

## Backyard Chickens

**Motion: Homeowners will be permitted to raise up to 10 egg-laying hens in their backyard, provided they meet specifications.**

<b>Advantages of Backyard Chickens</b>	<b>Disadvantages of Backyard Chickens</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Animal welfare and happiness: factory farms cause the animals to suffer greatly</li><li>• The eggs will be more nutritious and flavourful: laying hens raised on factory farms may be eating foods that are garbage and containing arsenic and antibiotics. The natural forage of chickens raised in backyards will contain less saturated fats and cholesterol, and more vitamins E, A, and D.</li><li>• Chicken poop makes great fertilizer, and people will use less chemicals that are not good for the environment.</li><li>• Since there are so many chickens in a confined space on factory farms, there are considerable risks involving spreading sickness; backyard hens will not need to be fed antibiotics.</li><li>• People with backyard hens would know exactly how old the eggs are, and they would know that they have refrigerated them as quickly as possible.</li><li>• People find chickens to be fun companions.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There can be significant construction costs for the coop, the chicken run, and fencing.</li><li>• Chicken poop might be tracked into homes creating unhygienic conditions.</li><li>• When hens are laying their eggs, they tend to do some clucking.</li><li>• Predators like coyotes and rodents might be attracted to the coops and the feed.</li><li>• It takes about an hour every day or two to maintain cleanliness around the coop.</li><li>• Someone needs to check up on the chickens and collect the eggs if the homeowner goes on holidays.</li><li>• People with chickens that are ill might not want to pay the necessary veterinarian bill for treatment and the chicken might suffer considerably.</li><li>• When the chicken gets too old for egg-laying anymore, the homeowner might not know what to do with it, and try to kill it in a way that is not humane.</li></ul>