

Attachment A

Backyard Chickens Survey

Monday, November 09, 2020

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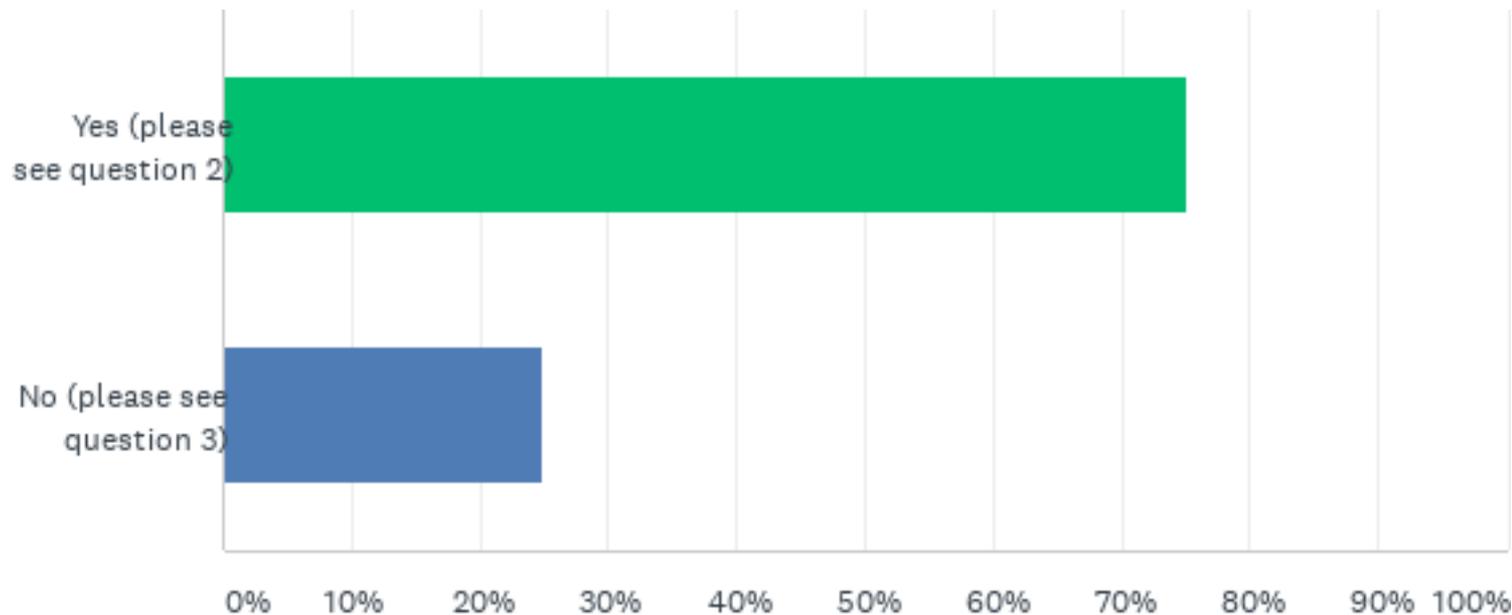
Total Responses

Date Created: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Complete Responses: 669

Q1: Do you think residents of the City should be allowed to keep chickens (laying hens) within the city limits under certain guidelines?

Answered: 669 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (please see question 2)	75.19%	503
No (please see question 3)	24.81%	166
TOTAL		669

Q2: On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not important and 5 being extremely important, how important are the following reasons for you to have chickens (laying hens only)? [Check one number only in each row.] Not Important → Extremely Important 1 2 3 4 5

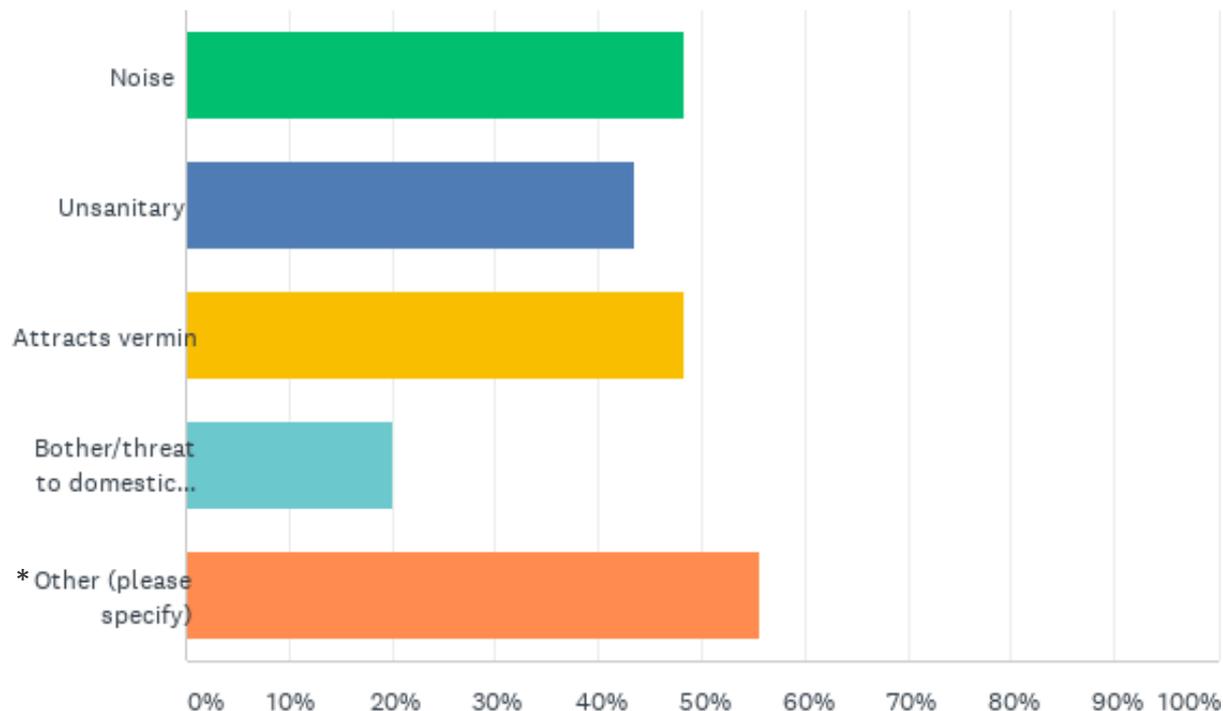
Answered: 549 Skipped: 120

	1 (NOT IMPORTANT)	2(SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT)	3 (MODERATELY IMPORTANT)	4(VERY IMPORTANT)	5 (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT)	TOTAL
Economical	21.24% 110	14.29% 74	28.76% 149	20.27% 105	15.44% 80	518
Part of a "greener" lifestyle	12.71% 68	9.91% 53	17.57% 94	28.22% 151	31.59% 169	535
Family tradition	31.12% 169	14.73% 80	22.28% 121	17.50% 95	14.36% 78	543
Food quality (e.g., freshness, health)	10.35% 56	4.44% 24	13.68% 74	27.17% 147	44.36% 240	541
Food source	11.99% 65	6.09% 33	16.97% 92	28.04% 152	36.90% 200	542
Fun/hobby	14.47% 78	7.61% 41	20.59% 111	28.01% 151	29.31% 158	539
Learning experience for kids	11.58% 63	6.99% 38	14.89% 81	25.74% 140	40.81% 222	544
* Other reasons to have birds	45.16% 168	9.95% 37	18.55% 69	10.48% 39	15.86% 59	372

*Please see attachment B for other responses

Q3: Why do you think laying hens should not be allowed within the City limits? (check all that apply)

Answered: 397 Skipped: 272



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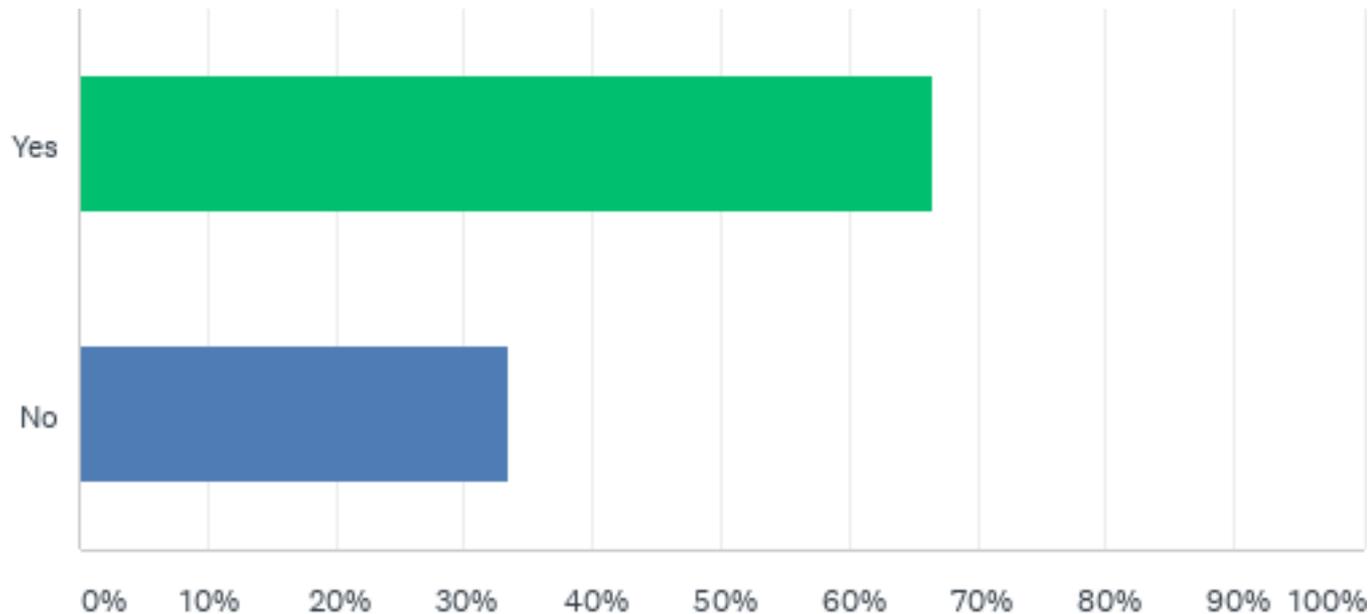
Answered: 397 Skipped: 272

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Noise	48.36%	192
Unsanitary	43.58%	173
Attracts vermin	48.36%	192
Bother/threat to domestic animals	20.15%	80
* Other (please specify)	55.67%	221
Total Respondents: 397		

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Q4: Have you ever kept chickens or known anyone in an urban area that has kept chickens for the purpose of urban farming? Yes/No

Answered: 661 Skipped: 8



If yes, please describe any of your positive or negative experiences with urban chickens. Responses are in Attachment C.

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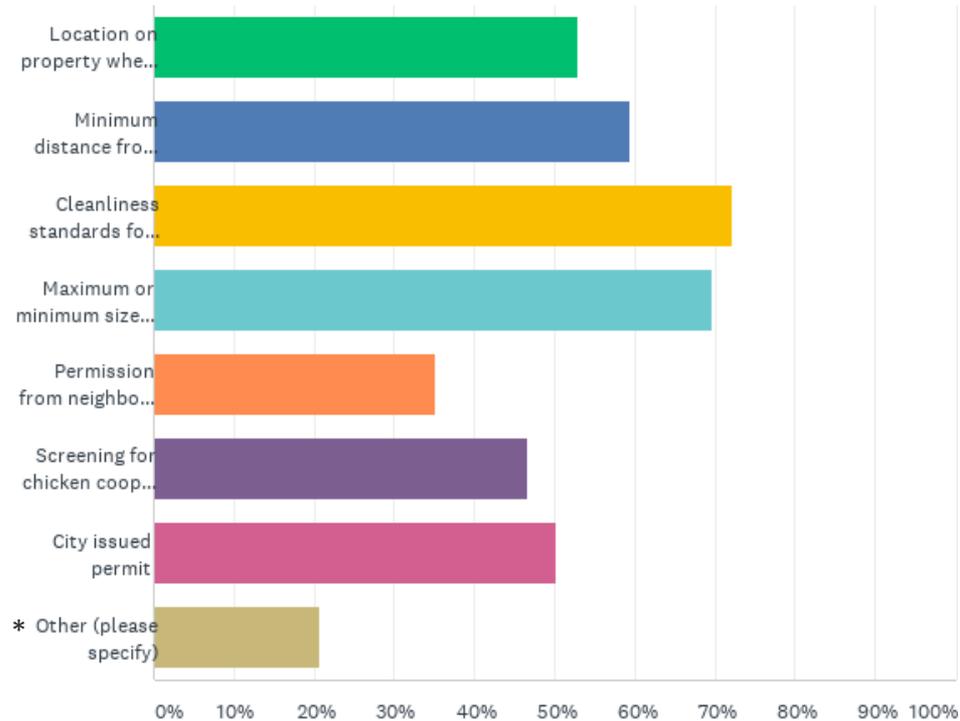
Answered: 661 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.57%	440
No	33.43%	221
TOTAL		661

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Q5: If guidelines are written to allow chickens (laying hens), what restrictions do you think are important for the City to consider? (check all that apply)

Answered: 649 Skipped: 20



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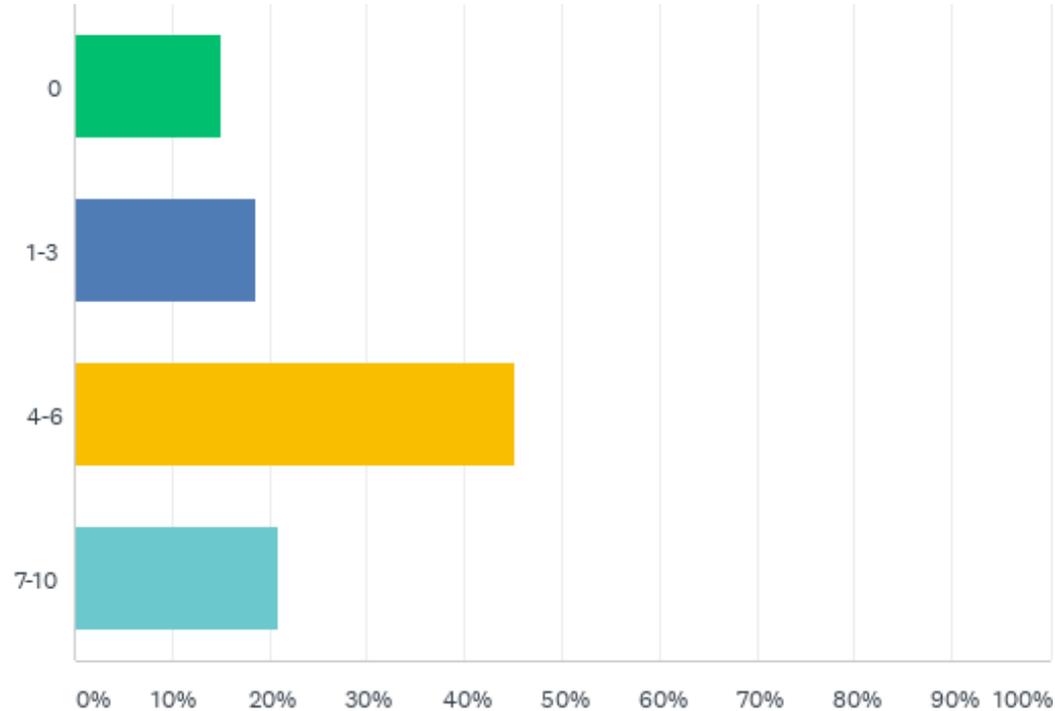
Answered: 649 Skipped: 20

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location on property where chickens are housed	53.00%	344
Minimum distance from other properties required for chicken coops	59.48%	386
Cleanliness standards for chicken coops	72.27%	469
Maximum or minimum size of coops and run area allowed	69.65%	452
Permission from neighbors required to keep chickens	35.13%	228
Screening for chicken coops and/or run area	46.69%	303
City issued permit	50.23%	326
* Other (please specify)	20.65%	134
Total Respondents: 649		

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Q6: If residents of Arden Hills were permitted to keep chickens (laying hens only), how many should you be allowed to keep?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 12



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	15.07%	99
1-3	18.72%	123
4-6	45.21%	297
7-10	21.00%	138
TOTAL		657

Q2 Other Responses - On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not important and 5 being extremely important, how important are the following reasons for you to have chickens (laying hens only)?

