members, Regarding the proposed change to city ordinance 6.08.020 to allow the keeping of hens in the yards of single family homes in the city of Rapid City - it is concerning to me that neighboring property owners will not be given the opportunity to accept or reject the keeping of hens in a neighbor's yard. Also, the proposed ordinance does not give consideration to the legitimate concerns stated in the Oct 1, 2020 letter from Mr. Steinley of the Human Society.

I am against the ordinance change as it is currently written.

Thank you for your consideration.

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