

**AGENDA INFORMATION
TIPTON CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE:	Council meeting of January 20, 2020
AGENDA ITEM:	Discussion and possible action concerning whether to adopt an urban chicken ordinance.
ACTION:	Motion to approve, deny, or table.

SYNOPSIS

Since there's a lot of background information for the public hearing and the agenda item that follows it, we're sending all of this as a separate email.

The info that's enclosed is:

- A.) The public notice that we ran in several issues of the newspaper.
- B.) The enclosure that we send out with our utility bills. This includes the composite list (highlighted in yellow) of restrictions that I found in ordinances from other cities: Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, N Liberty, Anamosa, Mt Vernon, Washington, Carlisle, Ely, and Clarence.
- C.) The City of Carlisle's Urban Chicken Ordinance starting at its Section 2. In giving this example, I'm not suggesting that Tipton adopt this verbatim. But, if Tipton wishes to adopt an ordinance, I like the structure that this ordinance uses. We'd just put in the stipulations that our Council wants.
- D.) We've included the written input that we've gotten as of when your meeting packet went out. By far, most of these are against the adoption of an urban chicken ordinance. And, some of the people that would allow it would impose several restrictions on it.

Going back to the list of the various restrictions that other cities use, I wrote this to the Council last Fall:

"No single ordinance has all of these restrictions. But, I listed all that I could find so that you can choose the ones that you favor and the ones that you don't.

By far, Iowa City, then Cedar Rapids have the most restrictions. But, some cities that are smaller than them added their own regulations that might be of use to Tipton—if this ordinance is developed further.

Again, of the ordinances that I checked, the lists that follow show that most restrictive regulations from any of those cities.

For example:

---Most of the ordinances didn't include the requirement to take an Urban Chicken Training Class, but three did, so I included it for your consideration.

---Most of the ordinances allow 6 hens, but since two cities set their limits at 4 hens, I put 4 hens in the attachment. If you want to allow 5 or 6, you certainly may.

---The different types of setback requirements vary from city to city. But, I listed the most restrictive ones. You can make them less if you want to.

---Only Clarence's ordinance mentioned the use of a citizens' Compliance Committee. But, I thought that you should know of this idea, so I included it."

Lastly, I found a news story from the Aug 20, 2017 edition of the Quad City Times. In it, they gathered information on the number of people that obtained licenses to keep chickens in some of the cities where it is allowed. The cities and number of licenses issued by each are listed below:

Clinton	6
Davenport	29
Rock Island	4
Moline	23

I suppose that this could be looked at in two ways.

First, do these seemingly low numbers in these larger cities indicate that Tipton could expect even lower numbers so that an urban chicken ordinance wouldn't be that much of a problem to enforce?

Or, second, do these low numbers in much larger cities (and maybe lower numbers in Tipton) indicate that there might not be enough citizen demand to justify the adoption of this type of ordinance?

These will be but two of the questions for the Council to consider on January 20.

Thanks.

PREPARED BY: BW

DATE PREPARED: January 16, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
“URBAN CHICKENS”

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(Stuart: Please run this as a box ad on page 3—whenever possible—in all newspaper editions until January 15, 2020.)

December 10, 2019

Dear Tipton Residents,

The City Council has been asked to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would allow chickens to be raised in residential areas. As part of their consideration, the Council members have set a public hearing that is described below:

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For those who favor this type of ordinance, the enclosed sheet has a composite list of restrictions that other cities have used. No single ordinance has all of these restrictions. But, all are listed so that you can choose the ones that you favor and the ones that you don't.

The list shows the most restrictive regulations from any of those cities. For example: Most of the ordinances allow 6 hens, but since two cities set their limits at 4 hens, that's what's listed.

Thank you for your time and attention.

City of Tipton

SAMPLING OF URBAN CHICKEN ORDINANCES BY THEIR MOST RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS

PERMIT APPROVAL / DENIAL	
Property passes inspection	Yes
Application fee paid	Yes
No outstanding violations of any law	Yes
Location of coop, pen, location meet rules	Yes
Application is complete	Yes
To renew, all reinspection fees paid	Yes

NEIGHBOR CONSENT	
Adjacent owners	Yes

TERMS OF PERMIT	
Permittee follows animal care laws	Yes
Permit includes permission to inspection	Yes
Permit doesn't transfer to others	Yes
Private covenants might supersede ordinance	Yes
Applicant must take Urban Chicken Training Class	Yes

SITE REQUIREMENTS	
Single Family homes	Yes
Tenant needs landlord's written consent	Yes
No coop within X feet of neighboring habitable structure	25
No coop within X feet of habitable structure on-site	20
No coop within a minimum of X feet from property line	15
Back yard only	Yes

CHICKEN REQUIREMENTS	
Gallus gallus domesticus	Yes
Maximum allowed	4 hens
Roosters allowed?	No
Housed in coop from dusk until dawn	Yes
Slaughtering allowed?	No
Selling of eggs or chickens allowed?	No
Eggs removed within 2 days of being laid	Yes
Feeding containers must of rodent-proof	Yes
Adequate food, water, shelter at all times	Yes
Chicken outside of pen is violation of "animal at-large"	Yes
Chickens must be tagged by the permittee	Yes
Noise from chickens can't be heard beyond prop lines	Yes
Requires that no chickens infested with insects	Yes

