
To: Planning and Zoning Commissioners
From: Brad Deets, Development Services Director
Date: January 10, 2020
Re: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Modification – Urban Chickens
Attach: Proposed Ordinance

BACKGROUND

The City Council adopted the Urban Chicken Ordinance at their meeting on November 18, 2020. Following the City Council approval, at a City Council workshop, the majority of City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance to modify the number of chickens permitted.

Specifically, the Council asked for consideration to allow additional chickens for larger lot single family lots.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Staff has proposed a modification to the ordinance related to the number of chickens based upon the size of the residential lot. Specifically, the number of chickens would be based upon the size of a residential lot as follows:

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| Up to ½ acre in size | Maximum of 6 chickens |
| Between ½ acre and 1 acre in size | Maximum of 12 chickens |
| Between 1 acre and 1 ½ acre in size | Maximum of 18 chickens |
| Between 1 ½ acre and 2 acre in size | Maximum of 24 chickens |
| Between 2 acres and 2 ½ acres in size | Maximum of 30 chickens |

The ordinance includes a cap of 30 chickens regardless of size of lot. The modified language is identified in red in the attached Ordinance. Staff has done some research on the number of single family lots within the City of Waukeee that are ½ acre or larger. Staff has identified a total of approximately 500 lots that are ½ acre or larger, however, due to covenant restrictions, it appears that the modified ordinance would only be applicable to around 100 properties within the City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff would request your consideration for the proposed ordinance.