Hello Green City Council members,

I would like to suggest a change in ordinance to the chicken/hen permit requirements.

The permit currently requires a 2 acre lot to own hens.

We live on just under an acre lot but would like to own a few hens for egg laying purposes (as well as teaching my children about responsibility and caring for animals). There is plentiful evidence that a half acre is sufficient to own less than 8 hens and I do not think it would be a disturbance to neighboring residents - as hens are very quiet.

Owning backyard chickens has a positive environmental impact as well, such as reducing reliance on commercial eggs thereby reducing carbon footprint, creating rich garden compost, and contributing to overall self sustainability.

Can we please change the chicken/hen permit requirements to a minimum of 0.5 acres rather than 2 acres?

Thank you for your time,

Stephanie