No chickens allowed inside a dwelling	Yes
No chickens on an uninhabited or vacant site	Yes
Chickens to have wings clipped to prevent flight	Yes
Chickens must be banded for ID, issued with permit	Yes

COOP REQUIREMENTS	
Can be mobile	Yes
Constructed to be rodent-free	Yes
Solid materials: wood, metal, or plastic. No scrap materials.	Yes
Minimum feet off of ground	1.5
Minimum square feet in coop per bird	4, not more than 12
Bedding requirement	Yes
Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	Once per week

PEN REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum square feet per bird	4, not more than 12
Pen may be entire back yard	Yes
Minimum height of fence in feet	4
Ground is well-drained with access to dry ground	Yes
Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	Once per week
City not liable if chicken killed by other animals	Yes

PERMIT REVOCATION	
Failure to comply with policy toward chickens	Yes
Violation of city code	Yes
Material misstatements in permit application	Yes
Difference between application and actual setup	Yes
Violation of terms and conditions of the permit	Yes
Appeal possible	Yes
Odor is a nuisance	Yes
Health hazard a nuisance	Yes
Chicken removed immed, coops removed within 10 days	Yes
Violations are a municipal infraction	Yes

USES A COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	Yes, 3 strikes rule
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FEES	
Initial permit	\$100
Renewal fee	\$75
Reinspection fee if violation isn't cured	\$35
No fee refund	Yes

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARLISLE, IOWA, 2014, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FARM ANIMALS AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION REGULATING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Carlisle, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Chapter 85, Section 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Carlisle, Iowa, 2014, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

85.16 FARM ANIMALS: No livestock (except a person may keep one Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pig, Asian Pot Bellied Pig or pot bellied pig per household and five (5) chickens), shall be kept in any dwelling or a part thereof. Nor shall any livestock be kept on the same lot or premises with a dwelling except for the aforementioned pot bellied pigs and chickens, if such dwelling is on a lot premises which are not laid off into lots of ten (10) acres or less and which are also in good faith occupied and used for agricultural and/or horticultural purposes. No more than three (3) horses shall be kept in five (5) acres. Admitted violations of the farm animals restrictions imposed by this Code of Ordinances may be charged upon a simple notice of a fine payable at the office of the City Clerk. The simple notice of a fine shall be in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all violations. If a fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, a complaint may be filed as provided by Chapter 804 of the Code of Iowa.

 SECTION 2. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Carlisle, Iowa, 2014 is amended by adding a new Section in Chapter 85, Numbered 85.20, Entitled “Urban Chickens”, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

85.20 (1) URBAN CHICKENS. The keeping of no more than five (5) chickens for use on a single-family detached residential property for the benefit of the owners of said property is not considered the keeping of farm animals for purposes of this Ordinances.

85.20 (2) DEFINITIONS.

- a) “Chicken” shall mean a member of the subspecies *Gallus gallus domesticus*, a domesticated fowl.
- b) ”Coop” shall mean a cage, enclosure, or structure used for housing and protecting chickens from weather and predators.
- c) ”Single Family Dwelling” shall mean any building that contains only one dwelling unit used, intended, rented, leased, let or hired to be occupied for residential purposes.
- d) ”Tractor” shall mean a cage, structure, or similar enclosure capable of movement used for housing and protecting chickens from weather and predators.
- e) “Urban Chicken” shall mean a chicken kept on a tract of land pursuant to a permit issued under the terms of this chapter.

85.20 (3) PERMIT REQUIRED.

a) Permit Required. No person shall raise, harbor or keep chickens on any land not zoned "A-1 Agricultural" within the City of Carlisle without a valid permit issued by the Mayor or Mayor's designee under the provisions of this chapter.

b) Requirements. The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall issue a permit if the following requirements have been met:

1) The property for which the permit is sought has passed inspection by the Mayor or Mayor's designee.

2) The fee has been paid

3) There are no nuisance conditions, or unresolved violations of nuisance ordinance, on the property.

4) The parcel of land for which the permit is sought contains only one (1) Single-Family dwelling which is occupied and used as such by the applicant/permittee.

5) The applicant has provided written verification of the consent of the owner of the parcel of land for which the permit is sought, if the applicant is not the owner, and is instead tenant, lessee or otherwise authorized to reside at and use the property.

6) The application is in compliance with all other conditions and prerequisites set out in this ordinance.

7) Applicant has paid the permit fee of ten (10) dollars.

c) Terms of Permit. The permit shall contain, and permittee agree to adhere, to the following:

1) The permittee shall follow the City Code and state law regarding animal care.

2) The permittee grants the City the right to inspect the coop and pen with due notice.

2) The permit is a limited license for the specific activity and person named in the permit, and no vested zoning rights arise from the permit being issued. The permit is limited to the party to whom it is issued, and does not run with the land.

4) The permit will be permanent unless revoked pursuant to Section 4-2-2.d (below).

5) The permittee will properly dispose of all fecal waste in a proper manner as to not cause a nuisance condition for neighboring properties.

d) Suspension or Revocation of Permit. The permit may be suspended or revoked by the Mayor or Mayor's designee upon hearing and finding evidence that the permittee has violated the conditions of the permit or the terms of this chapter; or made a false statement or representation on the application form. All chickens must be removed upon revocation of the permit. The permit fee will not be refunded.

