

City of Palm Coast, Florida Agenda Item

Agenda Date: August 8, 2023

Department	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Amount
Division	CODE ENFORCEMENT	Account #
Subject	PRESENTATION - BACKYARD CHICKENS PILOT PROGRAM	
Presenter:	Barbara Grossman, Code Enforcement Manager	
Attachments:	1. Presentation	
Background:	At the June 13, 2023, City Council Workshop, Council requested staff provide more information regarding a pilot program and community chickens. Staff will present on both for Council consideration.	
Recommended Action:	FOR COUNCIL DIRECTION	

BACKYARD CHICKENS



Presented by:
Barbara Grossman, Code Enforcement Manager

Pilot Program for Backyard Chickens

Proposed regulations for pilot program:

- Two (2) year program
- Permit fee \$50.00 as set by Resolution
- Coop and run set up prior to allowance of chickens on property
- Permit allows Animal Control Officer access to chickens for inspections
- Limited to twenty-five (25) permits issued city-wide



Pilot Program for Backyard Chickens cont.

- Limited to four (4) hens allowed per homesteaded Single-Family Residential (SFR) parcels
- Letter informing neighbors of participation in chicken pilot program
- Requires two (2) class certifications: Care/Raising of Chickens & Manure Management
- Requires a fly retardant bin for manure
- Submit a site plan with the proposed setbacks



Pilot Program for Backyard Chickens cont.

- Size and setback specifications
 - Not to exceed 100 sq. ft. per SFR lot
 - Coop shall be located behind the front and side street building facades of the principal structure
 - Set back at least ten (10) ft. from rear property line and shall meet the interior set back requirements of the zoning district
 - In no event shall coop or any part thereof, be permitted within an easement
 - Maximum coop height eight feet (8')



Pilot Program for Backyard Chickens cont.

- Additional regulations: no slaughtering, no fighting, no selling of chicken/eggs or fertilizer, and eggs are for personal consumption
- At pilot program sunset date, option for good standing residents with existing permit and backyard chickens to retain permit as a non-conforming use on property until attrition
- Non-conforming use permit remains at existing property-not transferable until attrition



Pilot Program Benefits

- Self-sufficiency
- Produces quality eggs
- Reduction of pests
- Free from chemicals and pesticides
- Better tasting, healthier eggs
- Cost Efficient
- Enforcement tool for compliance of existing
- Educational opportunities
- More active lifestyle
- Affects of the pilot program



OPTIONS

- Keep code as-is
- Implement the Two (2) Year Pilot Program via Ordinance