Attachment B

#	IF OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY.	DATE
1	out door birds do not make messes or bring fleas into the house. Caring for the birds is therapuic for challenged youth and adults. A home for handicapped persons near me could use birds for therapy. The distance from the hut to the nearest neighboring house should be at least 75 ft. a license should be required and revoked when the odder exceeds the allowed particle limit set by staff. as it flows onto the neighboring lot.	11/5/2020 12:05 PM
2	It is extremely important to stress the proper care of the chickens...shelter, safety, food/water, etc. and that it is a big responsibility.	11/5/2020 10:12 AM
3	Pleasurable, peaceful (without the roosters).	11/2/2020 9:02 AM
4	Laying hens are quiet. Just no roasters	10/31/2020 9:29 AM
5	We hear they are fun and welcome.	10/30/2020 8:02 PM
6	Learning experiece for adults.	10/29/2020 1:04 PM
7	To have a closer connection animals, and provide good quality of life for the birds. Also, by having my own chickens as a food source for eggs, I would be eliminating the need to purchase eggs from sources where the birds quality of life is questionable.	10/29/2020 10:58 AM
8	It is 2020 - this should not be controversial. Large lot sizes make this even less of an issue.	10/28/2020 1:00 PM
9	Our neighbors have chickens and they do not contain their birds within their own property. The chickens roam around in our yard.	10/28/2020 11:12 AM
10	I don't have any immediate plans for chickens, but I think it is important to understand that coyotes, fox, hawks, owls are part of the city's "circle of life", and if they get your chicken, that's life. No killing the animals that prey on your chicken. I don't kill the rabbits that ruin my garden. I let the circle of life do it for me.	10/27/2020 7:53 PM
11	It's very important for us to know where our food comes from, especially during a pandemic. They are quieter and more docile than dogs, while improving our health and well being.	10/27/2020 5:56 PM
12	To rid the yard of disease-carrying insects	10/27/2020 12:51 PM
13	chickens eat a lot of bugs and maybe grubs and Japanese beetles, great benefit. Also, the in-yard hens will probably have a better quality, more humane life. Chicken's lives matter!	10/26/2020 2:01 PM
14	Chickens are very delightful to watch and provide great entertainment!	10/24/2020 3:23 PM
15	Part of the natural ecology of our environment- they keep the insect population down , their droppings are a great fertilizer etc	10/23/2020 9:02 AM
16	pets	10/22/2020 6:12 PM
17	Just as important as having a garden	10/21/2020 11:16 AM
18	For years to come, it will remain easy to buy eggs at the store, but the climate will continually decline, sad to say. I believe in our community and our country, but in the decades to come, people may need to become increasingly self-sufficient to survive. Just let the chickens happen, please.	10/20/2020 9:36 PM
19	I am not interested in having a chicken coop but do not have a problem with others in the city who wish to do so.	10/20/2020 2:21 PM
20	Remove undesirable insects from the lawn	10/20/2020 9:22 AM
21	I don't raise chickens myself but feel that those people that want to should be able to.	10/20/2020 7:24 AM
22	This should NOT be allowed!	10/19/2020 1:57 PM
23	They are fun to watch, beautiful, peaceful and calming. I think backyard chickens would add a nice ambience to our neighborhood.	10/19/2020 8:25 AM
24	I personally do not care but can appreciate others might.	10/18/2020 1:19 PM
25	It is extremely important to families who want to have a greener lifestyle, to educate their children on chickens and responsibilities, to get closer to the source of eggs, and to enrich the lives of those who own them.	10/18/2020 12:25 PM

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26	It's good teaching moments for our kids	10/18/2020 11:14 AM
27	Chickens would be a experience to a lot of people including me. Plus to add to that a good resource of eggs for our city/county.	10/17/2020 5:24 PM
28	Other surrounding cities allow chickens with no issues. It's hard to understand why this is even a debate. Please allow chickens.	10/17/2020 4:14 PM
29	control insects around yard and house	10/16/2020 10:29 PM
30	While most of the above dimensions are not important to me personally, I support the desire of those who wish to raise the laying hens.	10/16/2020 10:26 PM
31	Would love to be able to buy fresh eggs locally	10/16/2020 12:06 PM
32	Important to have guidelines regarding sanitation etc.	10/16/2020 11:13 AM
33	We will provide human treatment for the birds that they don't always receive in industrial settings.	10/16/2020 8:11 AM
34	I would not eat the chickens but its great to get fresh wholesome eggs and the chickens are great pets and fun to have around the yard. They are easy to care for and make very little noise.	10/15/2020 9:03 PM
35	When you live in the city, you shouldn't have farm or livestock.	10/15/2020 8:01 PM
36	Don't want to attract Owls, Fox, Coyotes, Skunks, Hawks or other predators by bringing in chickens!?	10/15/2020 7:54 PM
37	It is known that chickens are very efficient at catching and clearing ticks out of the area where they range. Arden Hills has issues with ticks due to all the wooded land, which isn't helped by all the deer traffic.	10/15/2020 7:46 PM
38	I grew up on a farm so I love working outside, hearing the clucking of chickens! It makes me feel a little bit country!!!	10/15/2020 7:35 PM
39	Our dog is a hearing breed and loved having a job with the chickens we had in our former neighborhood.	10/15/2020 6:37 PM
40	I really don't see any reason that anyone would object to this. Chickens are a great way to have fresh, local eggs. They are an excellent way for kids to learn about animals. I think they'd be a great addition to our neighborhood if people wanted to keep chickens.	10/15/2020 6:20 PM
41	Why not allow them? To be very honest we all know people have chickens already in the city and they aren't a problem. They are SIGNIFICANTLY less disruptive than the three or four regularly barking dogs in my neighborhood. I'm in favor of softening the rules for chickens and some of the other critters on the city page. I am very glad you're considering this!	10/15/2020 6:19 PM
42	My neighbor has chicken I don't like the chicken running on my backyard and pooping all over . I want my dogs being able to walk on my own yard without having poo from the chickens on their paws	10/15/2020 4:26 PM
43	I don't want to keep chickens but others should be able to if they want. This question doesn't follow from the previous as I don't want chickens.	10/15/2020 4:13 PM
44	the chickens are confined, pretty much odor free and noise free. Unlike dogs who are everywhere, bark day and night, deficate where and when they choose (sometimes picked up be the owners and sometimes not). If someone wants to have a few chickens for fun and some fresh eggs, let them do it.	10/15/2020 3:58 PM
45	Don't want the noise of roosters waking me up at the crack of dawn	10/15/2020 9:11 AM
46	No chickens. We moved out of the city to get away from the chickens. They attract farell cats, foxes, coyotes, bobcats and other urban predators. Do not relax the standards. Any animal husbandry belongs far outside the city limits.	10/14/2020 10:56 PM
47	Freedom to use my property as my family desires without adversely affecting my neighbors.. Barking neighborhood dogs are more of a concern than chickens :)	10/14/2020 8:42 PM
48	Stress relief	10/14/2020 6:20 PM

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49	chickens are cool	10/14/2020 5:34 PM
50	Emotional support	10/14/2020 5:32 PM
51	Food Security	10/14/2020 4:55 PM
52	helps to bring down bug population in neighborhood and yard, great fun for everyone	10/14/2020 4:25 PM
53	They eat many bugs including a daily average of 80 wood ticks per bird.	10/14/2020 4:11 PM
54	Benefits of Raising Backyard Chickens •Chickens lay eggs. These eggs are fresh, taste great, and are full of nutrition because you control what goes into egg production with the food you give your chickens. You can also try your hand at selling fresh eggs to make some extra money, which is a great idea for kids. Expect one egg per day from each hen you have. Some breeds do not lay eggs daily, but will lay 3 to 4 eggs weekly. •Chickens create excellent fertilizer. Chicken manure contains a good deal of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium – the primary ingredients in lawn and garden fertilizers. Chicken manure can be composted and added to the soil of your garden, flowers, trees, shrubs, and lawns. The all-natural homemade fertilizer will save you money and help produce great results. Speak to the experts at your local Grange Co-op to learn more about composting. •Chickens make great pets. Believe it or not, chickens have their own individual personalities and are affectionate toward humans. Each is its own bird, as they say, with some being sweet, shy, grouchy, or playful. You will find yourself having a lot of fun with your unique flock of backyard chickens. •Chickens help clean your yard. These hard-working birds will clear harvested garden beds of weeds, and eat fallen fruit from trees before they start rotting and attract bugs. •Chickens are like a natural garbage disposal. Chickens can eat many of the food items we would normally throw away, including food scraps from salads, vegetable peelings, rice, fruits, nuts, and seeds. •Chickens are fairly easy to take care of. A low-maintenance animal, chickens basically need to be fed, watered, and given a coop to nest in. You may find this less work in comparison to other livestock. •Chickens help control bugs and weeds naturally. Without the use of chemicals and insecticides, you can control over-population of crickets, grasshoppers, snails, slugs and other pests in your garden as chickens eat them up. •Fresh, home-grown meat. If raising your chickens for meat, home-grown chickens taste better and are healthier than factory farmed poultry. You'll enjoy more flavor, less fat and calories.	10/14/2020 3:51 PM
55	No chickens!!!!!!!	10/14/2020 3:38 PM
56	I don't want chickens myself. I think others should be able to have them.	10/14/2020 11:36 AM
57	Noisy. Messy in Neighbor yard. Smelly. Hobbies can be a problem with neighbors.	10/14/2020 11:25 AM
58	I absolutely love the idea of raising chickens in my backyard. Not only a responsible and sustainable food source, but a way to show my children how to take care of animals, where their food (eggs and meat) and to be more appreciative of meat if and when they come across it. There's absolutely no good reason not to allow chickens in Arden Hills especially when every city surrounding us allows them!	10/13/2020 9:27 PM
59	Backyard Chickens: The Bird's Eye View Chicken Run Rescue https://vimeo.com/67854723	10/12/2020 3:44 PM
60	They are greatly at recycling kitchen and garden waste.	10/8/2020 10:01 AM
61	To become part of a community that I can't currently participate in.	10/7/2020 4:49 PM
62	Good source of natural fertilizer	10/7/2020 8:48 AM
63	I think people should have another option for a food source in their yard besides vegetable & fruit given the importance of local food to reducing pollution & energy use, and to improving food quality. People have a right to produce their own food in their own yards. Chickens are a reasonable & realistic accommodation to that need. Its way better then having a herd of cows in the yard!	10/7/2020 8:03 AM
64	They eat ticks	10/7/2020 5:48 AM
65	Not sure why the City cares if people have chickens. We had a neighbor who had them, sometimes they'd get out but no big deal. Let people be happy.	10/6/2020 10:45 AM
66	Add ambiance - I find the clucking of hens to be relaxing	10/6/2020 7:26 AM
67	Freedom to use your property as you see fit ... I mean, isn't this still the United States of America?	10/5/2020 10:32 PM

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68	Not depend on grocer	10/5/2020 9:54 PM
69	There's enough limitations on our personal property, this one is just another example of a pointless regulation.	10/5/2020 9:40 PM
70	Chickens are really meant for farms. A dozen of eggs is approximately \$1.39. Seriously, there is nothing more easy And economical than buying eggs at a supermarket. Also, there is rarely a non-fresh egg at a supermarket. Don't let anyone try to convince you there is a need for more freshness. People need to go to the supermarket regularly to buy milk, cheese, yogurt etc so buying fresh eggs there at an economical price is just the same.	10/5/2020 9:27 PM
71	Plenty of communities in the Twin Cities area have permitted them (beyond the laughable allowance under the city code now) without significant issues and have brought a ton of benefits to the owners.	10/5/2020 7:59 PM
72	They eat insects and weed seeds in the garden.	10/5/2020 7:08 PM
73	Chickens are great pets. They can become part of a family. There are patterns to knit chicken hats...great fun for the crafter! Feathers make lovely jewelry. Chicken waste makes great fertilizer.	10/5/2020 6:02 PM
74	It's 2020 people. Get with the times.	10/5/2020 4:47 PM
75	Why not	10/5/2020 4:38 PM
76	Freedom	10/5/2020 3:26 PM
77	I know you mention food source above, but I have additional concerns in the day of COVID, and the rioting. Fingers crossed we figure these issues out as a society.	10/5/2020 3:09 PM
78	If someone wants a chicken they should have a chicken. A barking dog is way more annoying than chicken. But please don't go making people have to pay money to have chickens.	10/5/2020 3:05 PM
79	I have neighbors with chickens and it is a positive experience for our grandkids to visit them and the owners are wise about keeping the chickens healthy with a good setting for the chickens and they are restricted to their yard- very respectful family. There is no need to limit people from having chickens in Arden Hills.	10/5/2020 2:48 PM
80	They can eat ticks around my yard.	10/5/2020 2:37 PM
81	Good for the environment	10/5/2020 2:36 PM
82	Natural predators of tick and other garden vermin like grubs. Also chicken poo is excellent for adding to my compost pile for gardening so many people who don't keep Chickens can benefit from their neighbors who do.	10/5/2020 2:27 PM
83	Entertainment	10/5/2020 2:26 PM
84	I don't plan on having chickens myself. I am in favor of others wanting to if they so choose.	10/5/2020 2:26 PM
85	Freedom to choose	10/5/2020 2:26 PM
86	Personal choice	10/5/2020 2:24 PM

Q3: Other Responses - Why do you think laying hens should not be allowed within the City limits?

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	the only reason is possible manure smell. So you monitor that on complaint with a sensor.	11/5/2020 12:05 PM
2	I think they should be allowed.	11/4/2020 9:43 PM
3	None of the above apply to chickens.	11/3/2020 1:57 PM
4	I do not think there are issues with keeping laying hens within city limits	11/2/2020 1:45 PM
5	There is already enough noise: sirens in northern Arden Hills (due to the police dept. being housed there)plus traffic. These animals are dirty and the residue will go into out sewers.	11/1/2020 10:23 AM
6	Not sure no experience.	10/30/2020 8:02 PM
7	I would worry that owners may not take proper care of the birds, or they may be subject to abuse/neglect.	10/29/2020 10:58 AM
8	No reason	10/28/2020 10:35 PM
9	I don't have chickens and am not interested in having chickens. I think chicken owners should have to get permission (via signatures) from anyone who has adjacent property. And I think that chicken-owners should have to have a privacy fence IF their neighbors request it.	10/28/2020 1:40 PM
10	None	10/28/2020 1:00 PM
11	Our neighbors have chickens and they do not contain their birds within their own property. The chickens roam around in our yard.	10/28/2020 11:12 AM
12	N/A	10/27/2020 9:57 PM
13	Unreasonable noise (dusk to dawn) shouldn't be a problem. Don't want your chickens pooping in my well manicured lawn or the parks where children play.	10/27/2020 7:53 PM
14	I think they should be allowed.	10/27/2020 3:52 PM
15	I don't believe any of these options represent valid reasons to not allow chickens.	10/27/2020 2:12 PM
16	I don't see any issue with it	10/27/2020 12:33 PM
17	I have concern for the aesthetics of the chicken coops and fencing.	10/25/2020 3:54 PM
18	This is a suburb of Saint Paul, not some rural area. If you want chickens, move out.	10/24/2020 10:15 PM
19	I think Chickens should be allowed within city limits. All neighboring cities, including St Paul and Minneapolis, allow hens. Get with it Arden Hills!	10/24/2020 3:23 PM
20	None	10/23/2020 2:09 PM
21	Concern would be that at this time with COVID many people have the time to tend to upkeep but once we are back to normal it would fall by the wayside and we would have issues like we do currently with cats/dogs. I think methods if passed need to be put into place such as licensing fees, etc. to make sure once the pandemic is over to be able to attend to issues that might arise from people having hens/chickens.	10/23/2020 7:43 AM
22	I think they should be allowed	10/22/2020 6:12 PM
23	OK for the chickens, but NO roosters please!	10/22/2020 5:30 PM
24	People should live in the country if they want chickens.	10/22/2020 11:18 AM
25	None	10/21/2020 8:26 PM
26	Caring for a clock of such animals well is a bit more difficult than having one or two let dogs or cats. The city will be overburdened with the responsibility to oversee the well-being of the animals and the hygiene and safety of the community.	10/21/2020 7:58 PM
27	None	10/21/2020 6:48 PM
28	None	10/21/2020 5:41 PM
29	My neighbor has backyard chickens and they run loose through the neighborhood at least once a week	10/21/2020 3:48 PM