85.20 (4) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

a) Non-Commercial Use Only. Permit holder shall not engage in the breeding of chickens or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

b) Single Family-Residential. Permits will only be granted for parcels with one single-family residential unit. Permits will not be granted for any parcel with more than one residential unit located upon the parcel.

c) Private Restrictions Take Precedence. Private restrictions on the use of the property shall remain enforceable and shall supersede the terms of this chapter and any permit issued. The private restrictions include, but are not limited to: deed restrictions, condominium restrictions, neighborhood association bylaws, covenants and restrictions, and rental agreements.

d) Rental Property. The owner of the parcel must concur with any application for Urban Chickens. Tenants must obtain the written permission from the landlord/property owner to keep chickens or install a coop.

e) Slaughter of Chickens. Any slaughter of chickens not regulated by federal or state law, or regulated otherwise, shall be performed in a humane manner and shall not be done in open view to any public area or adjacent to property owned by another.

f) Dead Chickens. Other than slaughtered chickens, the owner shall dispose of dead chickens in a sanitary manner. Composting does not qualify as proper disposal.

85.20 (5) CHICKEN REQUIREMENTS.

a) Hens Only. Only female chickens (hens) are allowed. Male chickens (roosters) are not allowed and shall be removed immediately by the owner.

b) No More than five (5) Allowed. No more than five (5) chickens shall be allowed on any parcel.

85.20 (6) SITE REQUIREMENTS.

a) Enclosures Required. Chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times. Chickens shall be secured within a coop or chicken tractor during non-daylight hours.

- b) Location and Separation Distances.
 - 1) Coops, including tractors, must be at least ten (10) feet from any property lines
 - 2) Coops must be at least five (5) feet from the principle use residential structure on the applicant's property.
 - 3) Coops must be in the rear yard of the property; as "rear yard" is defined in the Carlisle Zoning Ordinance.

85.20 (7) ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.

- a) Enclosures, coops and tractors must be kept in clean, dry, odor free, neat and sanitary conditions at all times.
- b) Coops and tractors shall be well maintained.
- c) Coops and tractors must provide adequate ventilation, sun and shade.
- d) Coops and tractors shall be constructed, maintained and repaired to prevent entry by rodents, wild birds, predators, dogs and cats.
- e) Coops and tractors shall be built of solid materials such as wood, metal or plastic.
- f) Coops and tractors shall be at least eighteen (18) inches in height.
- g) Coops and tractors shall be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for the chickens which reside therein, with a minimum of sixteen (16) square feet. Maximum coop size is ninety-six (96) square feet. Coops must allow a minimum of four (4) square feet per chicken.
- h) Coops and tractors shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and at least one door. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. Opening windows, vents or doors must be covered with predator and bird proof wire of less than one-inch (1") openings.
- i) Materials used for coops or tractors shall be uniform of each element of the structure that the walls are made of the same material, the roof has the same shingles or covering, and any windows or openings are constructed using the same materials. The use of scrap, waste board, sheet metal or similar materials is prohibited.
- j) Well Drained. Enclosures, coops and tractors must be well drained to prevent accumulations of moisture; accumulations of moisture shall be avoided and removed.
- k) Fences. Fences that serve as enclosures for chickens shall consist of sturdy wire fencing of a type customarily designed for and used to enclose chickens and shall be constructed in a sturdy manner so as to contain the chickens and prevent entry by predators, dogs and cats.

85.20 (8) PREDATORS, RODENTS, INSPECTS AND PARASITES. The permittee shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents, and the potential for infestation by insects and parasites. Chickens found to be infested with insects or parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation shall be removed by the owner and may be removed by the Mayor or Mayors designee at the owner's expense.

85.20 (9) CHICKENS AT LARGE AND INJURY CAUSED BY OTHER ANIMALS.

- a) At Large Prohibited. Permittee shall not allow their chickens to roam off the parcel of land covered by the permit. Any chicken found off the permitted property shall be considered to be "at-large" and subject to the penalties and provisions of Carlisle City Code for at-large animals.
- b) Dangerous or Vicious Designation. Injury or death to a chicken that is caused by a dog, cat or other domesticated animal shall not be considered sufficient grounds, in and of itself, to designate the animal as dangerous or vicious pursuant to Chapter 4-1, Carlisle City Code.
- c) City not Liable. The City of Carlisle shall not be liable for injury or death of chickens caused by dogs, cats, or other animals domestic or wild, regardless of whether or not licensed by the City.

85.20 (10) FEED AND WATER. Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times. All feed and other items associated with keeping chickens shall be protected in a manner to prevent rodents, wild birds, and predators from coming into contact with them.

85.20 (11) STORAGE AND REMOVAL OF FECES AND WASTE.

- a) Feces and Waste to Be Removed. Feces and waste shall be removed from enclosures, coops and tractors at least once per week.
- b) Storage and Disposal of Feces and Waste. Feces and waste may be stored on the permittees property. Feces and waste must be stored in a fully enclosed unit with a roof or lid. The storage unit may allow sunlight and movement of air so the materials dry, but must be designed, used and maintained in such a manner as to keep the material fully contained so that it does not blow or otherwise erode onto other properties. When stored, feces and waste must be stored in a manner to not attract flies, rodents or other vermin.
- c) Use as Fertilizer. Feces and Waste may be used as fertilizer on the permitted property subject to being turned in to the soil completely immediately upon application and there is no noxious odor.

