

**CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL – WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022
CARLISLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CARLISLE, OHIO**

Deputy Mayor Bicknell called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Work Session of Tuesday, October 11, 2022, to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Carlisle Town Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio with the following members in attendance:

Council Attendees:

Mr. William Bicknell
Mr. Tim Humphries
Mr. Jason Faulkner
Mrs. Debbie Kemper

Mr. Michael Kilpatrick
Mr. Chris Stivers
Mayor Randy Winkler

Staff members present: City Manager Julie Duffy and Police Chief Will Rogers

Discussion Items:

Chickens

General discussion was made city's current regulations regarding the keeping of chickens with the city boundaries.

Key points discussed included:

- Councilmember Kilpatrick gave a presentation to Council about chickens (attached).
- Mr. Andrew Hubbs, 568 Fairview Drive, addressed Council and discussed his personal experiences owning chickens on a property in the city limits that did not meet the current minimum requirements. Mr. Hubbs provided an overview of his interactions with the zoning department and attempts to see what variances could be made to allow him to keep them. Mr. Hubbs detailed his experience in the enforcement of the current regulations and receiving a citation that was delivered by the Carlisle Police Department. He indicated that his neighbors were either unaware that he had chickens or not bothered by them.
- Mr. Troy Coomer, 136 Wolf Creek Court, addressed Council and explained that he previously lived in the township and had experienced issues with neighbors having chickens that were permitted to roam. Mr. Coomer described the issues he experienced with living next a property living next to chickens and indicated he was not in favor of them being permitted in town.
- Mr. Patrick Boyer, 449 W. Lomar Avenue, addressed Council and explained that he is in favor of chickens in town with responsible ownership and appropriate regulations. He indicated that he has owned them in the city limit off and on over the years with most unaware as an illustration of how it could be done with responsible ownership. He expressed concerns over food insecurity and how responsible chicken ownership could be a future benefit to the community. Mr. Boyer also provided detail on how chickens could be prevented from flying by humanely clipping their wings periodically.

General discussion was made by Council regarding the public comments and general topic. Key points discussed included:

- The cost to the property owner to feed and keep chickens.
- Concern of chickens attracting predatory animals to the property as well as concerns over noise and odor.

- General discussion about enforceability. Discussion regarding what regulations would potentially be put into place to permit chickens and how such regulations could be objectively enforced. Possible regulations might include limiting the number of chickens, restricting ownership to hens, having coops and pens follow permit process and certain setback requirements, and minimize sizing of coops for humane ownership.
- Discussion regarding the enforcement of covenants and restrictions versus HOA regulations in existing neighborhoods.
- General discussion about responsible ownership and how regulations could be implemented and enforced.

Discussion concluded with Council deciding to continue the discussion in a work session dedicated to this topic. Work session scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th beginning at 6:00pm with Councilmember Kilpatrick to bring back examples of the current regulations of surrounding communities for Council's review that evening.

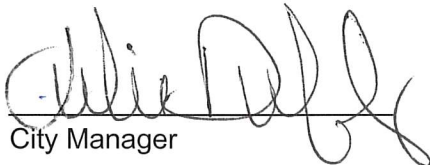
Public Information Meeting Regarding Upcoming Police Ballot Issue

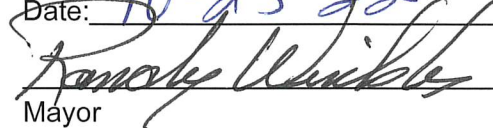
General discussion was made regarding Council hosting a public meeting soon to answer any citizens questions or concerns regarding the upcoming ballot issue regarding police funding. Consensus was made to host the public event on Thursday, October 13th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Carlisle Council Chambers and advertised on the city's various website and social media accounts. Chief Rogers indicated that he and members of his staff would also attend the meeting.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Council adjourned the meeting by voice vote with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Attest: 
City Manager

Date: 10-25-22

Mayor

Carlisle City Work Session Chicken Discussion

10/10/2022

As of 2011, 93% of US cities allowed raising of backyard chickens including, New York, Denver and Los Angeles.