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30	Chickens can be loud. Chickens often make a mess of the yards (or neighboring yards) they are in and the accommodations for chickens are often unsightly. Once chickens are allowed there is no way of monitoring this.	10/21/2020 3:46 PM
31	Smells bad which permeates entire neighborhood, detracts from home values for surrounding homes if need to overlook chicken coops & chickens, attracts bugs. Chickens roaming or in a run mean the noise & bugs are also spread out to effect more area.	10/21/2020 7:56 AM
32	Chickens are fine.	10/20/2020 9:36 PM
33	People don't clean up after their dogs, why add chickens to it.	10/20/2020 7:51 PM
34	Farm animals don't belong here.	10/20/2020 4:41 PM
35	If they are cared for well and housed safely, it can work, but chickens attract raccoons, fox, hawks and a lot of other predators that can become annoying to humans.	10/20/2020 1:57 PM
36	Owners are responsible for addressing any of the above issues.	10/20/2020 10:02 AM
37	If they are not contained they could get hit by cars	10/20/2020 9:22 AM
38	I don't have a concern	10/20/2020 7:24 AM
39	Not enough land for each typical lot in Arden Hills to raise chickens, without disrupting the neighbors.	10/19/2020 11:00 PM
40	Potentially lead to more and more requests of "novelty" items not needed in residential areas.	10/19/2020 9:07 PM
41	I think they should be allowed.	10/19/2020 7:39 PM
42	Chicken coops are smelly, especially if they aren't maintained frequently. Chicken waste stinks after it gets wet. I do not want my neighbors setting up a chicken coop nearby where I would be subjected to the smell after a good rain. Where are these people planning on disposing of the chicken waste? What happens if a resident starts out diligent with cop maintenance but then begins to slip, or quits with maintenance altogether? We have noise ordinances for dogs, construction, and use of power equipment, but how is the city going to control chicken noise? What happens if a resident decides they not only want to harvest eggs from chickens but decide they want to butcher too?	10/19/2020 4:26 PM
43	I do think they should be allowed for responsible residents, but if the coop isn't cleaned, gross. So just need expectations and the possibility to lose the privilege	10/19/2020 3:37 PM
44	There is no reason not to allow domestic laying hens when properly cared for.	10/19/2020 2:40 PM
45	If I want to live on or next to a farm with animals I will move out of the city into a rural setting. This is not about being "inclusive" for those who want to have farm animals on their property. It should be about keeping the property values up!	10/19/2020 1:57 PM
46	NOTHING	10/19/2020 12:47 PM
47	Sanitation, disease, permits, vet care, vaccines, salmonella, public health and animal welfare regulations should be also addressed. Should require a fenced enclosure, owner education course and regulatory compliance Same as for cats and dogs should apply, not just focused on nuisance complaints.	10/19/2020 11:31 AM
48	One problem may be that inexperienced chicken owners may not know what to do with chicken manure or how to keep the coop and run clean. I think it would be important for Arden Hills to inspect the chicken coops and setups once a year.	10/19/2020 8:25 AM
49	Not melted up	10/19/2020 7:37 AM
50	I'd rather have chickens than TCAAP.	10/18/2020 10:40 PM
51	Lots and houses are too close together to ensure raising chickens won't result in disturbing neighbors. If people want to raise chickens or livestock of any kind they should purchase something like a hobby farm. Arden Hills is not conducive to farm activities such as this.	10/18/2020 9:34 PM
52	No reason	10/18/2020 9:27 PM
53	I don't have faith any problems with be addressed in a timely manner.	10/18/2020 9:15 PM
54	Needs enforcement of the chicken ordinance, and this increases city and/or law enforcement	10/18/2020 8:35 PM

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	resources and costs.	
55	increased humane society costs	10/18/2020 7:03 PM
56	No reason	10/18/2020 6:05 PM
57	Most ordinances do not require vet care or vaccinations. Contact with backyard poultry has led to hundreds of multistate salmonella outbreaks each year. Most backyard owners will not know enough to identify poultry diseases. This can jeopardize commercial operations and cause economic losses and strain our commercial supply during a pandemic especially	10/18/2020 4:27 PM
58	Unightly!	10/18/2020 4:21 PM
59	Think they should be allowed.	10/18/2020 3:56 PM
60	Lack of education/knowledge about care on the owners' part and risk that birds can jump fences to cause property damage to gardens if uncontrolled/improperly cared for	10/18/2020 2:45 PM
61	I absolutely would not want someone's chickens (yet alone their dog) wandering onto my property and would take permissible forceful action if it happened.	10/18/2020 1:19 PM
62	I don't have any objections to having laying hens in the neighborhood.	10/18/2020 12:25 PM
63	None	10/18/2020 11:14 AM
64	In Arden Hills, even current codes are not being followed. Front yard vegetable gardens are surrounded by 6 foot fences, garbage cans and recycling bins are in plain view, overflow from garages are piled in yards, yard waste is burned, "recreational" fires are abandoned without oversight. Until Arden Hills codes are enforced, chicken coops will become yet another problem of non-compliance.	10/18/2020 10:05 AM
65	n/a	10/18/2020 7:43 AM
66	I don't see any of these as good reasons	10/17/2020 9:09 PM
67	Believe it or not, two weeks ago, a chicken ran directly in front of my forward bicycle wheel, while I was riding on a quiet residential street. It bolted from a nearby hedge without any warning. The bird continued running frantically, about four inches ahead of my front wheel before veering off. I came extremely close to falling on the pavement while moving at a fairly good speed. At 71 yrs of age, I'm grateful I survived.	10/17/2020 8:57 PM
68	There is no reason to not allow chickens. None of the reasons above apply to hens.	10/17/2020 4:14 PM
69	Only concerned with roosters not hens	10/17/2020 10:54 AM
70	smell. These are farm animals and should be restricted to farms.	10/17/2020 10:53 AM
71	Degrades my concept of a neat and orderly neighborhood	10/17/2020 10:24 AM
72	I would have said "No" to residents having chickens within our city limits, but the survey said "Under certain guidelines," and my hope that those guidelines would be clear (thus avoiding my above mentioned concerns) and, most importantly, both observed in good faith by Arden Hills residents and enforced by Arden Hills, caused me to say ok.	10/17/2020 9:42 AM
73	Possible visual mess. Too much city time, expense to monitor.	10/17/2020 9:16 AM
74	None apply	10/16/2020 10:44 PM
75	I do not see a reason why people can't have a chicken or a duck Arden Hills.	10/16/2020 9:28 PM
76	Surrounding cities allow hens in people's backyards, so if it's not causing problems in, Shoreview, for example, it likely won't cause problems in Arden Hills.	10/16/2020 7:00 PM
77	Chicken waste really stinks.	10/16/2020 6:51 PM
78	I do think they should be allowed.	10/16/2020 6:38 PM
79	None	10/16/2020 6:34 PM
80	None	10/16/2020 5:59 PM
81	People will take advantage of the limits and restrictions and there will be no accountability. For example, campers are not to be kept in front of houses in Arden Hills (other than a few days	10/16/2020 2:57 PM

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with permission) but there have been many stored permanently in driveways in front of houses for years. No one from the city has cracked down on that. Another example: no garage sales during COVID....there have been many in the city, plus a community sale and where was the city preventing these COVID spreaders.

82	Issues with domestic animals harming the chickens and the disagreements that could happen between neighbors if one person's dog attacks another person's chicken.	10/16/2020 2:11 PM
83	Brings down value of neighboring properties	10/16/2020 2:09 PM
84	Coyotes usually become an issue so then people need to be extra careful with domestic pets	10/16/2020 1:13 PM
85	Years ago standard practice. Outlawed in best interest of Public Health.	10/16/2020 11:30 AM
86	No reason	10/16/2020 10:37 AM
87	Attracts foxes	10/16/2020 9:50 AM
88	No reason that people should not be able to have their own food source	10/16/2020 9:44 AM
89	They smell.	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
90	I think this is a slippery slope. I grew up around chickens and they are not as fun as people think they are. It's a big commitment and people are not going to keep to the guidelines.	10/16/2020 8:18 AM
91	Lots are small and placement should not be closer than 30' to property line. Residents would locate coops adjacent to property because they don't want them in the middle of their yard.	10/16/2020 8:15 AM
92	Chicken poop stinks, they attract rats, they attract foxes, few people in the City would have a enough yard, shed or barn space to raise and butcher chickens, City yards in the winter are not the place for chickens, chicken lovers should move to the country.	10/16/2020 8:12 AM
93	NA	10/16/2020 7:09 AM
94	Inconsiderate & irresponsible owners who won't take proper care of these animals.	10/16/2020 7:05 AM
95	Added work for the city if they have to "police" irresponsible owners.	10/15/2020 11:02 PM
96	I do think they should be allowed	10/15/2020 10:56 PM
97	They should be allowed; way less annoying than little yapping dogs	10/15/2020 9:51 PM
98	SMELL!	10/15/2020 9:39 PM
99	None	10/15/2020 8:43 PM
100	Nuisance.	10/15/2020 8:01 PM
101	I think they should be allowed	10/15/2020 7:35 PM
102	None	10/15/2020 7:13 PM
103	There are things appropriate for city living and countryside living. I don't believe raising chicken belongs to city living. Similarly, if someone is allowed to have laying chickens then why not having milk producing cows, too?!	10/15/2020 7:06 PM
104	I don't agree with any of these	10/15/2020 6:20 PM
105	Backyard poultry causes a significant risk for avian influenza and therefore could be a public health concern.	10/15/2020 6:15 PM
106	There is no reason to not have chickens in the neighborhood.	10/15/2020 6:15 PM
107	If chickens are allowed this will allow doors to be opened to other domesticated animals. I have chosen to live in the city - not farmland. If animals/fowls are wanted, people should move to farmland.	10/15/2020 6:09 PM
108	If people want to live a farm life, they should not have bought in the suburbs	10/15/2020 5:22 PM
109	Smell from not well tended chicken coops or a chicken coop too close to my home/property	10/15/2020 5:03 PM
110	Chickens attract fox, raccoons and coyotes. Possibly tempting to dogs, whose owners might be liable for their animal attacking or eating the chickens. That could create hard feelings	10/15/2020 4:57 PM

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	among neighbors.	
111	Safety and care of chickens is neglected by people who simply want a hobby.	10/15/2020 4:00 PM
112	none of the above apply - please see my previous statement	10/15/2020 3:58 PM
113	smell	10/15/2020 3:36 PM
114	ban roosters and Im fine with it	10/15/2020 3:22 PM
115	Just another way in which some owners of animals that can't or won't leash pets & would allow chickens to roam and do their "business" on people's property other than their own. Leaving someone else and not the owners to clean up after them. Also, nature type animals such as deer, rabbits, wild turkeys, racoons and geese are enough. Eggs are quite inexpensive at the grocery stores.	10/15/2020 2:19 PM
116	I do not see a negative	10/15/2020 1:49 PM
117	They would create issues between neighbors	10/15/2020 11:52 AM
118	our lots are not that large; the chicken coops would be too close to the lot lines	10/15/2020 11:00 AM
119	There is very little compliance in our neighborhood regarding leash laws for dogs. Most dogs are off leash on neighborhood streets and on the trails as well. I don't have much faith that chicken ordinances would be followed any more closely. Sad, but true.	10/15/2020 10:32 AM
120	No reason	10/15/2020 9:37 AM
121	I think they should be allowed	10/15/2020 7:18 AM
122	None	10/15/2020 6:33 AM
123	no concerns	10/15/2020 5:14 AM
124	We have domesticated, licensed pets that would be at greater risk of predators with the attraction of chickens. If residents want farm to fork proteins or produce, there are plenty of hobby farms, farmers markets and whole food distributors in the metro area. If kids want experience with caring of farm animals, explore options at the U, the Gilbert Farm or Dodge Nature Center.	10/14/2020 10:56 PM
125	If allowed to run wild they would get into neighbors yards. They might attract fox, raccoons and other predators.	10/14/2020 9:57 PM
126	NA - I want chickens!	10/14/2020 9:25 PM
127	I think they should be allowed.	10/14/2020 9:12 PM
128	Chicken coops can get very dirty if not cleaned. Many people have wonderful ideas about keeping chickens but have no idea about the true care & commitment they can be. My concern about having chickens in a urban area would be 1) coyotes & foxes coming into yard that aren't fully fenced & then people complaining about coyotes trying to eat their chickens or dogs. Coyotes & foxes are wild & just trying to survive -- we've encroached on their habitat and now raising chickens to entice them 2) roosters -- code would have to spell out absolutely no roosters 3) What will people do with the chickens once they no longer lay eggs? Many people who want to raise chickens are seem to think they would another family pet & wouldn't eat them (like this farm girl did). How many chickens can one keep or will people violate this with too many chickens in their coop?	10/14/2020 8:28 PM
129	I don't see any of the above as serious concerns for anyone who has invested time and money in raising chickens, especially when there are appropriate guidelines outlined by the city.	10/14/2020 7:00 PM
130	Decrease value of surrounding property, decrease ability to sell surrounding property	10/14/2020 6:47 PM
131	If you want to raise chickens, live on land designated or zoned as farmland.	10/14/2020 6:26 PM
132	Odors	10/14/2020 6:21 PM
133	There is no reason	10/14/2020 6:20 PM
134	I am not against.	10/14/2020 6:09 PM
135	We moved to Arden Hills November 2019 to get away from this in St. Paul. No chickens	10/14/2020 5:46 PM

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	please.	
136	I don't know of any real problems with having laying hens as long as the owner cares for them as they need to do with any animal they have (dog, cat, etc...). We need to define the rules for being able to keep them... i.e. are there certain kinds acceptable and not others, how many are allowed (i.e. is it based on lot size or space being allocated to them), what is required to be able to keep them, how are complaints handled, will periodic inspections be required and passed, what are the consequences of failing an inspection and what are the penalties and city remedies for failing an inspection.	10/14/2020 5:33 PM
137	No concerns if laying hens only and reasonably restricted number per property	10/14/2020 5:32 PM
138	Will attract predators.	10/14/2020 5:28 PM
139	Ugly chicken coops, odors	10/14/2020 5:16 PM
140	None that I can think of.	10/14/2020 4:52 PM
141	The smell; If my home were up for sale, I don't think it would be attractive having chicken coops in this area around me.	10/14/2020 4:25 PM
142	No reason	10/14/2020 4:25 PM
143	Laying hens should not be of issue in the city of Arden Hills.	10/14/2020 4:19 PM
144	The smell and unsightliness	10/14/2020 4:14 PM
145	they are farm animals not city animals	10/14/2020 4:08 PM
146	These fears are ungrounded if there are any rules at all	10/14/2020 3:44 PM
147	Traffic danger when chickens are walking or running in the street.	10/14/2020 3:44 PM
148	1 more item for city to monitor & you don't do a good job now... ie motor homes parked in yards on driveway for weeks on end, boats too!	10/14/2020 3:38 PM
149	The SMELL!!!! I grew up on a farm, and there is nothing worse than a hot, damp chicken in July.	10/14/2020 3:24 PM
150	Public health concern	10/14/2020 2:54 PM
151	As long as there are no roosters to crow at all hours of the day and night, there shouldn't be a problem.	10/14/2020 2:51 PM
152	N/A	10/14/2020 2:01 PM
153	They should be allowed with conditions	10/14/2020 12:58 PM
154	Attract coyotes and foxes which threaten pets and small kids.	10/14/2020 12:34 PM
155	I think they should be allowed.	10/14/2020 11:36 AM
156	I think they should be allowed!	10/13/2020 9:27 PM
157	Na	10/13/2020 6:00 AM
158	Many properties are not that big and you subject a neighbor who does not want them to have them near their property. They can also attract predators like coyote and owning a small dog it would be concerning to me and the safety of my pet.	10/13/2020 2:54 AM
159	None	10/12/2020 8:38 PM
160	None of the above	10/12/2020 6:54 PM
161	Dominant hens learn to crow.	10/12/2020 3:47 PM
162	None	10/12/2020 3:46 PM
163	Backyard Chickens: The Bird's Eye View Chicken Run Rescue https://vimeo.com/67854723 The fad has created a nationwide epidemic of unwanted chickens, ducks, geese, quail, and other domesticated fowl. They are abandoned at animal sanctuaries and shelters when the novelty wears off. Before 2009 our rescue averaged fewer than 40 surrender inquiries a year. Since 2009 when we first began keeping surrender statistics, we've been asked to help over	10/12/2020 3:44 PM

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3,136 animals, overwhelmingly birds, and in no way have we been able to help them all. To date we have rescued 1, 189 chickens and other "farm" species abandoned in the Metro Area.