85.20 (12) NUISANCES. Any violation of this chapter that constitutes a health hazard or that interferes with the use or enjoyment of neighboring property is a nuisance, subject to sanctions and abatement as set out in Chapter 85, of the Carlisle Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudicated invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council this ___ day of _____, 2014, and APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2014.

Ruth Randleman, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Andrew J. Lent, ADMINISTRATOR/CITY CLERK

12-24-19

To The Tipton City Council Members,

I most certainly

Do NOT want

Chickens to be permitted in Tipton,
regardless of rules to license & control.

We have enough problems
with cats running loose &
Dogs that are not leashed
or fenced. - it is such a joy
to exit your vehicle & nearly
step in pet feces on the
sidewalks or find it in your
yard when you do not own
a dog. -

Chickens belong on rural
properties.

Nancy Hippe
1500 Jeffery Dr.
Tipton

The Honorable Bryan Carney, Mayor
City of Tipton, Iowa
417 Cedar Street
Tipton, IA 52772

January 7, 2019

Roger A. Hakeman
Chief of Police, Retired
512 East Street
Tipton, IA 52772

Re: "Urban Chickens" Ordinance Public Hearing statement

Dear Mayor Carney,

I am the author of the current Animal Control ordinance Municipal Code Section 55 et. al., originally adopted in 2003 and re-codified in 2014. The Animal Control ordinance, as adopted, was the result of a year of diligent work by a number of citizens, members of the volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit The Friends of the Animals, and the Police Department, and was cautiously and carefully assembled from ordinances of other cities as well as the experiences, both local and from other agencies in the State of Iowa. As written, I believe it to be one of the best crafted municipal animal control statutes in the state. Several sections of it have been tested in court, and the ordinance has stood relatively unchanged now for sixteen years.

Chapter 165 of the State Code of Iowa and Section 55 of the Municipal Code of Tipton, IA define chickens specifically (and other poultry and fowl) as livestock, and Section 55 of the Municipal Code prohibits the keeping of livestock in the corporate limits of the City of Tipton except in areas zoned Agricultural. There are good reasons for that.

A municipality is charged with maintaining the public safety and the public health. The Animal Control ordinance of the Municipal Code of Tipton holds residents and visitors to account for their domestic pet animals, and prescribes specific steps to be taken when the owner of an animal allows the animal's behavior to threaten the public peace and/or safety. As poultry and fowl are defined as livestock under both the Municipal Code and Iowa Code, they cannot be dealt with in the same way as domestic pets. Livestock cannot be sheltered with domestic pets, and by law, animal shelters for domestic pets cannot accept livestock.

Writing and adopting an ordinance is a simple process. Equipping and training the employees of the City and giving them the ability to properly enforce that ordinance is another issue entirely; and one which the City has failed at almost completely in the case of animal control.

The City of Tipton has, for the seventeen years I've been a resident, struggled with animal control issues even with domestic pets that are abandoned, neglected, abused, vicious, or at-large. Friends of the Animals was formed to help care for those animals; however, as the Police Department has found through experience, livestock present a significantly larger problem. There are no facilities for housing stray, abandoned, abused, neglected, or sick livestock. The Municipal Code of Tipton does not instruct on how to deal with those issues because they are prohibited animals, and the city is woefully unprepared TO deal with those issues, as we found in 2005 in dealing with a dozen neglected horses in the City Limits on South Street and again a short time later when chickens were abandoned at the old trailer park on the north end of town. I am aware of other animal control issues with wild animals and livestock as well, but those two incidents during my tenure as Chief of Police likely highlight the problems the best.

I believe that Chief Kepford and Sergeant Peck were both involved in those incidents, and could undoubtedly enlighten you as to the specifics. The City is not prepared in any way to shelter livestock or fowl inside the Corporate Limits of the City of Tipton that are abandoned, stray, at-large, injured or worse; ill and contagious with either viral or bacterial infections or parasites. The City has no formal means, methods, or training in capturing, collecting, or transporting domestic pets, much less livestock or fowl. The City has no process for dealing with sick or injured livestock or fowl as required by Iowa Code Section 165. In fact, the City has no monitoring program to ensure that the owner of livestock, kept for whatever reason in City Limits, is in compliance with the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 165 et.al. in any way.

The State of Iowa Department of Agriculture is responsible for enforcement of Chapter 165, however their jurisdiction is state-wide and I would conjecture that their response time to a complaint regarding a livestock operation might be measured in weeks rather than minutes, and considering their primary concern is "livestock factory farms," it may be unlikely that they'd respond to a residential chicken coop operation at all.

There are legal issues to be dealt with, warrants to be obtained and court orders necessary. Animal control with domestic pets is challenging, but the Police Department has historically and continues to "make do" under the current ordinance. Law enforcement deals with human-interaction issues. Animal control is beyond their purview, even though they are tasked with it for lack of other better-suited and properly-trained employees. Those incidents I described earlier taxed the resources of the Police Department, and damaged the City's reputation with the public in a variety of ways. There will be more of those incidents if livestock, ANY livestock, is allowed to be raised in the residentially-zoned areas of the City of Tipton.

Introducing livestock/poultry inside the corporate limits of the City of Tipton will also attract predators; fox, coyote, raccoon, and wild cats. The City is even more ill-prepared to deal with that public safety and public health threat as well, and those predators bring with them another whole set of challenges for the residents of a city.

In addition to the predator problem and the administrative and operational challenges livestock in city limits pose, keeping chickens in an urban environment can pose a significant public health hazard, according to the CDC. Since chickens produce waste, and chicken manure can carry salmonella, what procedures must be implemented to ensure the public health?