How many Backyard Chickens?

USDA Estimates 13 million households
Pandemic saw a huge increase

Like Reply 44 Liked

Cathy Harrison

I see no problem with it. Just put a minimum

Like Reply 5d

Chris Sipps

Whole state of Florida allows 2 per person in a household. Carlisle needs to get a grip.

Like Reply 2d

Must Login

Like Reply 4d

Mike Kemplin

We have more dogs wondering the village than livestock.

Like Reply 4d

Like Reply 4d

Beth Pearson

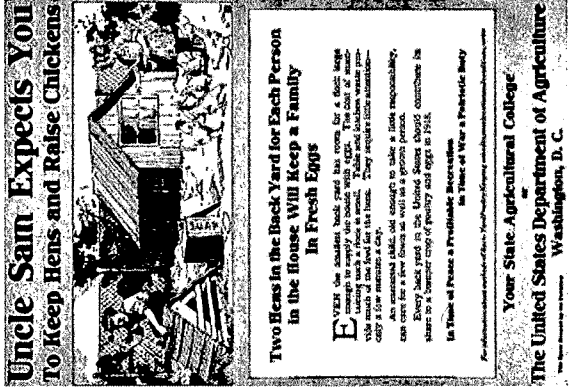
Township needs to get on this too!!!

Chickens are less of a problem than stray cats crapping everywhere, or yapping dogs outside all day.

We should be allowed to raise our own food

Like Reply 2d Edited

At one point,
 it was a
 patriotic duty
 to raise
 chickens in
 your back yard



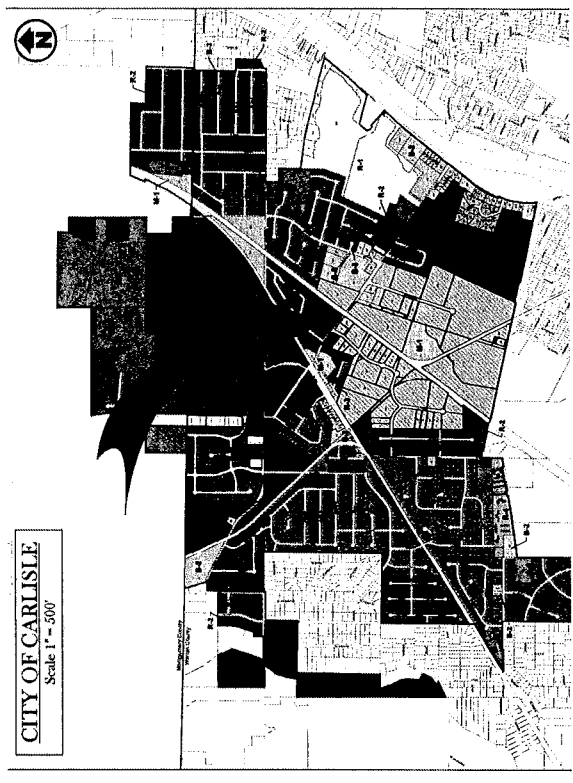
What is the current code language?

(a) Fowl. No person shall keep chickens or other poultry in any dwelling or within one hundred Feet of dwelling or property line.

No person shall keep or harbor any animal or fowl in the Municipality so as to create noxious or offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort or safety of the public.

Why Keep chickens?

- Fresh Eggs from Humanely Raised Hens
- Pets, Companions, and Therapy Animals
- Education, both 4-H and Homeschool
- Organic gardeners and Exterminators