164	they should be allowed	10/12/2020 2:54 PM
165	They should be allowed if properly maintained.	10/12/2020 11:16 AM
166	I am not opposed to chickens - but it should be noted that keeping chickens will increase the number of wildlife in neighborhoods. Fox at minimum.	10/12/2020 9:17 AM
167	Chickens belong on farms. Yards are too close together for chickens which are a nuisance.	10/7/2020 3:30 PM
168	I think laying hens should be allowed. I can't believe you only have these options for answers. It's very leading, which projects bias.	10/7/2020 10:21 AM
169	I don't think there is a reason if the chickens are cared for responsibly.	10/7/2020 8:17 AM
170	Real estate values will go down and we the homeowners have no control over it. Most people do NOT want to live by chickens (they are noisy and stink!) and it will stop many buyers from wanting to live next to someone with chickens. Or the home price will have to be reduced. Most people will not put the chickens up by their own homes, they will put the coop at the back of their property, which is right next to another property. If allowed, they should have to have the coop within 5 feet of their own house. Also, we have small pets and already have to worry about coyotes. Having chickens on the neighboring property will attract even MORE coyotes and hearing the poor chickens squak while being killed is not what I want to hear at night. Just vote NO to chickens and keep them in the country where they belong.	10/6/2020 11:36 PM
171	N/a	10/6/2020 9:07 PM
172	I think they SHOULD be allowed!	10/6/2020 8:02 PM
173	None	10/6/2020 5:53 PM
174	Move out of the city if you want to raise farm animals.	10/6/2020 4:59 PM
175	Is possible there would be noise but usually roosters are not allowed in urban backyard chicken coops	10/6/2020 10:45 AM
176	Chickens are not appropriate for a suburban environment. There can be problems with chickens escaping. Chickens can cause enforcement problems if residents do not follow rules.	10/6/2020 9:03 AM
177	I have no issue.	10/6/2020 8:02 AM
178	No objections	10/6/2020 7:02 AM
179	People who have them need to keep them clean, be held accountable	10/6/2020 7:01 AM
180	We should be able to have chickens..	10/6/2020 6:36 AM
181	I don't think this	10/5/2020 9:54 PM
182	There are already many coyotes circling my backyard area as I can hear the kills on a regular basis. Adding chickens to the equation increases the food source for coyotes and also threatening my pet. There is a reasons we live in the city and not in the country. People who moved into the neighborhood knew the restrictions so why should they now change?	10/5/2020 9:27 PM
183	I think there is an error in your survey - I do not oppose chickens in Arden Hills	10/5/2020 9:10 PM
184	Owners letting the animals free range and creating problems because they feel it's more ethical for them not to be caged	10/5/2020 8:11 PM
185	None	10/5/2020 7:58 PM
186	Because we have a Democrat run government, and they always wants to infringe on individual liberty	10/5/2020 7:27 PM
187	None	10/5/2020 7:25 PM
188	Unnecessary	10/5/2020 6:26 PM
189	There is nothing negative about chickens. Their waste is great fertilizer.	10/5/2020 6:02 PM
190	None - they should be!	10/5/2020 5:50 PM

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191	None of the above	10/5/2020 5:24 PM
192	none	10/5/2020 5:03 PM
193	None	10/5/2020 4:24 PM
194	No reason	10/5/2020 4:18 PM
195	I think they should be allowed	10/5/2020 4:15 PM
196	Smell	10/5/2020 4:13 PM
197	None of these	10/5/2020 3:43 PM
198	False premise. My answering yes to question 1, this question becomes a contradiction	10/5/2020 3:26 PM
199	no reason	10/5/2020 3:23 PM
200	None	10/5/2020 3:05 PM
201	None of the above meet the definition of "hens should not be allowed" for me.	10/5/2020 2:52 PM
202	Not needed it's a fad	10/5/2020 2:51 PM
203	I have no reason to think they shouldn't be allowed	10/5/2020 2:51 PM
204	There are responsible residents and there are irresponsible residents. Once you give license to residents to have egg-laying hens, how are you going to monitor this? Will someone monthly come out and check to make sure coops are kept clean and the chickens are kept cooped? How many complaints from neighbors will it take before the coops and chickens will be forced to be removed and what about the negative attitudes and feelings this will create when neighbors have to repeatedly call about stench and loose chickens? We already have a problem with dog feces being left on yards by walkers not carrying doggy bags or not leashing their dogs and thinking they have a right to do so. When you call about constant barking dogs, you have angry neighbors who feel you are being a bad neighbor.	10/5/2020 2:49 PM
205	No negative.	10/5/2020 2:48 PM
206	They SHOULD BE ALLOWED	10/5/2020 2:48 PM
207	None. It's time to trust your residents.	10/5/2020 2:34 PM
208	They should be allowed. What kind of survey design is this?	10/5/2020 2:32 PM
209	I see no reason as all cities around Arden Hills have them.	10/5/2020 2:31 PM
210	No reason. Study other cities. Limit the flock size of hen to 5-6 will minimize all of these.	10/5/2020 2:26 PM
211	N/A	10/5/2020 2:26 PM
212	N/A - there is NO reason they shouldn't be allowed.	10/5/2020 2:25 PM
213	Not all people will keep the coops clean and the smell will linger in the area.	10/5/2020 2:25 PM
214	None.	10/5/2020 2:24 PM
215	I don't. They should be.	10/5/2020 2:07 PM
216	I think they should be allowed	10/5/2020 2:04 PM
217	I think chickens should be allowed with regulations, but I do think it is unsanitary.	10/5/2020 2:02 PM
218	I think they should be allowed and don't have any worries about the above.	10/5/2020 1:59 PM
219	Possible smell	10/5/2020 1:56 PM
220	As long as owners keep up sanitary conditions I'm ok with it	10/5/2020 1:50 PM
221	Could encourage more coyote activity, endangering small non-farm domestic pets.	10/5/2020 11:56 AM

Q4 Comment Responses - Describe any of your positive or negative experiences with urban chickens?

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#	IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY OF YOUR POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES WITH URBAN CHICKENS.	DATE
1	I know there are some in nb and Roseville on my standard walk routes. I honestly barely notice. Not directly adjacent to my property and mostly invisible from the street.	11/5/2020 11:50 AM
2	We have known folks who kept chickens and loved it. We have known others who gave it up because it is a BIG responsibility. Keeping the necessary space for the chickens clean takes time. Providing the necessary fencing and other safety measures to help keep out predators requires time and attention. We appreciated having neighbors with chickens but are well-aware of the responsibilities.	11/5/2020 10:12 AM
3	Involves the family. Nice hobby since we are shelter=in=place because of our tyrannical ruling class Gov Walz.	11/5/2020 9:19 AM
4	All positive. They provided an alternate food source, they eat mice, don't make too much noise and keep to themselves.	11/4/2020 10:38 PM
5	They provide food and the owners take good care of them.	11/4/2020 9:43 PM
6	Family members keep chickens, which attacked each other one day, resulting in multiple dead chickens.	11/4/2020 3:35 PM
7	I experienced no noise nor odor from chicken coup. I've not had problems with vermin being attracted to the chicken coup nor the surrounding neighborhood. I know the owner/family count on having the eggs for food and quality protein.	11/3/2020 11:09 PM
8	Neighbors sold there houses and moved out because of rooster noise, and lack of city council doing anything about it . people were very frustrated, after all the complaints was there only option	11/3/2020 7:00 PM
9	I had four chickens for a couple of years, they are not loud, they eat all the bugs in the vicinity. And the fresh eggs are delicious.	11/3/2020 1:57 PM
10	they are noisy and the people that had them did not do a good job of keeping them on their own property so the chickens roamed the neighborhood and pooped all over the place	11/2/2020 9:18 PM
11	I know multiple people who own chickens in suburbs and have never seen any issue. It's great for fresh food, it's entertainment for children and adults. They are just like any other pet, except you get a product from them as well. They aren't even louder compared to other pets so I never could see why they are not allowed.	11/2/2020 3:41 PM
12	It was great! Easy, fun, economical, more sustainable, and brings emotional benefits as well (each hen has their own personality to bond with, there is pride in caretaking, etc.)	11/2/2020 1:45 PM
13	Free eggs. Pleasurable to watch them peck and forage for food. They eat bugs.	11/2/2020 9:02 AM
14	I am related to a farmer who raised chickens and I know the downside.	11/1/2020 10:23 AM
15	The chickens wandered everywhere since there wasn't a fence around the yard. They would cross the street, come into my yard and mess up all the mulch under my pine trees. Had they stayed in their own yard, there would have been absolutely no problem. (No noise etc)	11/1/2020 8:12 AM
16	No harm. Very quiet.	10/31/2020 9:29 AM
17	Two of my sons' and their families have kept chickens. They enjoyed the fresh eggs. Their children learned more about where and how we get food. They only had two or three chickens at a time so it was not obtrusive for their neighborhood. The birds were quite entertaining.	10/29/2020 1:04 PM
18	A co-worker of my has kept chickens within the Minneapolis city limits. They loved and cared for their birds and had very positive experiences with the birds. Their neighbors also enjoyed having the birds in their neighborhood and it brought them closer together as a community.	10/29/2020 10:58 AM
19	No issues	10/28/2020 10:35 PM
20	All neighbors visited and took care of chickens, great learning experience, healthy food, teaching kids responsibility and where there food comes from. This was in a dense urban neighborhood.	10/28/2020 1:00 PM
21	We have kept chicken in rural areas. Our current urban neighbors have chickens and they do not contain their birds within their own property. The chickens roam around in our yard. It is	10/28/2020 11:12 AM

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	very annoying and unsanitary	
22	As the caregiver of them . It takes time and patience and some people just think the chickens are self sufficient.	10/28/2020 10:44 AM
23	No problems. I didn't even mind the cackling hens. I loved the gift of eggs I got from time to time.	10/27/2020 7:53 PM
24	Kids love them	10/27/2020 7:14 PM
25	We've had neighbors in an urban environment with chickens and we would have not known there were there expect for the eggs they shared. Very sanitary, fun for kids, and tremendous health benefits to have local, organic eggs	10/27/2020 7:13 PM
26	I went on a chicken coop tour last September and everyone was very positive about the experience, and many people said that they quit watching TV and started watching their chickens instead. Which includes getting outside, getting to know your neighbors and being more active in the community.	10/27/2020 5:56 PM
27	4 hens, taught kids where food comes from and responsibility, kept in a coop, had no issues.	10/27/2020 5:33 PM
28	Our neighbors in Mpls had hens. It was a great experience for our kids to see and learn. My sister in Richfield also had neighbors with hens. She was lucky enough to also get eggs regularly.	10/27/2020 4:54 PM
29	We know a number of people with chickens who live in the suburbs. It's great having fresh eggs from free range chickens. They provide natural fertilizer for yards, eat bugs/ticks, & offer fresh eggs & a calming atmosphere to the yard.	10/27/2020 3:52 PM
30	It has seemed like a thoughtful family experience that results in direct food source.	10/27/2020 2:12 PM
31	just no roosters allowed - noise	10/27/2020 2:04 PM
32	Very positive	10/27/2020 12:33 PM
33	I was raised in new brighton and it was a source of eggs and meat for our family of 10. I also raised chickens in arden hills for eggs.	10/27/2020 12:24 PM
34	They created noise and family tired of them so not a well kept area	10/27/2020 9:49 AM
35	People have to keep the coop clean and not allow their chickens to run all over the place.	10/27/2020 9:43 AM
36	Very positive experience! It's great for kids to see and understand where their food comes from and learn responsibility and kindness to animals. Fresh eggs that are so much better tasting than you can get in the store! Also, chickens are very friendly and intelligent animals with unique personalities- so much fun!	10/27/2020 6:55 AM
37	I had chickens here all while I was growing up. If they are taken care of properly it wont bother me .In fact it would make some of us feel more like living in the neighborhood that we grew up in.	10/26/2020 12:18 PM
38	My husband and I have raised chickens in an urban environment. neighbors were interested and supportive and it was a great educational experience for kids in the neighborhood. I purchase eggs from private raisers every chance I get, but unfortunately don't currently have a source. I hope staff/PC/council not simply relax standards for keeping chickens, but write a new standard that actually supports it.	10/25/2020 5:12 PM
39	Neighborhood of my old residence (Minneapolis) had chickens. They were noisy and unkempt. One winter their heat lamp went out and two chicken froze to death.	10/24/2020 10:15 PM
40	I have had 4 batches of chickens (never more than 5 hens). They were wonderful pets with benefits (eggs were incredibly delicious)! We never had any vermin issues, unless you consider the eagle that grabbed one of our hens. That is part of the risk and well worth it. My husband and kids miss our chickens and were shocked to learn that the City doesn't allow them. I always thought Arden Hills was more progressive, so hope the Council changes their policy and allows residents to host hens.	10/24/2020 3:23 PM
41	Well kept, children in family very involved and connected to source of their food. Some issues with keeping out predators (dogs/cats mostly)	10/23/2020 10:05 PM
42	It was greAt- learning experience and fresh food	10/23/2020 2:09 PM

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43	No negative experiences; they stayed in the neighbors yard and brought joy to the neighbors.	10/23/2020 9:41 AM
44	Great experience for the family, fresh eggs, the control of what feed they were eating.	10/23/2020 9:02 AM
45	Two of our neighbors have them and they tend to wander into other yards but I currently do not mind. However, if the rules become more lax around this and others in the neighborhood obtain, I feel that there would be much more issues and I may at that time become more upset with them in my yard, etc.	10/23/2020 7:43 AM
46	we had chickens for many years and there was no problems with the neighbors about our chickens	10/22/2020 6:12 PM
47	The roosters were nearby, across a lake and the rooster or roosters were vocal all day long. Very annoying!!	10/22/2020 5:30 PM
48	positive- good learning experience for the kids, fresh eggs, fun negative- none	10/22/2020 4:41 PM
49	No negative problems when neighbors in my previous neighborhood had chickens. Good healthy organic eggs on the positive side.	10/22/2020 10:14 AM
50	Know people who keep chickens. Massive increase in pests in the area. They also smell badly well outside of their property.	10/22/2020 7:28 AM
51	all positive! Food source and quality and wonderful experience!	10/22/2020 6:49 AM
52	Fresh eggs, the chickens let us hold them, kids and people liked watching them, made us respect farming more, learning experience and they would automatically go into their coop in the evening.	10/21/2020 9:08 PM
53	They did teach their kids about the death implied in eating meat. Egg production turned out to be overwhelming and they abandoned the project after about 18 months. To this day their two daughters will not eat poultry. If we had a more rural, widely spaced and knowledgeable agriculturally founded community it might work fine. Judging by the amount of space the birds require to be healthy and not cruelly boxed their whole lives, it might work out better in a less built up area.	10/21/2020 7:58 PM
54	Coworker has laying hens, enjoys the hobby and eggs are delicious	10/21/2020 6:48 PM
55	Have to be fully committed to take for 365 days yr.. even in winter... Had a lot of issues with pretitors!!	10/21/2020 5:01 PM
56	See above. Chickens running loose in the neighborhood.	10/21/2020 3:48 PM
57	We lived in Corcocran for five years where all homes are required to have a minimum of six acres. Even with all that space chickens from neighboring homes were loud and unsightly, and occasionally running throughout the neighborhood.	10/21/2020 3:46 PM
58	We did it for just the eggs for our family and pets for our children. No sales, no food safety issues, very small scale. My yes response is for someone with 1-5 chickens, not for someone with a whole flock, which might be what is meant by urban farming -- in which case I don't support it. All animals escape. All animals stink. Some people always don't take adequate care of their animals.	10/21/2020 1:54 PM
59	Coworker has them. No issues to report	10/21/2020 12:41 PM
60	the laying hens are not noisy, they eat bugs, and they are fun like pets	10/21/2020 11:16 AM
61	The smell and noise was horrible and disturbing to what had been a peaceful & pleasant neighborhood. Neighbor with chickens was outside extra late and early (about 3-4am) to tend chickens & collect eggs which meant backyard & patio lights were turned on which shone into neighbors house awaking them up, compounding with the early morning hen noises the neighbors ended up sparring and disliking each other and recruiting the other neighbors to pick sides. Another person I know told me one home had chickens and the all neighbors disliked the noise & smell so much the stated protests until the chickens were gone & ordinance changed back to prohibit chickens.	10/21/2020 7:56 AM
62	Chickens can be mean to each other, and other animals and humans.	10/20/2020 9:04 PM
63	A neighbor across the street had chickens (in a neighboring suburb). We didn't have any negative experiences with them.	10/20/2020 8:04 PM

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64	weren't kept clean	10/20/2020 7:51 PM
65	They had chickens for some time and then quit because of the amount of work needed.	10/20/2020 6:49 PM
66	They are clean, eat scraps and bugs, and are not noisy. I see no negatives. Dogs are more trouble than chickens.	10/20/2020 5:11 PM
67	A neighbor of ours kept chickens for awhile a few years back. Never caused any problems for us.	10/20/2020 2:21 PM
68	Our neighbors had chickens. They were fun to watch, helped keep bugs down and seemed nice enough. They occasionally wandered into our yard and pooped on our deck, which wasn't great and we saw a lot more raccoons and predators than we were used to. Overall a neutral-to-good experience. We liked getting eggs.	10/20/2020 1:57 PM
69	Very dirty animals. Need a lot of maintenance to keep sanitary conditions in a suburban neighborhood. A lot of work for a few eggs. Not economical.	10/20/2020 1:13 PM
70	When done correctly and taking care to ensure proper enclosures and cleaning it is a great way to have a source of food.	10/20/2020 12:55 PM
71	My friend in New Brighton has chickens that she has for eggs. It's her favorite food and she likes having chickens.	10/20/2020 7:24 AM
72	Continued raids by raccoons, coyotes and fox.	10/19/2020 9:07 PM
73	I've only heard positive feedback from our friends who have urban chickens.	10/19/2020 7:39 PM
74	They are loud and stink.	10/19/2020 6:27 PM
75	Two friends have laying hens they are docile quiet and seem to add to the peoples quality of life. I know the neighbors in one instance and they have no problem with the birds.	10/19/2020 6:14 PM
76	Many neighbors and friends in St. Paul had them. No issues. I loved the roosters crowing too actually	10/19/2020 6:10 PM
77	They are not kept clean regularly. Even after a day the smell becomes noticeable.	10/19/2020 4:50 PM
78	There were problessed with raccoons and lots of noise.	10/19/2020 4:28 PM
79	I grew up in a rural setting raising chickens for eggs, my parents also butchered chickens from time to time. I speak from experience when I say chickens are unsanitary and offensively smelling, the fowl are foul. Chickens are loud and can be destructive. I choose to live in a suburban setting where this type hobby is not practiced in small spaces. Keeping chickens is not the same as growing a garden. If they are left outside through the winter the waste freezes and builds up then has to be dealt with when thaw comes and by that time it's really ripe. Anyone who wants to know what they're in for should visit a poultry farm. In fact, I suggest city council members visit a poultry farm prior to voting on this issue.	10/19/2020 4:26 PM
80	I had no idea my neighbor kept chickens when I lived in St Louis Park until I was on my roof and looking into his yard. Maybe not allowing chickens (like slp at the time) would make people really careful? (kidding, sort of) it was a positive experience for me, he gave me eggs after that	10/19/2020 3:37 PM
81	Friends in New Brighton keep laying hens and have had very positive experiences. Good for the kids. Nice to give neighbors some eggs. Promotes community and sustainable living.	10/19/2020 2:40 PM
82	Yes I have a friend and his spouse who keep chickens and they are a mess, loud, and the coops are distracting from their property value and the value of their neighbors. DO NOT ALLOW THIS!	10/19/2020 1:57 PM
83	A friend of mine has kept chickens and it was a positive experience for her family, children and those who she shared the eggs with. Creating the coop was a family project, as was caring for the chickens.	10/19/2020 1:19 PM
84	ORGANIC FOOD SOURCE FOR FAMILIES; GREAT EDUCATION FOR KIDS	10/19/2020 12:47 PM
85	I have not kept them myself, not do I plan to, but I know several people who keep chickens in nearby cities with no issues.	10/19/2020 12:00 PM
86	Knew someone that had them. Enclosure was private and well controlled, they were well educated but still had a smell and attracted wildlife.	10/19/2020 11:31 AM