Here are links to recent authoritative articles dealing specifically with communicable diseases transmitted by chickens and chicken manure to humans in an urban environment.

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/salmonellapoultry/index.html>

<https://www.statnews.com/2017/10/19/backyard-chicken-disease/>

<https://www.wsava.org/WSAVA/media/Documents/Committee%20Resources/One%20Health%20Committee/Clinician-s-Brief,-March-2018,-TP,-Backyard-Chickens.pdf>

<https://sciencenordic.com/biology-denmark-diseases/chickens-cause-serious-infections-in-humans/1462051>

<https://www.agweek.com/business/agriculture/3941211-backyard-farmers-beware-your-chickens-can-make-you-sick>

So, with all that in mind, there are several other serious questions that need to be answered before the Council can go forward with an "urban chicken" ordinance:

1) How will the ordinance provide for the public health and safety to be maintained at least at current service levels?

2) Even if the Municipal Code is amended to allow for poultry livestock to be kept in the corporate limits of the City of Tipton, and some arrangement is made in that ordinance for the accommodation of neighbors before a permit to keep chickens would be issued, is that approval revokable? Would it need to be acquired again if a residence is sold or the occupants change? What about if a new resident family member moves in and objects, even though permission was granted originally?

3) If the Code is amended to allow poultry livestock to be raised in the City Limits, what argument will the City use to continue prohibiting other kinds of livestock when someone wants to raise a calf or pig as a 4H project inside the City Limits? The City of Tipton is barely able to deal with complaints about domestic pets today. Adding livestock to that inability to perform would be untenable.

In summary, the municipal government of the City of Tipton is ultimately responsible for dealing with complaints regarding livestock in the corporate limits of the City of Tipton and is utterly ill-equipped to deal with them. The administrative and law enforcement burden of allowing livestock to be kept in the corporate limits of the City of Tipton will be onerous, and the City will be unable to perform its primary duty of protecting its citizens from that livestock when it is abandoned, stray, or a valid complaint is lodged about a person keeping that livestock. Regular health inspections will be required for those properties, and there are no employees trained for that. I would urge you and the members of the City Council to NOT approve any proposals allowing livestock of any kind to be raised in the City of Tipton corporate limits, except as already provided for in those areas zoned Agricultural.

I will try to attend the January 20th Council meeting; but should I be unable to attend, I wanted to be able to make certain this information and my objection to this exceptionally irresponsible idea is presented to the Council during that public hearing. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Roger A. Hakeman
Chief of Police, Retired.

Attachment #1: Center for Disease Control article: "Keeping Backyard Chickens and Other Poultry"

- Don't eat or drink where poultry live or roam.
- Don't kiss backyard poultry, or snuggle them and then touch your mouth.
- Stay outdoors when cleaning any equipment or materials used for poultry, such as cages or feed or water containers.
- Buy backyard poultry from hatcheries that participate in the National Institute of Agriculture National Poultry Improvement Plan (USDA-NIP) [Salmonella Monitoring Program](#)  [279 KB]  . This program helps to reduce *Salmonella* in baby poultry in the hatchery, which can reduce the spread of illness from poultry to people.

Safe Handling Tips for Eggs from Backyard Poultry

Egg shells may become contaminated with *Salmonella* from poultry droppings (poop) or the area where they are laid. To keep your family healthy, follow the tips below when collecting and handling eggs from a backyard flock:

- Always wash your hands with soap and water right after handling eggs, chickens, or anything in their environment.
- Maintain a clean coop. Cleaning the coop, floor, nests and perches regularly will help to keep eggs clean.
- Collect eggs often. Eggs that spend more time in the nest can get more poop on them, or break. Throw away cracked eggs.
- Clean eggs that have dirt and debris with fine sandpaper, a brush, or cloth. Don't wash eggs, because colder water

Brian Wagner, City of Tipton

From: City of Tipton
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Brian Wagner, City of Tipton
Subject: FW: urban chickens

From: stescot319@aol.com <stescot319@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 2:22 PM
To: City of Tipton <cityhall@tiptoniowa.org>
Subject: urban chickens

On the public hearing notice about urban chickens,
My wife and I vote no.

Stephen Scott
Christine Scott
423 W. 9th st
Tipton

Brian Wagner, City of Tipton

From: City of Tipton
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 11:52 AM
To: Brian Wagner, City of Tipton
Subject: FW: Urban Chickens

From: rich dewulf <rgd2717@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 3:28 PM
To: City of Tipton <cityhall@tiptoniowa.org>
Subject: Urban Chickens

We are NOT in favor of the proposal to have chickens in town. It seems like it could have potential problems with odor - especially if the owners don't clean the coop properly or timely. Will property owners have a say before an adjacent owner has chickens? It seems like the restrictions would be difficult to enforce and who would be responsible for enforcing?

Thank you.

Rich and Ginny Dewulf

Brian Wagner, City of Tipton

From: City of Tipton
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 8:28 AM
To: Brian Wagner, City of Tipton
Subject: FW: Urban chickens

From: colette hambright <jchambright2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 2:27 PM
To: City of Tipton <cityhall@tiptoniowa.org>
Subject: Urban chickens

I am writing in regards to the January 20, 2020 meeting, concerning whether to allow chickens to be kept within the City of Tipton.

I am totally against the idea, because I believe it will lead to a number of problems and concerns.

