



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council Members
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Date: July 21, 2020
Subject: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ordinance #476 Permitting and Keeping Chickens in Residentially-Zoned Districts

Summary

The Common Council directed staff to prepare an Ordinance to permit the keeping of chickens within residentially zoned districts. Ordinance #476 provides the guidelines and responsibilities to allow residents to keep chickens within their property.

Background

On July 7, 2020, the Milton Common Council held a public hearing and approved the first reading of Ordinance #476. Additionally, the Common Council directed staff to make modifications to the Ordinance regarding language pertaining to permitting and habitable structures. Staff has also prepared a resolution which establishes a permit fee for the keeping of chickens, which will be addressed through separate action.

Analysis

Ordinance #476 provides that a property owner may apply for a permit to keep chickens on their residentially zoned property. Once an application is received, the City Clerk will notify all abutting properties owners of this request and allow neighbors to comment or request a hearing.

Applicants would be allowed to have four chickens per parcel (no roosters). The Ordinance outlines requirements of how the chickens must be kept and cared for including requirements for their coops.

Recommendation

The City Administration recommends the Common Council approve the second reading of Ordinance #476. The Council may also choose to waive the third reading and move to adopt.