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87	Neighbor had chickens, no issues or complaints	10/19/2020 9:11 AM
88	I grew up on a farm and have experience with free range chickens but understand there are challenges with urban chickens.	10/19/2020 8:25 AM
89	Free eggs. Noisy dumping at end of season or when "fun" wears off	10/19/2020 7:37 AM
90	It was very interesting to our grandchildren, but it was noisy and disturbing to a lot of the neighbors.	10/18/2020 9:34 PM
91	Our friends in Winchester MA have next door chickens in a very small yard. There is no problem.	10/18/2020 9:27 PM
92	I have multiple friends that keep chickens for eggs and to teach their kids responsibility in Fridley. The chickens have become a staple of the neighborhood. People walk to their house just to watch the chickens for a bit.	10/18/2020 8:39 PM
93	If there is not strict enforcement of the ordinance, including the requirements for fencing, location, and cleanliness of the coop, then it causes significant problems for neighbors. Chickens also increase the presence of raccoons and other vermin.	10/18/2020 8:35 PM
94	You could hear them 3 houses down	10/18/2020 7:03 PM
95	Positive: great learning experience for kids, and not just our own kids but neighbors as well. The chickens have personalities so our family and neighbors have loved them and had their favorites. Plus, the eggs are delicious.	10/18/2020 6:05 PM
96	Neighbor within 500-1000 feet from my property	10/18/2020 4:21 PM
97	It's fun to see them and fresh eggs are great!	10/18/2020 3:56 PM
98	Inexpensive renewable source of food, and good teaching example for children.	10/18/2020 2:18 PM
99	Their keeping chickens has enriched their family's lives and provided fresh eggs to them and their neighbors.	10/18/2020 12:25 PM
100	Providing eggs to the family was positive, but the smell and noise was irritating	10/18/2020 11:52 AM
101	We've had lots of neighbors with chickens and have had zero issues.	10/18/2020 11:14 AM
102	The coyotes, fox, hawks and neighborhood cats and dogs stalked them.	10/18/2020 10:05 AM
103	A good experience as a child. But this was in the 1940's when people needed home gardens etc. I sometimes miss the rooster in the morning. However, we live in a different world today.	10/17/2020 11:07 PM
104	I have friends who keep chickens. The option should be available to all, regardless of where we live.	10/17/2020 9:09 PM
105	It was not an issue; traffic is noisier than a couple of chickens.	10/17/2020 9:00 PM
106	I did not actually know the numerous owners personally, but I spent one long, nearly sleepless evening surrounded by crowing roosters in a small town. They had no concept whatsoever of what time sunrise was. We heard roosters literally all night long!	10/17/2020 8:57 PM
107	The chickens were quiet and well cared for	10/17/2020 6:15 PM
108	They are an enjoyable thing that includes getting the family and friends outside. Plus you can look forward to having fresh eggs in the morning for a good day at work or school.	10/17/2020 5:24 PM
109	They have not had negative experiences.	10/17/2020 4:14 PM
110	I've lived in San Juan, a large dense city. Raising chickens and was extremely common, everybody loved chickens	10/17/2020 12:31 PM
111	They're a fairly low maintenance source of eggs that haven't caused any issues.	10/17/2020 12:12 PM
112	I have not kept chickens, but good friends kept them in their backyard in the Midway neighborhood of St. Paul. Not only was it a great learning experience for their kids and source of fresh eggs, but I observed how it brought them closer to their neighbors. They decided to share the care of the chickens (and the eggs) with a neighbor down the street, which created a stronger sense of community. The chickens helped them meet other neighbors who would stop by to observe/feed/chat about the birds. They have had only positive experiences, and they	10/17/2020 11:43 AM

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are in a much more urban area than Arden Hills, where we have more space to keep birds. Some friends gave us a chicken coop kit for our wedding (5 years ago!) and we would love to be able to set it up in our large, one acre lot. I know our neighbors would be supportive (we've discussed the city's ban on chickens before and hoped it would be lifted), and I could see it bringing the neighborhood closer together. I imagine people without first or second hand knowledge of urban chickens may have negative views of them, but I am thankful the city is asking for feedback.

113	I have not personally kept chickens, but I have both known those that have kept chickens and have lived near those that kept chickens in an urban area. The noise is absolutely the first thing that bothered me - chickens are loud, and have no regard for whether or not the humans living within earshot of them work late, or work overnights, or just don't want to listen to chickens. Additionally, in my experience, many folks that are interested in keeping chickens are blinded by the excitement of having said chickens and do not take the time to properly prepare their property or understand everything that having chickens entails.	10/17/2020 11:31 AM
114	They are incredibly loud, and will wake up neighbors and their dogs. They are filthy creatures and cannot be kept anywhere near property lines without detritus spreading into neighbor's yards. They should not be allowed.	10/17/2020 11:28 AM
115	I had an old neighbor with hens. They don't make much noise and you hardly know they are there. It was fun to watch them in the backyard.	10/17/2020 10:54 AM
116	the person I knew was not very responsible maintaining a closed space. Chickens were wondering all over and would become a threat to motorist. Police and city administrators were spending a lot of time with owner to keep his chickens penned up.	10/17/2020 10:50 AM
117	They weren't a bother at all. Zero problem. This was in NE mpls with small, close lots. Was fun for the kids and neighbors actually. Good connection to agriculture.	10/17/2020 9:56 AM
118	Great to have the eggs. It was a visual mess.	10/17/2020 9:16 AM
119	Several acquaintances have chickens. They are entertaining and ornamental, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to have fresh eggs.	10/17/2020 1:09 AM
120	Enjoy seeing them next door	10/16/2020 10:44 PM
121	Having small number of chickens(6 or less) doesnt cause alot of issues. the chickens seem to be part of the backyard nature. Kids really know where their food comes from.	10/16/2020 10:29 PM
122	Have only heard positive things: food quality, kids enjoyment/learning, etc	10/16/2020 9:28 PM
123	We had chickens in Roseville and it was a wonderful experience for us and our neighbors as we gave eggs away and it fostered a sense of community among us.	10/16/2020 9:27 PM
124	A friend from a neighboring city kept chickens and it did not seem intrusive to her neighbors and it was a great learning experience for her childrens.	10/16/2020 8:54 PM
125	It was a great learning experience for children to learn about how to raise baby chicks.	10/16/2020 7:00 PM
126	Plus side is that they're easy to care for and a lot of fun. They look like moving lawn ornaments. Downside is that predators will find them and inexperienced, low commitment chicken keepers are likely to give up.	10/16/2020 6:58 PM
127	Positive, they are allowed in st anthony	10/16/2020 6:34 PM
128	Great food source and good learning experience for everyone involved	10/16/2020 5:59 PM
129	Friends of ours enjoyed keeping chickens in a city, but had a larger property and so was not a nuisance to anyone.	10/16/2020 5:25 PM
130	we have friends who keep chickens and they have had positive experiences	10/16/2020 5:03 PM
131	They seem quiet and this family's kids loved the chickens. They didn't have a rooster. Also, the family had a smaller breed of chicken.	10/16/2020 5:01 PM
132	It is an excellent learning experience for all who are involved to learn about animals and where our food comes from	10/16/2020 3:23 PM
133	We know someone who keeps these. The roster crows every morning loud and clear, it is messy and the surrounding soil is contaminated. We don't believe their killings, for food,	10/16/2020 2:57 PM

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should take place in urban settings.

134	Very positive exp. except for the upkeep of taking care of droppings in and around coops. You need to be vig. of the wild life seeking their next meal (coyotes,foxes)	10/16/2020 1:13 PM
135	Chickens are awesome	10/16/2020 12:43 PM
136	I liked hearing them in the morning and I liked knowing that someone is trying to stay connected to our food sources	10/16/2020 12:42 PM
137	I had a few chickens which I raised from little chicks in a converted rabbit hutch in the back yard with no problems relative to noise, neighbor complaints, etc. It was a great learning experience as far as responsibilities for a kid and would be a great alternative for urban kids for a 4h project instead of rabbits. A good parallel is any rules which would apply to rabbits should be applicable to chickens.	10/16/2020 12:30 PM
138	There are some behind my mothers house in St. Paul and I did not know they were there until I saw one and it was pointed out	10/16/2020 12:08 PM
139	positive interactions with children	10/16/2020 10:46 AM
140	Lots of families in Arden Hills already have chickens	10/16/2020 10:37 AM
141	Great relationship and responsibility learnings for children with families. Connects families with their food source. Independence of utilizing own property for their own purpose.	10/16/2020 10:18 AM
142	Noisy, smell	10/16/2020 9:55 AM
143	Smelly and disruptive to the immediate neighbors! The city was asked to have them removed and they complied.	10/16/2020 9:55 AM
144	We live more than 200 feet from a home who kept chickens and we were well aware of the noise caused by the birds. When people buy chicks to raise, they may get a rooster or two by mistake. And that would cause noise problems for sure.	10/16/2020 9:50 AM
145	Neighbor a few doors south had roosters and chickens. Kids raised them for show. Never had a problem.	10/16/2020 9:45 AM
146	Very positive experience for their entire family.	10/16/2020 9:44 AM
147	They're fun to have, good family bonding, and they help people with their daily food costs.	10/16/2020 9:41 AM
148	I did take care of chickens that were hatched for the purposes of embryology labs and raised them to adulthood and beyond, prior to their being donated to local farms. They were uniformly noisy and borderline filthy despite the fact that we were scrupulous in our cleaning. Salmonella was a worry.	10/16/2020 9:30 AM
149	The chickens were noisy, the pens were a sore spot, the yard was messy/junkie looking. Very unsightly.	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
150	They attract coyotes. Also, I just do not want this in my neighborhood. I didn't sign up for urban farming.	10/16/2020 8:18 AM
151	Negative: see my comments listed in #3 above.	10/16/2020 8:12 AM
152	We know residents in St Paul who have had good succes keeping chickens in their yard, they have had no issues with neighbors and they provide eggs for many familey & friends.	10/16/2020 8:11 AM
153	They were a great learning experience for kids, provided many eggs and ate kitchen scraps, keeping down on waste.	10/16/2020 8:10 AM
154	Chickens are not a bother- those I've known who have had them have kept them responsibly.	10/16/2020 7:09 AM
155	They brought their extra eggs into work for us coworkers. I saw his henhouse, it was very clean, I would have been fine being his neighbor.	10/15/2020 11:09 PM
156	Great food source and character building for kids	10/15/2020 10:56 PM
157	Good experience for kids/family, good food source, fun hobby, delicious eggs, easy low maintenance pets	10/15/2020 9:51 PM
158	My in laws have chickens on a farm in the country. The smell is horrific, they're loud, and the	10/15/2020 9:39 PM

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	mess is nasty. To be expected on a farm, but not in the suburbs.	
159	very positive. the only negative is having a rooster that crows. that does not seem to be allowed here so there are no negatives	10/15/2020 9:29 PM
160	Fran, fresh and natural store is not the same!!	10/15/2020 9:23 PM
161	Many cities in the metro including even more urban cities allow chickens. Chickens are known to eat many types of insect pests like ticks, they make very little noise, easy to care for. Just like for dogs, responsible owners need pick up after the animals and make sure they don't bother the neighbors. I think if the amount of hens was restricted to say 5 or 6 the chickens like many city ordinances, and are kept in a proper coop and cared for properly, they aren't generally a problem for neighbors. When I had chickens in the past, I hadn't known them to be a problem for being unsanitary or attracting vermin, and never had any complaints from neighbors.	10/15/2020 9:03 PM
162	Eggs taste amazing.	10/15/2020 8:57 PM
163	Freedom to use your property as a person sees fit	10/15/2020 8:51 PM
164	My sister kept chickens and I know it was a great learning experience for her and her 7 children. It is a lot of work, but can be very positive for a family.	10/15/2020 8:33 PM
165	They are dirty, can be loud, and are a nuisance to neighbors.	10/15/2020 8:01 PM
166	Grew up on a farm where we did have chickens. Something or other was always after them.	10/15/2020 7:54 PM
167	I have 2 neighbors that have chickens and I love seeing and hearing them. One coop is 3 houses away and I never hear them. The other coop is across the street and I only hear them in the mornings and I have to really be listening for them. They are not noisy. Chickens help reduce wood tick population. I have not seen any increased predators in the neighborhood as a result. I am all for allowing chickens	10/15/2020 7:35 PM
168	Several neighbors have had chickens. No problems.	10/15/2020 7:28 PM
169	There should be a limit on roosters.	10/15/2020 7:25 PM
170	Fresh eggs, healthy, green, learning new lifestyle	10/15/2020 7:13 PM
171	A New Brighton friend of mine enjoyed having fresh eggs. They enjoyed watching their kids take on the responsibility of caring for the chickens, it was a good learning experience.	10/15/2020 6:49 PM
172	Our neighbors in Minneapolis had them. I would walk my son by their coop every day. The neighbors would bring us delicious fresh eggs	10/15/2020 6:20 PM
173	It's been great for their family. The eggs are tasty and the birds are entertaining!	10/15/2020 6:19 PM
174	They have had a great experience, no noise, no smell and neighbors have zero complaints.	10/15/2020 6:18 PM
175	Neighbors had chickens, and it was quite noisy.	10/15/2020 6:15 PM
176	The chickens circulated around the yard eating insects.	10/15/2020 6:15 PM
177	Our neighbor now has chickens in his backyard on Grant road. Occasionally they wander onto my property, but have not been a nuisance as such.	10/15/2020 6:10 PM
178	A neighbor over 50+ years ago in a small town. I had to fence my yard.	10/15/2020 6:09 PM
179	Great fresh eggs and the kids love gathering them.	10/15/2020 5:16 PM
180	Smell & noise are always an issue. Not to mention the attraction of foxes etc. We have enough critters roaming our neighborhood- cats & dogs. With the Crepeau Refuge down the block, raccoons are an issue also. Ramsey County animal control is non-effective & now you want to have chickens! Lord help us .	10/15/2020 5:13 PM
181	One of the neighbors had chickens, including roosters who made a lot of noise. Their backyard was a mess of cages, and farming paraphernalia.	10/15/2020 4:57 PM
182	belong on a farm	10/15/2020 4:45 PM
183	It's always been a positive experience.	10/15/2020 4:31 PM