First of all having chickens in town will draw more wild life into the area.

2nd, what will people do with all the waste, how will dead chickens be disposed of ?

3rd, I do not believe people will abide by all of the ordinances that would be adopted by the City, we all ready have a problem with pets that are not well taken care of.

4th, Who is going to oversee this ?

Lastly we have plenty of people who sell fresh eggs at the farmers market.

I am not in support of this proposal.

Sincerely
Colette Hambright
217 East 2nd st.

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Brian Wagner, City of Tipton

From: City of Tipton
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Brian Wagner, City of Tipton
Subject: FW: Urban Chickens

From: Shane Ford <sjford44@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 9:55 AM
To: City of Tipton <cityhall@tiptoniowa.org>
Subject: Urban Chickens

I feel that this isn't a good idea for the City of Tipton. This will lead to many problems.

Brian Wagner, City of Tipton

From: City of Tipton
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 3:34 PM
To: Brian Wagner, City of Tipton
Subject: FW: Chickens within the city limits

From: Candace Scott <scottlass@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 2:02 PM
To: City of Tipton <cityhall@tiptoniowa.org>
Subject: Chickens within the city limits

Hello, I would like to offer my opinion on chickens within the city limits of Tipton, Iowa. I think having chickens would be great, there are plenty of cities that allow urban chickens and they do quite well. However, we have municipal laws regarding the abuse and neglect of the animals or vicious or nuisance animals that are already housed within the city limits of Tipton that are largely disregarded and very rarely enforced.

I have lived here for about 10 years now, and I have pets of my own, but in the time that we have been here, my husband has had a dog try to bite him, (to be fair, he's a mailman) so he maced it. The same dog and a new dog that the same owners had attacked my daughter and I as I was walking her to elementary school. The owners were told to keep the dog from crossing the sidewalk, but nothing was done about the fact that the dogs attacked an elementary school child on the way to school.

We had a neighbor who at one point had 13 dogs on his property, which barked constantly. I made multiple complaints regarding this, taking it to court even, but I had an officer come to my house refusing to take a complaint because he had "forgotten his citation book" and told me that my neighbor "had the right to enjoy his yard". One of the many time we made recordings of those dogs in order to document the incessant noise, we had a 15 minute recording in which the dogs barked 114 times, counted by then police chief, Roger Hakeman, who was the only officer that we could get cooperation or assistance regarding the matter.

In our current home we had neighbors down the way from us that were actively abusing animals. One dog starved to death, kittens were being thrown around fire pits, dogs left neglected out on chains were found hanging from their collars over a fenced they jumped in an effort to escape squalid conditions. Pets were left out in the cold and the neighbors were bringing in food and water for the animals. The reason the neighbors were feeding the animals? The owners were in jail. These people had their children removed from their custody, but the animals were not. Once an officer actually took one of the animals in to the animal shelter, but the animal was given back to the abusive owner because the officer "didn't knock on the owners door prior to taking the animal". The abuse in this case was ongoing for years, with consistent complaints being made and being told by our law enforcement that there was "nothing they could do". When in fact there are actually ordinances in our city code that specify leaving animals without sufficient food, water, or shelter, but which was not enforced.

I have a friend that complained about his neighbors cats coming into his yard, and attacking birds at his feeder. He was told there was nothing that could be done despite there being ordinances to the contrary. We apparently have no officers that are trained in the handling of animals. Our officers do not appear to be equipped with appropriate animal restraint devices. I have called in so many stray animals over the years, and I have never had an officer show up to pick up a stray animal bring a carrier or even a leash and collar with them much less a control pole in the instance that an animal is fractious or aggressive. If we can't have a dedicated animal control officer for these calls, then all officers

need to be given training in the appropriate way to handle animal control calls, which should absolutely not involve discharging a firearm unless under the greatest duress.

Also, on top of time after time of examples of animals being abused/neglected or being nuisances, we have a local no kill animal shelter that takes in animals for the entire county, but receives nominal support from the city, absolutely no support from the county, is located in an inappropriate building within the city limits so that it causes problems with neighbors due to noise levels. So if we have so many problems with people and their pets, how is it going to be with animals that people consider "livestock" rather than "pets". And where will these animals go if found running loose or being abused? To our already struggling animal shelter? Or just to the butcher shop?

I think urban chickens are a fantastic idea. However, animals are a responsibility, and I do not see that the City of Tipton has shown the capability to take responsibility for the current animals housed within its limits, based on the obvious unwillingness to enforce existing laws, lack of training and equipment of local law enforcement officers and by the lack of sufficient support for the local shelter that would undoubtedly end up taking responsibility for this added burden. Let's take care of our existing animal residents before adding more to the mix.

Sincerely,

Candace Scott

Brian Wagner, City of Tipton

From: City of Tipton
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Brian Wagner, City of Tipton
Subject: FW: NOT in FAVOR of 'Urban Chicken'

From: Suzanne Hack <suzannekhack@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 9:07 AM
To: City of Tipton <cityhall@tiptoniowa.org>
Cc: suzannekhack@aol.com
Subject: NOT in FAVOR of 'Urban Chicken'

City Manager, Brian Wagner of Tipton IA,

My name is Suzanne Hack owner of 6-Plex located at 55 Plum St.

I am NOT in favor of 'Urban Chickens' for the City of Tipton.

