



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council Members
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Date: June 16, 2020
Subject: Discussion and Directing Regarding the Creation of an Urban Chicken Ordinance for the City of Milton

Summary

The City Administration and Common Council have received several requests over the past few years regarding the desire for the City to establish an “Urban Chicken” Ordinance. Effectively this Ordinance would allow for the keeping of chickens within the City limits. Currently, the City Ordinances Prohibit the keeping of “urban” and/or “domestic” chickens within the City limits.

Staff is seeking input and guidance from the Common Council as to their desire to evaluate and/or draft an Ordinance to allow the keeping of chickens within the City of Milton. If the Common Council is interested in pursuing the creation of an “Urban Chicken” Ordinance, what parameters should staff consider and/or include in the creation of said ordinance.

Background

By way of background, the Milton Common Council has considered Ordinances in the past to allow for the keeping of chickens within the City limits. Attached is a version of an Ordinance that the Common Council reviewed, but subsequently denied in 2015.

Additionally attached is a suggested Ordinance as prepared by the Alderperson Laehn.

Additionally attached is the City of Janesville Ordinance regarding the keeping of chickens within the City of Janesville city limits.