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184	My neighbor left her chickens run all over my yard eve that we told them to keep their chicken away from our house	10/15/2020 4:26 PM
185	It was my neighbor and I got the freshest eggs. Nothing like them	10/15/2020 4:13 PM
186	A friend in the area had chickens. Enjoyed the eggs and the experience.	10/15/2020 4:09 PM
187	Fresh eggs, keeps bug population down and neighborhood kids loved learning about the lifecycle.	10/15/2020 4:08 PM
188	no negative experience. great food for the coyotes	10/15/2020 4:02 PM
189	Chickens need very secure enclosures to keep them safe from coyotes. The coyotes can dig under fences and will attack chickens. Chickens may increase the coyote populations around the area too which is dangerous to small dogs and other animals.	10/15/2020 4:00 PM
190	A neighbor used to have 2 or 3 hens, They were kept in a cage, bothered no one, and it was fun to hear their cackle when they would lay an egg. Nothing negative about it.	10/15/2020 3:58 PM
191	Mostly positive experiences. The eggs are great! The only issue I have seen if they're are not properly watched after foxes will get after the chickens and kill them.	10/15/2020 3:22 PM
192	When I was growing up, my friend on Hamline avenue had chickens. They always had eggs and they were sooo fresh.	10/15/2020 3:22 PM
193	Urban chickens are no different than rural farms that also raise chickens for food and eggs. They require care, are messy and make noise and can transmit disease just as any animal that roams around. People get ideas for "what a great idea" they would make as pets and lay eggs - then when the thrill wears off they are dumped off somewhere or let loose - to fend for themselves, never caring if they survive or not. I grew up in a farming family and the farm is where chickens and food producing animals belong.	10/15/2020 2:19 PM
194	Several friends with chickens; all have had positive experiences. They have had no vermin or unsanitariness. The fresh eggs from a known source is very appreciated.	10/15/2020 1:54 PM
195	My daughter has had chickens for about 5 years in roseville. So great for fresh eggs, great teaching tool for my grandchildren. Life, death. Caring for an animal, cleaning out the coop. They are not noisy at all, roosters yes but not hens. It's been a win win all around.	10/15/2020 1:49 PM
196	Yes we've known tons of people who have kept chickens. Only positive experiences from fresh eggs to learning experiences for kids. and I'm surprised to learn it's not allowed in Arden Hills, this seems unnecessarily restrictive.	10/15/2020 1:47 PM
197	Early morning rooster calls. Also, was not kept up well, a mess.	10/15/2020 12:45 PM
198	They enjoyed the experience, liked the fresh eggs.	10/15/2020 12:39 PM
199	I have never had them myself.	10/15/2020 10:53 AM
200	I had a positive experience with chickens and brings us outside yo enjoy nature.	10/15/2020 10:36 AM
201	They shared eggs, the children had responsibilities, and the food source for us was excellent in that the chickens ate healthy food scraps. Commercial chickens' diet is much less nutritional which trickles down to egg quality.	10/15/2020 9:37 AM
202	My brother kept them on his small South Minneapolis property. There was no issues with the chickens or the neighbors or anything.	10/15/2020 9:31 AM
203	The families I know who have or have had chickens have really enjoyed the experience. Children learn about animal husbandry and have the responsibility of caring for someone and enjoy bonding with the birds and everyone enjoys the eggs. A small downside is the consideration that has to be taken towards keeping the birds safe from predators.	10/15/2020 9:18 AM
204	None	10/15/2020 8:43 AM
205	It was just calming to see them...not unlike having a pet bird in a cage	10/15/2020 8:20 AM
206	The home where I picked up my weekly CSA vegetables (community supported agriculture) this summer had 4 or 5 chickens in the back yard. Sometimes they were roaming freely in the fenced-in yard, and sometimes they were in their coop. They were all different, and all beautiful! My five year old grand daughter was delighted by them!	10/15/2020 8:07 AM

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207	Neighbor had them in Minneapolis and it was an huge attraction for the kids!	10/15/2020 6:33 AM
208	loved having fresh eggs and good responsibility for children to learn	10/15/2020 5:14 AM
209	Dirty	10/14/2020 10:59 PM
210	Yes. I grew on a farm where we cared for chickens. Most people do not comprehend the responsibility and purpose of raising chickens. They are food, not pets. Too many people in the city treat them as pets.	10/14/2020 10:56 PM
211	They are cute, educational, and provide high quality eggs	10/14/2020 9:25 PM
212	All I've heard are good things. Yes, a chicken occasionally gets out, but no examples of pests/rodents/bothers	10/14/2020 9:20 PM
213	Fresh eggs a plus, so many lessons learned by the kids.	10/14/2020 9:12 PM
214	You get fresh eggs, they are cute, kids love them, chicken coops are adorable.	10/14/2020 9:07 PM
215	I have friends in Minneapolis and Coon Rapids. They really enjoy the chickens and the eggs. It would be fun to see them in folks' backyards.	10/14/2020 8:30 PM
216	My parents did in the country. Once they got older, it was a lot of work for them beacuse they were old & we weren't around to help. The chicken coop just stank. I loved having chickens as a kid but didnt' realize the work to feed them, clean the coop, kill & clean the chickens until I was older. I can't imagine doing this in a neighborhood enviroment in some neighborhoods in Arden Hills. Sure if you've got lots of land between you & other folks...but you got to know what you are doing, be educated, responsible.	10/14/2020 8:28 PM
217	Only positive experience. My children had them before we moved here and are asking why we aren't allowed.	10/14/2020 8:01 PM
218	Fulfilling, great source of eggs, fun	10/14/2020 7:43 PM
219	No negative experiences, they were a fun hobby for my sibling to care for after school with permission of the owner	10/14/2020 7:15 PM
220	Noise/negative	10/14/2020 7:13 PM
221	Very positive. Aside from providing eggs, chickens help consume food waste, create excellent compost, fertilize lawns, and mitigate insect problems. They are beneficial in teaching kids about responsible eco-stewardship and how natural closed loops reduce or eliminate pollution and waste.	10/14/2020 7:00 PM
222	Hello, when fostered and maintained correctly, chickens are a positive experience for families, especially those this kids. Teaching them responsibility and how to care for a project. Fresh eggs also help decrease family costs of groceries and are in general healthier. Chickens can be a great outlet mentally for people and reduce stress, additionally they help keep the bug populations in check.	10/14/2020 6:58 PM
223	Only positive experience. Provide fresh eggs for the family, able to feed hens with any organic material normally discarded/not usable/edible and manure can be used for garden beds and vegetable gardens.	10/14/2020 6:54 PM
224	They require a lot of care to keep from being smelly affair. Our neighbor's chickens run free and I would too if I live in their smelly home.	10/14/2020 6:49 PM
225	There are chickens on a property on my road and I have seen then wandering around in the neighbor's front yard.	10/14/2020 6:47 PM
226	We pick up our CSA in St. Paul from a house that has chickens. They are quiet and well cared for. The children love them	10/14/2020 6:23 PM
227	Chickens are full of personality, provide good source of fresh eggs, can fill the need as a pet cat or dog.	10/14/2020 6:20 PM
228	Chickens belong on a farm. Not in Arden Hills.	10/14/2020 5:46 PM
229	We have had nothing but positive experiences with chickens. They lay eggs, their quieter than most dogs, and they are a great opportunity for kids to learn.	10/14/2020 5:37 PM
230	Roosters (not hens) were also kept. Crowed all the time	10/14/2020 5:36 PM

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231	everyone i know that has raised chickens has had a positive experience	10/14/2020 5:34 PM
232	Connected me more closely with my neighbors; helped build a sense of community.	10/14/2020 5:32 PM
233	Noisy and smelly.	10/14/2020 5:27 PM
234	Plenty of eggs to eat and share. Fun responsibility for kids, 4H	10/14/2020 5:20 PM
235	It's part of the gardening culture on my street. The neighbors all enjoy it.	10/14/2020 5:11 PM
236	Laying hens, if fed, housed and watered properly are wonderful to watch. They provide one of the most important source of proteins for the human diet. Children love to gather the eggs. My chickens produced enough eggs for my family plus some to share with my fellow teachers. They must be protected from predators. One challenge is keeping them warm in winter and keeping their water from freezing.	10/14/2020 4:57 PM
237	I have not kept chickens myself because it is not allowed here in AH, but I know many people who do and have found it very doable and rewarding.	10/14/2020 4:55 PM
238	I understand that there is a calming quality to chickens. Spending time outside with them, listening to them is very relaxing. Knowing that their chickens were treated well made them feel better about consuming eggs. Having chickens increased their interactions with neighbors due to people stopping by to ask questions, show children the chickens, and wanting to feed them treats. With a consistent routine, they were able to keep the area clean and free of noxious odors.	10/14/2020 4:54 PM
239	When we were kids, in AH, we had egg laying chickens. Bante chickens.	10/14/2020 4:52 PM
240	No negative experience. Enjoy the chickens and they were not a problem.	10/14/2020 4:47 PM
241	I have known people in other cities who have them and once the initial interest fades, the areas and yards fall quickly into disrepair	10/14/2020 4:46 PM
242	I have had neighbors have them and they escape and runaround. Just give a dirty impression to me.	10/14/2020 4:25 PM
243	Having healthy fresh eggs is so great. After having fresh eggs I can't eat ones from the stores due to their lack of taste and flavor and color. Being able to eat the way we should is a great boost to health. I know many people constantly looking for fresh eggs from neighborhood chickens	10/14/2020 4:25 PM
244	I knew a neighbor that had chickens as pets. The neighborhood had no issue with these chickens. It made the neighborhood unique.	10/14/2020 4:19 PM
245	It seems cool in some ways, but you are counting on the person right next to you to have the same standards that you do. In addition, unlike dogs that can come indoors if they are barking, chickens are not "tame" animals. They don't "stop clucking" when they are told....They do attract fox, mice etc which also effects the people around you.	10/14/2020 4:19 PM
246	As long as coups are kepped clean and secure there were no problems.	10/14/2020 4:11 PM
247	N/A	10/14/2020 4:07 PM
248	There are several homes in our old neighborhood in NE Mpls who have them and it was awesome to see. My neighbor would also give me fresh egg and we loved it. The kids in the neighborhood were involved and it was a great learning experience.	10/14/2020 3:45 PM
249	Had a great time and enjoyed results	10/14/2020 3:44 PM
250	Backyard neighbor in my present residence and nearby neighbor in a previous AH townhouse kept chickens. They wandered all over the place—streets, yards, garages. They were a nuisance and caused problems for the neighborhood dogs.Who knows what kind of diseases they may have had?	10/14/2020 3:44 PM
251	Everywhere we have lived previously allowed chickens. Roosters are a bother (very noisy) but chickens were just fine. It was great to get eggs from our neighbors. Definitely a positive experience.	10/14/2020 3:42 PM
252	There were only six chickens and they were well kept and cared for. It was a nice experience	10/14/2020 2:51 PM
253	Within a well designated area, with a well designed pen and run provided a great educational	10/14/2020 2:16 PM

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experience for the owners and their kids. It was clean, the chickens happy, and there were many many eggs to share!

254	They were fun to watch.	10/14/2020 2:01 PM
255	Our kids LOVED an older couple down the road who kept chickens in our former residence. They loved to feed, collect, and take care of the chickens	10/14/2020 1:22 PM
256	I know people in St Paul that have them. They seem to be fun to have.	10/14/2020 11:36 AM
257	don't have an opinion.	10/14/2020 11:25 AM
258	None	10/14/2020 9:49 AM
259	They're great for families and kids and provide a healthy food source where you can control the quality and know the origin	10/13/2020 10:35 PM
260	Haven't had any negative experiences except for when one passes away. Similar to when another family pet passes away.	10/13/2020 9:27 PM
261	Never had any probs at all	10/13/2020 4:37 PM
262	Seems to work well for fresh eggs. Their kids loved it as well it was educational and fun for them.	10/13/2020 2:19 PM
263	Great experience	10/13/2020 6:00 AM
264	We just moved from NE Mpls and someone nearby us had chickens	10/13/2020 5:17 AM
265	Only heard positive things.	10/12/2020 9:43 PM
266	Quiet animals, not smelly or Threatening the way other pets (barking dogs, etc) can be, and cleaner in the sense that they stay in their coop and don't make a mess in someone else's yard!	10/12/2020 8:38 PM
267	It's an educational experience for my children and myself as a Mom, too! It builds a sense of community and sustainability for healthy food sources.	10/12/2020 8:14 PM
268	attracts coyotes	10/12/2020 7:19 PM
269	They were fun to have. If kids are involved it show responsibility.	10/12/2020 6:54 PM
270	We've been given eggs by the individuals who had the hens. It's a good food source & our kids enjoyed feeding the chickens.	10/12/2020 6:22 PM
271	I lived in Saint Paul for 9 years. I lived next door to chickens they are a complete nuisance to neighbors.	10/12/2020 5:03 PM
272	Their dominant hen started Crowing!	10/12/2020 3:47 PM
273	Great for kids! Best eggs you'll eat.	10/12/2020 3:46 PM
274	1. - laying hens have been bred to lay incessantly. Chickens in the wild lay fewer than 20 eggs a year and live to 30 years old. Contemporary laying hens lay between 300 and 350 eggs a year and develop reproductive disease which is the cause of up to 90% of mortality in egg-laying flocks beginning at the age of 2 years old. It is a protracted and horrible death. Google "laying hens and ovarian cancer" and "egg yolk peritonitis in laying hens" and choose "images". 2.- for every laying hen there is a dead or abandoned rooster. Google "male chicks". 3. - chickens are Tropical Jungle Fowl and need serious and costly protection in Minnesota's extreme hot and cold climate. 4. In 2001 there were 26 chicken permits in Mpls. There are now 366. That's an increase of 1308%. Our organization was founded in 2001. The fad has created a nationwide epidemic of unwanted chickens, ducks, geese, quail, and other domesticated fowl. They are abandoned at animal sanctuaries and shelters when the novelty wears off. Before 2009 our rescue averaged fewer than 40 surrender inquiries a year. Since 2009 when we first began keeping surrender statistics, we've been asked to help over 3,136 animals, overwhelmingly birds, and in no way have we been able to help them all. We haven't had time to update the graph since 2015. There is no limit to the number of ways chickens can cross your path without ever leaving your neighborhood. They might turn up at garage sale, in a dumpster, a friend of a friend who got bored, a walk in the park, left somewhere in a box, tossed from a car, or left on the Interstate. Many just appear in a backyard and survive off the bird feeder till someone notices them. Or maybe being abused in the backyard next door. Pre-	10/12/2020 3:44 PM

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Covid, animal control agencies used to send officers to catch and impound stray or abandoned chickens but there are so many now, some shelters don't even bother so impound shelter data does not reflect the number of city birds impacted. In 2001 there were 26 chicken permits in Mpls. There are now 366. That's an increase of 1308%. Plus, the trend in the number of chickens allowed per permit has also increased. Permit compliance rates are about 3% so there is no good data to represent the actual 97% of households with chickens in most communities. Bottom line is there is a world of birds who need help. 5. Casualties of Urban Animal Agriculture <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=475016785200&set=a.10150602336545201> 6. Backyard Chickens - Sustainable for Whom? <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=475016785200&set=a.10152887500425201> 7. Backyard Chickens: The Bird's Eye View- video presentation was produced for city planning committees that requested Chicken Run Rescue's recommendations about proposed chicken ordinances. It is an overview of our rescue work and what can go wrong for the birds when cities allow backyard chickens. Chicken Run Rescue <https://vimeo.com/67854723>

275	A coworker in a different twin cities suburb had chickens, and it was a great family project for the parents and kids to work on together	10/12/2020 3:43 PM
276	The owner is very respectful of their neighbors and there aren't any problems	10/12/2020 3:11 PM
277	I had a friend with a backyard chicken coop who got fresh eggs every day.	10/12/2020 11:16 AM
278	Our neighbors had them in New Brighton. They never bothered us.	10/12/2020 9:43 AM
279	Its been many years now and was largely positive with the exception of the frequent attacks by wildlife. Our neighbors had them too and I recall that the noise was a bit obnoxious! They make noise at what should be quiet times of the day/night.	10/12/2020 9:17 AM
280	I have barely noticed they were there. They aren't aggressive, eat ticks and are fun pets. I personally don't want them, but I see nothing wrong with others having them. I think they can be a great hobby and people should be allowed to pursue hobbies that have very little impact on others.	10/11/2020 10:25 PM
281	When I first moved to Arden Hills, our neighbor had chickens and it was a positive experience for me. I also know two other families in cities who have chickens--one lives in urban St. Louis and their son has kept the chickens and made some \$\$ on the side by selling eggs. Another friend lives in urban Cleveland and keeps chickens as well. Both families have had excellent experiences.	10/10/2020 9:56 PM
282	There arent negatives. Hens are for the most part quiet, if they free range they "know" their yard boundaries. They are great at certain types of insect control. They are entertaining as well as relaxing to watch. They dont smell. Their litter is great composted to feed your garden. They give back to the community in the form of neighborly relations. Because everyone is enthralled with a chicken.	10/9/2020 10:18 PM
283	Chickens are a great way to teach children (and adults) about where their food comes from and provide them with hands on real life experience about caring for animals and farming on a small scale. Knowing where you food comes from (and everything your food ate) is an incredibly important thing. Hens are quiet and shouldn't be considered a nuisance. It is critically important that we are allowed the opportunity to chose to be green and live off of our own food sources in this community. It seems every one of our neighboring cities allows keeping chickens and we haven't adopted this policy yet. It's time for Arden Hills to reconsider this policy.	10/8/2020 3:36 PM
284	They had hens only and they were very quiet you wouldn't know they were there.	10/8/2020 10:01 AM
285	Chickens eat unwanted pests like ticks. Fresh eggs are healthy and delicious.	10/8/2020 9:46 AM
286	Hens are not noisy, and they eat nuisance bugs like ticks and beetles. They are friendly pets. They help provide local food sources and food stability which is something we need more of. It's a great learning experience for kids as well and chickens can be shown at the fair for 4H.	10/7/2020 6:51 PM
287	Friend in STP has lots of eggs and is part of a community. Chicken waste can be composted for gardening.	10/7/2020 4:49 PM
288	Experience has all been very good. The only negative is the work for the chicken owners to secure hens from raccoon predators. Hens eat left overs which also reduces food waste.	10/7/2020 10:21 AM