My property is 55 Plum St located in the back yard next to Pat Bingham's property located at 410 E. South St. I will NOT permit any 'Urban Chickens' directly within the neighbor close to my property therefore will NOT grant Pat Bingham consent. All 6 tenants located at 55 Plum will NOT grant Pat Bingham consent for 'Urban Chickens'.

Concerns are:

The smell. Review of the ARL (Animal Rescue League) states the Feces must be removed DAILY verses what your proposed ordinance of ONLY ONCE A WEEK.

The site requirements. Coop must be located on a property with a lot size of NO less than 1/2 acre of land. Property owners property should NOT be next to a property with chickens due to noise, smell, inconvenience of rental property tenants and getting new tenants that would ever want to live next to a property that has chickens and will greatly devalue property yearly rental income and resale value.

I am greatly NOT in favor of any Urban Chickens within the City of Tipton. Having this type of ordinance will NOT have any incentive for anyone new moving to Tipton. There was 3000 people that lived in Tipton when I moved there in 1972 and there are only around 3000 people living there now in the year 2020.

I can directly be contacted by the following:

Suzanne Hack
319-431-5912
Owner of 55 Plum St property
ADDRESS:
11105 74th LN
Indianola, IA 50125

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SAMPLING OF URBAN CHICKEN ORDINANCES BY THEIR MOST RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS

PERMIT APPROVAL / DENIAL		
Property passes inspection	yes	Yes
Application fee paid	}	Yes
No outstanding violations of any law		Yes
Location of coop, pen, location meet rules		Yes
Application is complete		Yes
To renew, all reinspection fees paid		Yes

NEIGHBOR CONSENT		
Adjacent owners	✓	Yes

TERMS OF PERMIT		
Permittee follows animal care laws	✓ yes	Yes
Permit includes permission to inspection	}	Yes
Permit doesn't transfer to others		Yes
Private covenants might supersede ordinance		Yes
Applicant must take Urban Chicken Training Class		Yes

SITE REQUIREMENTS		
Single Family homes	✓	Yes
Tenant needs landlord's written consent	✓	Yes
No coop within X feet of neighboring habitable structure	✓	25 ✓
No coop within X feet of habitable structure on-site	✓	20 ✓
No coop within a minimum of X feet from property line	✓	15 ✓
Back yard only	✓	Yes

CHICKEN REQUIREMENTS		
Gallus gallus domesticus	✓	Yes
Maximum allowed	a cap of 6	4 hens
Roosters allowed?	✓	No
Housed in coop from dusk until dawn	✓	Yes
Slaughtering allowed?	✓	No
Selling of eggs or chickens allowed?	✓	No
Eggs removed within 2 days of being laid	✓	Yes
Feeding containers must of rodent-proof	✓	Yes
Adequate food, water, shelter at all times	✓	Yes
Chicken outside of pen is violation of "animal at-large"	✓	Yes
Chickens must be tagged by the permittee	✓	Yes
Noise from chickens can't be heard beyond prop lines	✓	Yes
Requires that no chickens infested with insects	✓	Yes

*We think these provisions are all worth noting in any ordinance.
Thank you,
Sandy Kunde
D. Lutz-Hoffmann*

No chickens allowed inside a dwelling	✓	Yes
No chickens on an uninhabited or vacant site	✓	Yes
Chickens to have wings clipped to prevent flight	✓	Yes
Chickens must be banded for ID, issued with permit	✓	Yes

COOP REQUIREMENTS		
Can be mobile		Yes
Constructed to be rodent-free	✓	Yes
Solid materials: wood, metal, or plastic. No scrap materials.	✓	Yes
Minimum feet off of ground	✓	1.5
Minimum square feet in coop per bird	✓	4, not more than 12
Bedding requirement	✓	Yes
Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	✓	Once per week

PEN REQUIREMENTS		
Minimum square feet per bird	✓	4, not more than 12
Pen may be entire back yard	<i>within limits</i> ✓	Yes
Minimum height of fence in feet	✓	4
Ground is well-drained with access to dry ground	✓	Yes
Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	✓	Once per week
City not liable if chicken killed by other animals	✓	Yes

PERMIT REVOCATION		
Failure to comply with policy toward chickens	✓	Yes
Violation of city code	✓	Yes
Material misstatements in permit application	✓	Yes
Difference between application and actual setup	✓	Yes
Violation of terms and conditions of the permit	✓	Yes
Appeal possible	✓	Yes
Odor is a nuisance	✓	Yes
Health hazard a nuisance	✓	Yes
Chicken removed immed, coops removed within 10 days		Yes
Violations are a municipal infraction	<i>fine</i>	Yes

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USES A COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	✓	Yes, 3 strikes rule
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FEES		
Initial permit	✓	\$100
Renewal fee	✓	\$75
Reinspection fee if violation isn't cured	✓	\$35
No fee refund		Yes

SAMPLING OF URBAN CHICKEN ORDINANCES BY THEIR MOST RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS

PERMIT APPROVAL / DENIAL	
Property passes inspection	Yes
Application fee paid	Yes
No outstanding violations of any law	Yes
Location of coop, pen, location meet rules	Yes
Application is complete	Yes
To renew, all reinspection fees paid	Yes

✓

NEIGHBOR CONSENT	
Adjacent owners	Yes

TERMS OF PERMIT	
Permittee follows animal care laws	Yes
Permit includes permission to inspection	Yes
Permit doesn't transfer to others	Yes
Private covenants might supersede ordinance	Yes
Applicant must take Urban Chicken Training Class	Yes