572 Central Ave,
Carlisle

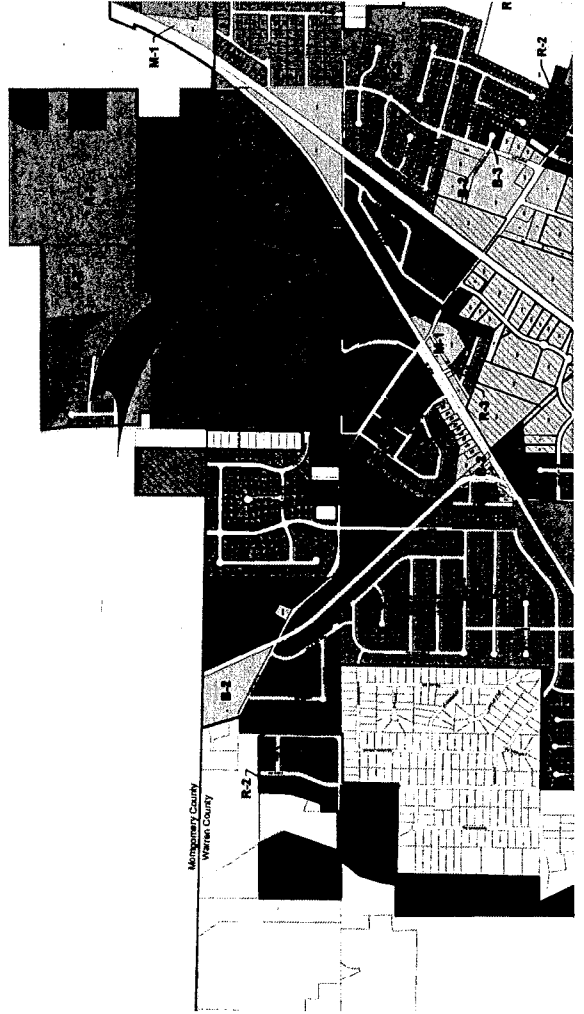


568 Fairview Rd
1/2 acre lot



Reasons I've heard against chickens

- Noise
- Smell
- Hurt Property Values
- Safety
- Unfettered Roaming Free



Specifically allow hens only

Smell-

Chickens do not smell- Animal waste smells. When managed properly, no odors emanate from a chicken yard.

Chickens 60-70 decibels vs Dogs 90+

Most backyard chickens are virtually undetectable, only getting vocal when they have just laid an egg or there is danger about- either noise won't last long, and isn't particularly loud in the first place. It is true that some breeds are more chatty than others, but at their loudest, chickens have the same decibel level as a human conversation (60-70 decibels). Compared to a dog's bark which can reach over 90 decibels, chickens can hardly be called a noisy animal.

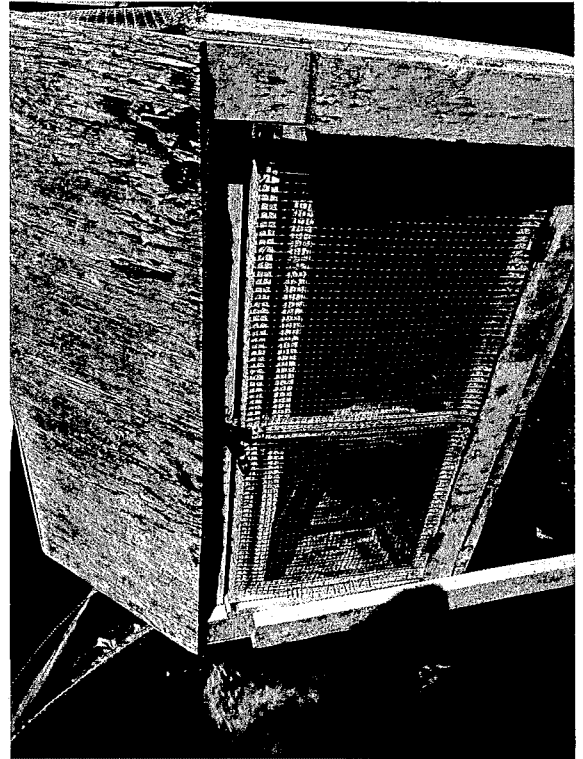
Property Values

A Forbes list of the Top 10 US housing markets appreciating in value showed *all* 10 permit chicken-keeping



Roaming Free

Require a coop or fenced yard in order to have chickens.



How many chickens do you think residents should be allowed in the City Limits?
14 responses

- Ban them completely
- 1-3
- 4-6
- more than 6
- Minimum 1 per member of household
- No more than 8