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289	Everyone that I know who has had urban chickens has had a great experience raising them and enjoying the benefit of fresh eggs. The chickens are harmless and should be allowed.	10/7/2020 10:10 AM
290	Laying hens are largely silent, a great source of fresh food, educational for children, and sustainable. Most urban chicken coops are unnoticeable to neighbors.	10/7/2020 8:48 AM
291	A source of learning responsibility for children, fresh eggs, and opportunity to share food with neighbors.	10/7/2020 8:48 AM
292	People who have chickens do need to take care of them, and keep their coop & yard clean. But, the same goes for those that have dogs & cats. We all know neighbors whose dog/s is way more of annoying then it should be. I have smelled people's dog poop invested yards blowing in the wind... and barking...	10/7/2020 8:03 AM
293	The family had a garden and chickens and kids learned to help raise them and had fresh quality eggs. Kids learned about food sources and gardening.	10/7/2020 6:41 AM
294	It's been very educational for their children	10/7/2020 5:48 AM
295	My friend had them and it was disgusting after about 6 months. She had no idea how much time and effort it took so the coop got filthy. Fleas, mice, snakes and coyotes became a problem for the next year. The neighbors complained so many times but they didn't get rid of them until their own dog was killed by a coyote.	10/6/2020 11:36 PM
296	My brother in-law has 6 chickens in the small yard it he built a coup that kept the chickens within their boundaries so no disturbances to their neighbors.	10/6/2020 10:39 PM
297	Excellent learning experience for their kids in animal husbandry and provided an ongoing family project.	10/6/2020 10:27 PM
298	Great way to learn about chickens	10/6/2020 9:47 PM
299	Great learning experience for kids in regards to humane food sourcing, sustainable living, responsibility.	10/6/2020 9:40 PM
300	No problem s	10/6/2020 9:15 PM
301	All positives - children love to visit them and they are fun to watch pecking around	10/6/2020 8:32 PM
302	It's been great to have fresh eggs! They are quiet, minimal smell and great for building strong work ethic in children!!	10/6/2020 8:02 PM
303	Wonderful eggs to share with neighbors	10/6/2020 5:53 PM
304	Noisy, odor	10/6/2020 4:59 PM
305	No problems.Much quieter than dogs.	10/6/2020 12:14 PM
306	A neighbor did but I didn't really discuss it with him. Didn't cause any issues. Loose dogs are much more of an issue for me! and multiple neighbors let their dogs loose, don't even bother with Invisible Fence ever	10/6/2020 10:45 AM
307	We had chickens for years in Roseville. They are easy to properly care for them. Our neighbors loved them. 2 neighbors didn't know we had them for years - the coop looked like a shed. 4-6 hens don't cause issues like smell. We never had rodents or issues with coyotes, Fox. Those animals were in the neighborhood but with a good coop design/build they didn't get in the coop or bother our hens. We miss the high quality eggs!	10/6/2020 10:13 AM
308	I grew up in a MN suburb next to a neighbor who had several chickens. As a kid it was a great experience taking care of them and raising them. I went over there a few times a week and collected eggs, cleaned their pen and played with the chickens. I even helped them hatch chicks. They had a rooster which was noisy but the hens were very quiet and sweet. Overall my experience was a very positive one, and one I hope to give my children someday soon.	10/6/2020 8:29 AM
309	Neither positive or negative.	10/6/2020 8:02 AM
310	I had friends growing up who kept chickens on a small residential lot (much smaller than the average Arden Hills lot). The children learned a lot both about responsibility as well as about the logistics of how to design a coup as well as the nutritional needs of chickens. They had all hens and their backyard was kept very clean.	10/6/2020 7:26 AM

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311	Wonderful source of healthy food	10/6/2020 7:01 AM
312	The people I've known with chickens have taken good care of them, included children in the care/treated them like pets (which has been a great learning experience), provided aesthetically pleasing housing, and have been able to use the eggs themselves, and share them with others.	10/6/2020 6:37 AM
313	Great for fresh food. Having them builds a stronger community.	10/6/2020 6:32 AM
314	They were and to successfully keep a small number of chickens for fresh eggs.	10/5/2020 11:55 PM
315	No negative experiences	10/5/2020 10:32 PM
316	It's fun and you get awesome eggs	10/5/2020 9:54 PM
317	Several previous locations, never a problem aside from local kids occasionally harassing them.	10/5/2020 9:40 PM
318	My dog nearly killed several of the chickens while walking on the city paths because the chickens were outside of their boundaries. There are no controls for chickens. Dogs need to be on a leash but chickens can go anywhere. That doesn't work for me.	10/5/2020 9:27 PM
319	Urban chickens allow for a sustainable lifestyle while growing food for consumption. Great responsibility for kids as well!	10/5/2020 9:23 PM
320	All universally positive. Great for kids learning and experience.	10/5/2020 9:13 PM
321	Fresh eggs, less ticks in the yard and fun pets make them a positive	10/5/2020 9:10 PM
322	Learning experience for kids, and it is increasingly important to be responsible for your own sources of food	10/5/2020 8:48 PM
323	Fun hobby with good nutritional return	10/5/2020 8:45 PM
324	Fun for kids to check on and care for. Issue is noise	10/5/2020 8:11 PM
325	They loved it. They kept their pens super clean and were very neat to observe.	10/5/2020 7:59 PM
326	The positives greatly outweigh any negatives	10/5/2020 7:27 PM
327	Great source of health food; chickens are very intertwining to owners with their personalities; great learning experience for kids	10/5/2020 7:25 PM
328	I have multiple friends with chickens and have no complaints despite not wanting my own chickens.	10/5/2020 7:09 PM
329	I only know one person, who did it for fun/interest. But a listserve I am on has many people that do it and they rave about it.	10/5/2020 7:08 PM
330	I had neighbors directly across the street keep chickens in a former home. It was nice to have fresh eggs. The chickens did not make excessive noise. It was fun to go visit and see animals not usually seen in the neighborhood.	10/5/2020 6:56 PM
331	The people I know who had them regretted it after a while. Too much work/expense.	10/5/2020 6:26 PM
332	The school that I work at has kept chickens for years. I have taught a sustainability class where the kids care for the chickens. We use their waste as fertilizer for the organic gardens. We have incubated the eggs, in the elementary classrooms, and the children had the experience of caring for new chicks. For many kids this has been their first involvement with chicks/chickens, they are beloved by all.	10/5/2020 6:02 PM
333	No Roosters because of noise. Have a clear procedure written to order removal if the owners are not responsible. Require a permit. Require permission from all neighbors within 500 feet.	10/5/2020 5:29 PM
334	Fresh eggs;	10/5/2020 5:24 PM
335	They fresh backyard eggs are better quality than what is at the store. They're a great source education for kids having responsibility of living animals and a great source of entertainment!	10/5/2020 5:06 PM
336	They are less noisy than just about any dogs and they provide food for families.	10/5/2020 4:47 PM
337	A friend keeps chickens in Stillwater. She has a large yard, keeps the chickens fenced in and	10/5/2020 4:33 PM

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has a coop for winter. Her chickens are just about invisible. Her neighbor also keeps chickens and they are fenced in as well. Both fences are tall - at least 5 feet tall. The birds do not run free except in their runs. The coops are both neat and tidy. My friends chickens are at least 30 feet from the house however her neighbors are a bit closer. If allowed there should be a tall fence for the chickens that must come down within a specified period of time if the homeowner stops keeping chickens. I also think that the coops and "pens" should be a specified distance away from any houses bordering the chicken owners home so as not to disturbed the neighbors and to prevent any odors affiliated with owning chickens away from the neighbors.

338	My sister lives in Minneapolis off Chicago and has chickens. She uses them for eggs and also connects with neighbor kids on how to care for them and raising your own food.	10/5/2020 4:24 PM
339	Kids learned how to care for animals and family, understanding farm to table and food production, delicious eggs	10/5/2020 4:15 PM
340	Lots of friends have chickens, only positive things!	10/5/2020 4:02 PM
341	We haven't, but friends have. Their children were responsible for feeding them & collecting eggs. They shared the eggs with their neighbors.	10/5/2020 3:57 PM
342	Healthy and sustainable food source. Saves money and less harmful to the environment.	10/5/2020 3:51 PM
343	I think it's great - I like the sounds they make and think it's a great way to eat local, fresh eggs	10/5/2020 3:46 PM
344	I grew up in Lino lakes with chickens. They were well taken care of, helped to decrease bugs and were entertainment. Also, taught responsibility	10/5/2020 3:45 PM
345	Quiet and free eggs! Great for kids to learn to care for animals.	10/5/2020 3:43 PM
346	I owned chickens when I lived in New Brighton. It caused no harm to my neighbors or my larger surrounding community. Since we live in a free country, no other reasons or explanations are necessary.	10/5/2020 3:26 PM
347	All experiences have been positive.	10/5/2020 3:24 PM
348	none	10/5/2020 3:23 PM
349	My neighbors had them in Arden Hills. They had to get rid of them because of this ordinance. They put their hen house as far back from the street as they could. It butted up to my lot line. I had concerns, but once they were live those dissipated completely. I also have a friend in Roseville who has chickens. They are doing great with it. Quite clean and healthy lifestyle the way they do it. Their kids embrace it too.	10/5/2020 3:09 PM
350	Fresh eggs, learning opportunity for kids	10/5/2020 3:06 PM
351	Eggs. Less ticks. Less mowing (gas). Educational. Amazing fertilizer	10/5/2020 3:05 PM
352	I've not owned chickens but know several who have, inside and outside Arden Hills, and they've always been well taken care of and never bothered me at all. Not noisy, not a nuisance, and the animals were not neglected.	10/5/2020 3:05 PM
353	It was a great experience. Chickens help compost food scraps and eat bugs like ticks. And you get eggs! Compared to dogs, they are quiet pets.	10/5/2020 2:57 PM
354	No issues I've ever heard of	10/5/2020 2:53 PM
355	Former neighbors (from when I lived in St Anthony Village) have chickens. They have a positive impact on the neighborhood, often invite kids over to learn about the hens, get eggs, etc. I have not heard any negative sentiment from other nearby neighbors.	10/5/2020 2:52 PM
356	Fresh eggs really are better for consumption for the people and the care of the birds.	10/5/2020 2:51 PM
357	It is a great experience for friends, neighbors and kids to visit, the chickens are well behaved and stay in their yard, the owners keep a very healthy setting and are experts in the best care of the birds and it is a joy to have. They were egg laying hens. My brother also raised chickens for food in the fall and they were a joy to watch in the summer- no problems.	10/5/2020 2:48 PM
358	All experiences have been positive - a great way to lead a more sustainable lifestyle while teaching kids important a lessons in responsibility and the source of their food.	10/5/2020 2:48 PM
359	No negative experiences if there aren't roosters. Very positive for the family to have fresh	10/5/2020 2:47 PM

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eggs, teach kids about animals and conservation

360	We have friends just across County Rd D in New Brighton that have chickens. Great experience for kids and all their neighbors enjoy them as well. Also, have friends in Minneapolis who have chickens. Same experience. They are a fun hobby with little affect to the neighbors around them. Again, ever person I know who has had chickens...the neighbors enjoy it as well.	10/5/2020 2:45 PM
361	Nothing negative to say	10/5/2020 2:39 PM
362	Great for kids to learn from, our neighbors enjoyed some free eggs here and there, we loved having eggs daily. Because we raised the chicks from a very young age they were well-socialized and friendly. Our dog and chickens were friends. You do have to build your coop properly for winter and for keeping out predators; if you do so you won't have any problems.	10/5/2020 2:37 PM
363	Great learning experience for children, good companions, quiet and unbelievably tasty eggs	10/5/2020 2:36 PM
364	It's been a great experience with fresh eggs for everyone (including neighbors)	10/5/2020 2:34 PM
365	All positive. Everyone I know in Roseville, Minneapolis, and St Paul has had positive experiences with chickens.	10/5/2020 2:32 PM
366	As long as they are penned up, chickens don't pose any problems other than a little extra noise. But we live in a city where there is noise all the time. Quite frankly, they are less of a problem than all the dogs that are freely allowed!	10/5/2020 2:30 PM
367	Several family members and friends who live in suburbs have had hens for years without trouble or complaint. They are peaceful animals. Keep mosquitos and wood tick populations down. Provide eggs to many. And have more personality than most cats & dogs!	10/5/2020 2:30 PM
368	The eggs were delicious!	10/5/2020 2:28 PM
369	The families that I know who have kept chickens have enjoyed the chickens, enjoyed having fresh eggs, and appreciated the opportunity for their children to learn the importance of hard work. It's rewarding to see the animals that you take care of provide you with food.	10/5/2020 2:28 PM
370	They are very quiet (no roosters) and the benefits of supporting a greener lifestyle and healthier diets are so wonderful.	10/5/2020 2:27 PM
371	It was great! Fresh eggs from a source we totally controlled. Easy maintenance, virtually silent, and unique personalities. We only gave them away because we moved to Arden Hills.	10/5/2020 2:26 PM
372	Biggest thing would be setting clear expectation of the coop requirements. Same color of house. It has to look presentable. No hack job fencing and tarps.	10/5/2020 2:26 PM
373	ZERO Issues.	10/5/2020 2:25 PM
374	We have friends who keep chickens. They are friendly, easy to care for, and their kids have an enriching hobby. Aside from an occasional predator scare, they have only had positive experiences as a family.	10/5/2020 2:24 PM
375	You get out of chickens what you put in. I enjoyed tending to them. I especially enjoyed how they would eat our food scraps so we had less weekly waste.	10/5/2020 2:09 PM
376	A friend of mine kept chickens and having fresh eggs, and giving her children responsibilities in taking care of them were both things she has commented on. I don't personally plan to raise chickens, but feel our city shouldn't prevent citizens from keeping them, especially if their immediate neighbors approve and that they follow the guidelines set by the city. Other surrounding towns allow chickens and we can look to their rules and permitting guidelines to come up with a solid plan for our own town.	10/5/2020 2:06 PM
377	Quiet, easy to keep in your yard or enclosure, adds a responsibility for kids without needing to leave house to walk a dog	10/5/2020 2:04 PM
378	Folks I know that have had them lose interest quickly, especially when they have to figure out what do with them during the winter.	10/5/2020 2:02 PM
379	Positive experience - fresh eggs, positive learning activity for kids (and adults!) and good pets	10/5/2020 1:58 PM
380	One neighbor had difficulty keeping them penned up. They were in the streets and neighbor's yards. Another kept them properly fenced and housed in a coop but a carnivore still managed	10/5/2020 11:56 AM

to get in and killed all the birds.

Q5 Other Responses - If guidelines are written to allow chickens (laying hens), what restrictions do you think are important for the City to consider?

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	smell sensor for odder, so the license is not arbitrary.	11/5/2020 12:05 PM
2	Not sure if permission is required...maybe inform and submit neighbor input and mitigation of concerns plan to get a permit. We should be taking not stay anonymous behind forms etc.	11/5/2020 11:50 AM
3	If all of the above guidelines are in order, then we imagine that neighbors might be in agreement. However, the chickens may well attract wild animals to the area as an attractive food source.	11/5/2020 10:12 AM
4	Roosters and their noise are the only problem I can envision. My neighbors are conscientious people.	11/4/2020 9:43 PM
5	Keep the city out of it. They just finally figured out a regulation when you can put your trash can out and when it should be taken in by - ridiculous.	11/3/2020 1:57 PM
6	Peace between neighbors and owners of chickens. Dispute resolution if possible. Appropriate size of coop for chickens.	11/2/2020 9:02 AM
7	Backyard only with a 6 foot solid type fence mandatory. Minimum of at least 20 feet from property lines.	11/1/2020 1:44 PM
8	Restrictions would not be enforced without much grief and harm to the community. All I have seen is uneven enforcement of every other guideline.	11/1/2020 10:23 AM
9	None	10/31/2020 9:29 AM
10	Fence is neighbor requests it. I don't mind if my neighbor wants chickens but I don't want to see them.	10/28/2020 1:40 PM
11	Our neighbors have chickens and they do not contain their birds within their own property. The chickens roam around in our yard. It is annoying and unsanitary	10/28/2020 11:12 AM
12	Permission needed from neighbors if less than a minimum distance, which would probably apply to most quarter acre or less properties.	10/27/2020 7:53 PM
13	No roosters. And a limit to the number of hens per capita of household size.	10/27/2020 5:56 PM
14	It's important to allow chickens free range if the yard is properly fenced. Established, well-cared for flocks will stay within boundaries without issues. They should have a coop for safety, shelter, & nesting but allowed to roam during daylight hours to scavenge for bugs, pebbles, etc. Free range makes for happy chickens.	10/27/2020 3:52 PM
15	None	10/27/2020 12:33 PM
16	Fencing for chicken coops and run areas to provide safety for the chickens	10/26/2020 12:18 PM
17	If neighbors support someone who wishes to raise chickens, location and set back restrictions seem unnecessary. Cleanliness standards could be an effective way to address problems if they should arise, but that standard would need to be well written and equally well enforced.	10/25/2020 5:12 PM
18	Maximum # of chickens	10/23/2020 9:02 AM
19	I think the city should also look at how many people currently have chickens in a particular block/mile radius and limit the number of people who can have them based on that as well.	10/23/2020 7:43 AM
20	I would be concerned if the coops/run areas were too small	10/22/2020 4:41 PM
21	Mandatory education and annual inspection for permit. Random checks to assure well-being of the animals. Zero tolerance for cruelty, significant civil penalties for all other violations.	10/21/2020 7:58 PM
22	limit on number of adult birds.	10/21/2020 1:54 PM
23	Limit on number of chickens / laying hens that can be kept and rules prohibiting to collection of eggs or maintenance on coops outside of reasonable hours to minimize noise levels before daylight hours.	10/21/2020 7:56 AM
24	Obviously, chickens shouldn't be able to just run everywhere. However, as long as people take care of their chickens, screen them off, and get permission to keep them, I don't see the problem.	10/20/2020 9:36 PM

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25	Complaint process	10/19/2020 9:00 PM
26	ABSOLUTELY NO ROOSTERS	10/19/2020 6:16 PM
27	Good reporting system for violations.	10/19/2020 4:28 PM
28	Chicken waste disposal guidelines. Plan for action when residents with chickens allow those chickens to become a nuisance. Chicken noise ordinance guidelines.	10/19/2020 4:26 PM
29	Permit continuance contingent on not having numerous legitimate neighbor complaints	10/19/2020 3:37 PM
30	DO NOT ALLOW THIS! YOU MAKE IT SOUND AS IF THE CITY HAS ALREADY BOUGHT INTO THIS! IF SO, I WILL BE AT THE NEXT CITY HALL MEETING!	10/19/2020 1:57 PM
31	No roosters	10/19/2020 12:00 PM
32	Health and wellness requirements as mentioned in previous comment-vet care, vaccines, etc	10/19/2020 11:31 AM
33	In addition to general permission from neighbors being required, permission from neighbors regarding the look/ should also be required.	10/18/2020 4:21 PM
34	Cost to inspect chicken housing and other restrictions should be born by the people with the chickens, not all city residents.	10/18/2020 4:15 PM
35	I don't think they should be in the front yard for houses with small yards.	10/18/2020 3:56 PM
36	Nbr of chickens	10/18/2020 2:02 PM
37	Given their noise and potential odor, permission should be from any neighbor within 1/4 mile. What about free roaming chickens as I see on my walks? That is at least as big an issue for me.	10/18/2020 1:19 PM
38	None of the above	10/18/2020 12:25 PM
39	Again, until Arden Hills enforces its codes, any restrictions are bound to be dismissed.	10/18/2020 10:05 AM
40	I don't see a need for restrictions.	10/17/2020 9:09 PM
41	While I don't think chickens should be allowed within the city at all, I think that if it does end up being permitted, it needs to be heavily regulated. Obtaining permission from neighbors is the ultimate priority - additionally, this should be anonymous and done through the city so that the neighbor asking for permission does not have the ability to bother or pressure the neighbors they are seeking permission from. Minnesotan passive aggression is strong and would absolutely be exploited if the permission-seeking process is not administered by the city and anonymous.	10/17/2020 11:31 AM
42	Annual check on the sanitation and upkeep of the coop.	10/17/2020 10:53 AM
43	My opinion is that allowing people to keep chickens will be a mess to enforce, but if it is allowed there has to be a clear understanding that if a resident is not following the rules they will lose the privilege to keep chickens. I AM NOT OPTIMISTIC	10/17/2020 9:42 AM
44	limit number of chickens to 6 or less. the laying hens dont make alot of noise or cause any damage. they just walk around and peck at ground and eat insects.	10/16/2020 10:29 PM
45	Number of chickens in addition to maximum coop size/ sq ft of property.	10/16/2020 9:19 PM
46	Evidence of chicken keeping training required	10/16/2020 6:58 PM
47	Permit cost offset city expenditure.	10/16/2020 6:51 PM
48	None	10/16/2020 6:34 PM
49	permission should be only immediate neighbors	10/16/2020 5:03 PM
50	-No killing of chickens on premises or in city limits. -Formal sound barriers in the coop.	10/16/2020 2:57 PM
51	Other than establishing a max number allowed I don't believe guidelines are needed for city chickens	10/16/2020 1:58 PM
52	Coop size and run area must be large enough to keep chickens comfortable, safe, and in good health.	10/16/2020 12:43 PM

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53	No roosters, minimum distance from living quarters of neighboring properties vs property boundary. You could abut a neighbors property in a corner which is away from structures with no problems but be further away from the boundary and nearer a structure and have a problem.	10/16/2020 12:30 PM
54	Animal (chicken) health/safety standards	10/16/2020 12:06 PM
55	Lot size. Minimum 1 acre.	10/16/2020 11:30 AM
56	coops should not be in the front yards.	10/16/2020 10:18 AM
57	the Coops must be attached to, or maintained within the main residence of the owner	10/16/2020 9:55 AM
58	This type of green initiative should not be managed by the city.	10/16/2020 9:44 AM
59	I think raising chickens in an urban setting is a generally bad idea. It certainly does not improve the health and well being of residents or of property values. I think it would be a detriment to both of those factors.	10/16/2020 9:30 AM
60	Number of chickens allowed to have should be established. Number of chickens per coop should also be defined, i.e., you can't have 30 chickens in one coop. They should be healthy chickens, is there someway to have them certified to state they are healthy. The handling, care, treatment, and transportation must follow the guidelines of the Animal Protection Act.	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
61	Who will be monitoring the neighborhoods to see if theses are being followed? Are we hiring additional staff? Who is paying for these to be enforced?	10/16/2020 8:18 AM
62	Free range, birds should not be kept in coops. Would bring in more coyotes.	10/16/2020 8:15 AM
63	An expensive permit!	10/16/2020 8:12 AM
64	There are movable chicken coops which allow the birds to forage in other areas of the lawn. But they could primarily be housed in one area. I would not want the guidelines to prohibit this ability to allow the chickens to move about as long as they are in a coop.	10/16/2020 8:11 AM
65	If the rules are sane, you shouldn't need permission from neighbors. Too many people not educated enough.	10/15/2020 11:09 PM
66	No roosters only	10/15/2020 9:51 PM
67	Maximum number of chickens allowed per square foot.	10/15/2020 9:39 PM
68	Number of chickens per household	10/15/2020 9:22 PM
69	Permission from neighbors is absolutely necessary.	10/15/2020 8:01 PM
70	I'd like the ordinance to be written so a majority of properties could have chickens if they wanted. For instance, set backs of 200' from property lines is excessive for our property. Also, I think setbacks from back lot lines that back up to trails could be less than side lots that are up against neighbors yards.	10/15/2020 6:37 PM
71	Three things; notify the city of chicken presence; coop must be at least 15 feet from a neighboring residence (not the garage); must agree to arbitrate differences with a neighbor.	10/15/2020 6:15 PM
72	Chickens are fine, but the burdens that come with chickens should never be imposed on others due to proximity or neglected level of care/maintenance	10/15/2020 6:10 PM
73	Why should I have to object to a neighbor having chickens. With variance objection, it causes unfriendly relations for years to come.	10/15/2020 6:09 PM
74	If any neighbor within a one block radius of the requested site objects for any reason- permit should be denied.	10/15/2020 5:13 PM
75	a max number of chickens	10/15/2020 4:09 PM
76	If the City approves laying hens, in addition to all of the above, make the City responsible to monitor or police what they have approved and not expect peoples neighbors to work it out with one another when issues are reported to the City. Back yards are not intended as hobby farms in urban areas.	10/15/2020 2:19 PM
77	Location more important than distance ; a back corner is okay. Maybe distance from other dwellings, but not distance from property.	10/15/2020 1:54 PM

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78	Maximum number of chickens.	10/15/2020 1:47 PM
79	Responsiveness by city to violations of ordinance.	10/15/2020 10:32 AM
80	Just to clarify- no loud roosters! And maybe limit the number of chickens. We are all for it-within reason.	10/15/2020 9:37 AM
81	Keeping them enclosed where noise would not be heard by neighbors	10/15/2020 9:11 AM
82	chickens and chicken coops will bring down property values. If any of our neighbors had chickens when we looked at our house in Arden Hills, we would have walked away. Would not buy it, could not sell later.	10/14/2020 10:56 PM
83	No roosters! Specifications on disposing of chicken waste. They are very smelly. Many city lots are very small and it would be difficult to situate the coop far enough away from neighbors.	10/14/2020 9:57 PM
84	Must have attended a class on keeping chickens & get a city-issued permit & policy should & must spell out above items to reduce any wiggle room or interpretation otherwise. Also, please keep addresses on this survey private. This can be such a personal matter for some people & sadly, it is hard to have different opinions these days without riling up people's emotions.	10/14/2020 8:28 PM
85	Regarding question 6 the number of hens should be dependent on lot size.	10/14/2020 7:29 PM
86	How food and food/scraps are stored, how coops and chicken run are cared for.	10/14/2020 7:00 PM
87	The city should review extensively best practices for urban farming of chickens from other cities (to include those outside the state of MN, who may have a better handle on how to properly execute successful homeowner based chicken farming). Noise (generally hens are pretty quiet), cleanliness/smell and the design of the coop will be important. Additionally, please address SAFETY as it comes to coop design and outfit. Example electrical safety (heating lamps with dry bedding, extension cords etc.) can lead to potential fires. Children also need to know how to properly handle chicken poop safely. Ensuring the coop is safe from predators is important as well, raccoons, opossums, coyotes and cats all come to mind as the main suspects that need to be "proofed" from getting into the coop. General guidance on how to do such would be beneficial for homeowners, as predators should not be attracted once they know getting to the coop will be a lost cause if proofed properly.	10/14/2020 6:58 PM
88	Coop design standards, they should be aesthetically pleasing and not a run down shack.	10/14/2020 6:47 PM
89	Maximum number of chickens allowed per household	10/14/2020 6:21 PM
90	The number of birds in one flock or coop	10/14/2020 6:20 PM
91	No chickens!	10/14/2020 5:46 PM
92	Expectations for the care of the chickens: coop, food, watering, will they be used as a food source (i.e. slaughtered for food - is that allowed - how should that be handled) Periodic inspections - failing inspection what are the penalties and remedies by the city. How to fairly handle complaints by neighbors.	10/14/2020 5:33 PM
93	This is a residential area, not farmland	10/14/2020 5:16 PM
94	number of chickens. Possibly 6	10/14/2020 4:54 PM
95	None	10/14/2020 4:52 PM
96	safety of the chickens from predators especially coyotes, neighborhood dogs that get loose and neighborhood cats.	10/14/2020 4:25 PM
97	Honestly, this is one of the worst ideas I've ever heard proposed for this community. This is not a rural area. We do not keep livestock here. I'm very tolerant of anything my neighbors do, so long as it does not create a nuisance. This would be a nuisance.	10/14/2020 4:14 PM
98	Screening especially needed when properties currently do not have fencing.	10/14/2020 11:44 AM
99	I don't think there should be much regulation. If neighbors complain about smell or noise than the owners aren't doing a good job taking care of the chickens. Perhaps it should be a permit. Something that you could have revoked if neighbors complain. As far as size and location on property I don't think that should be regulated.	10/13/2020 9:27 PM
100	Where chickens are allowed to wander outside of their coops.	10/12/2020 6:52 PM

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101	No roosters.	10/12/2020 6:22 PM
102	All adjoining property owners should be required to sign off.	10/12/2020 5:03 PM
103	We should require Crowing hens be removed at the expense of the owner	10/12/2020 3:47 PM
104	http://chickenrunrescue.org/Municipal-Regulation IF permitted: - Permit as pets only - Do NOT prohibit roosters - Prohibit slaughter, breeding, sale or barter - Limit number of birds to 5 or fewer - Require 100% consent of neighbors - WRITTEN guidelines for care - mandate veterinary care - Cap number of permits - Allot for additional administrative staff and resources - Allot for enforcement and capture training	10/12/2020 3:44 PM
105	Minimum distance from the livable space on neighboring property. I.e. Distance away from house or patio, but at the back of a large yard as long as it is on the property it can be near the lot line.	10/12/2020 11:16 AM
106	let people do whatever they want! It's their property.	10/12/2020 9:43 AM
107	There should be a maximum number of chickens identified.	10/7/2020 4:49 PM
108	number of chickens allowed based on lot size	10/7/2020 3:47 PM
109	Fencing required and annual fees.	10/7/2020 3:30 PM
110	Max number of chickens to 6 or 8 within city limits.	10/7/2020 10:21 AM
111	I think that the rule about distance from property lines is too restrictive. A lot of people don't have 400 feet or even 200 feet to spare between them and the next property line. It should be a much shorter distance, such as the ten feet that are acceptable in other cities.	10/7/2020 10:10 AM
112	Quantity of chickens relative to lot size	10/7/2020 8:48 AM
113	Coops should be required to be 5 feet from their own home.	10/6/2020 11:36 PM
114	Strict fencing rules. Payment of fees to help defray enforcement costs. Number of chickens should be limited to two or less. Getting neighbor permission needs to be carefully considered to avoid problems between neighbors. Perhaps near-by neighbors should be sent a form and it should be returned to City Hall so objections can be given but the person wanting chickens does not know who has objected (like when residents alert the City to complaints). Also neighbors a least four homes away and surrounding neighbors front and back (perhaps within a certain number of feet) should be contacted. Chicken clucking is noisy and people don't like to hear it. Admittedly dogs are also noisy, but they are accepted for many years in residential environments. Chickens should be limited to farm communities.	10/6/2020 9:03 AM
115	Distance from buildings. In our neighborhood we have very awkward lot lines and many people have extra lots next door. I wouldn't see any issue with a coop being say 10 ft from a lot line as long as it's open land and not next to someone's house. I also see no issue with chickens in the front yard as long as the coop is sheltered by a screen or bushes. Again, several of our neighbors have very little backyards but very large and spacious front yards. It is important that the chickens have the optimal land to live on (sunny and dry, not swampy ground).	10/6/2020 8:29 AM
116	Limit number of hens.	10/6/2020 8:02 AM
117	All of the above. Also, not really looking for the spread of any disease either. Let's keep chickens on the farms. That's the best place for them.	10/5/2020 9:27 PM
118	Max # of laying hens per household, no roosters, maybe decrease setback requirements	10/5/2020 8:48 PM
119	I guess I would approve of a 10' distance from the lot line, like you have for sheds. Probably we should have a maximum size for the coop and run area so we don't feel like there is a farm next door, but I don't know what that size should be. This should be for fun and eggs, not a commercial operation.	10/5/2020 7:08 PM
120	As long as the structures are on the owners property i dont think the city needs to worry about it.	10/5/2020 5:24 PM
121	Contingency plans for when a neighbor pet kills a chicken	10/5/2020 4:13 PM
122	None	10/5/2020 3:35 PM
123	No restrictions, we are adults and should be treated as such.	10/5/2020 3:26 PM

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124	I will combine two of the above. I think that if there are guidelines for minimum guidelines from neighbors' property lines, it should be something that the neighbors can waive. As I stated earlier, I would have waived my property line requirements so my neighbors could have had their chickens.	10/5/2020 3:09 PM
125	I think it would be reasonable to see what the cities surrounding cities have for guidance and go with ones that are similar.	10/5/2020 3:05 PM
126	None	10/5/2020 2:53 PM
127	Periodic checks to make sure rules are maintained. A minimum number of calls regarding problems before the chickens are forced to be removed.	10/5/2020 2:49 PM
128	Protocols for handling neighbor complaints.	10/5/2020 2:37 PM
129	None	10/5/2020 2:34 PM
130	None of these kinds of rules are required for dogs. Dogs create many more safety hazards than chickens and are noisier and more disruptive.	10/5/2020 2:32 PM
131	The keeping of roosters should be prohibited and the. Number of chickens should be predetermined. 6 is a good number as they do have a significant attraction rate and can be preyed upon. Typically other cities require coops to be 5' - 10' from neighbors and coops are to be kept in the back yard.	10/5/2020 2:27 PM
132	Only that owners keep control - i.e. not allowed to roam freely or into other properties without permission from those owners. Otherwise, most should be covered by existing building and pet requirements.	10/5/2020 2:26 PM
133	For the min. distance from other properties, I mean not having chickens right on the property line. Having a min. distance that is unreasonable (i.e. a half an acre) that would automatically disqualify most of the residents from having chickens wouldn't be fair. Looking at what nearby towns do would be helpful.	10/5/2020 2:06 PM
134	I appreciate the consideration of these regulations if they are allowed.	10/5/2020 2:02 PM