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SITE REQUIREMENTS	
Single Family homes	Yes
Tenant needs landlord's written consent	Yes
No coop within X feet of neighboring habitable structure	25
No coop within X feet of habitable structure on-site	20
No coop within a minimum of X feet from property line	15
Back yard only	Yes

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✓

CHICKEN REQUIREMENTS	
Gallus gallus domesticus	Yes
Maximum allowed	4 hens
Roosters allowed?	No
Housed in coop from dusk until dawn	Yes
Slaughtering allowed?	No
Selling of eggs or chickens allowed?	No
Eggs removed within 2 days of being laid	Yes
Feeding containers must of rodent-proof	Yes
Adequate food, water, shelter at all times	Yes
Chicken outside of pen is violation of "animal at-large"	Yes
Chickens must be tagged by the permittee	Yes
Noise from chickens can't be heard beyond prop lines	Yes
Requires that no chickens infested with insects	Yes

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No chickens allowed inside a dwelling	Yes
No chickens on an uninhabited or vacant site	Yes
Chickens to have wings clipped to prevent flight	Yes
Chickens must be banded for ID, issued with permit	Yes

COOP REQUIREMENTS	
Can be mobile	Yes
Constructed to be rodent-free	Yes
Solid materials: wood, metal, or plastic. No scrap materials.	Yes
Minimum feet off of ground	1.5
Minimum square feet in coop per bird	4, not more than 12
Bedding requirement	Yes
Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	Once per week

PEN REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum square feet per bird	4, not more than 12 ✓
Pen may be entire back yard	Yes
Minimum height of fence in feet	4
Ground is well-drained with access to dry ground	Yes
Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	Once per week
City not liable if chicken killed by other animals	Yes

PERMIT REVOCATION	
Failure to comply with policy toward chickens	Yes
Violation of city code	Yes
Material misstatements in permit application	Yes
Difference between application and actual setup	Yes
Violation of terms and conditions of the permit	Yes
Appeal possible	Yes
Odor is a nuisance	Yes
Health hazard a nuisance	Yes
Chicken removed immed, coops removed within 10 days	Yes
Violations are a municipal infraction	Yes

USES A COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	Yes, 3 strikes rule ✓
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FEES	
Initial permit	\$100
Renewal fee	\$75
Reinspection fee if violation isn't cured	\$35
No fee refund	Yes

I have checked the ones I am in favor of (rules) in regard to having chickens in the city of Tipton.
 Sincerely Evelyn Snavelly, 410 Walnut St Tipton Ia

SAMPLING OF URBAN CHICKEN ORDINANCES BY THEIR MOST RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS

We really don't need chickens in the neighborhood. As is, we have way too many noisy dogs & lots of ~~many~~ stray cats.

PERMIT APPROVAL / DENIAL	
Property passes inspection	Yes
Application fee paid	Yes
No outstanding violations of any law	Yes
Location of coop, pen, location meet rules	Yes
Application is complete	Yes
To renew, all reinspection fees paid	Yes

all
yes

NEIGHBOR CONSENT	
Adjacent owners	Yes

Yes

TERMS OF PERMIT	
Permittee follows animal care laws	Yes
Permit includes permission to inspection	Yes
Permit doesn't transfer to others	Yes
Private covenants might supersede ordinance	Yes
Applicant must take Urban Chicken Training Class	Yes

all
yes

SITE REQUIREMENTS	
Single Family homes	Yes
Tenant needs landlord's written consent	Yes
No coop within X feet of neighboring habitable structure	25
No coop within X feet of habitable structure on-site	20
No coop within a minimum of X feet from property line	15
Back yard only	Yes

Yes
Yes
30'
30'
25'
Yes

CHICKEN REQUIREMENTS	
Gallus gallus domesticus	Yes
Maximum allowed	4 hens
Roosters allowed?	No
Housed in coop from dusk until dawn	Yes
Slaughtering allowed?	No
Selling of eggs or chickens allowed?	No
Eggs removed within 2 days of being laid	Yes
Feeding containers must of rodent-proof	Yes
Adequate food, water, shelter at all times	Yes
Chicken outside of pen is violation of "animal at-large"	Yes
Chickens must be tagged by the permittee	Yes
Noise from chickens can't be heard beyond prop lines	Yes
Requires that no chickens infested with insects	Yes

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No
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25'
Yes

No chickens allowed inside a dwelling	Yes
No chickens on an uninhabited or vacant site	Yes
Chickens to have wings clipped to prevent flight	Yes
Chickens must be banded for ID, issued with permit	Yes

all yes

COOP REQUIREMENTS	
Can be mobile	Yes
Constructed to be rodent-free	Yes
Solid materials: wood, metal, or plastic. No scrap materials.	Yes
Minimum feet off of ground	1.5
Minimum square feet in coop per bird	4, not more than 12
Bedding requirement	Yes
Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	Once per week

*No
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Yes
3'
Yes
Yes*

PEN REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum square feet per bird	4, not more than 12
Pen may be entire back yard	Yes
Minimum height of fence in feet	4
Ground is well-drained with access to dry ground	Yes
Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	Once per week
City not liable if chicken killed by other animals	Yes

*No
Yes
Yes
Twice
Yes*

PERMIT REVOCATION	
Failure to comply with policy toward chickens	Yes
Violation of city code	Yes
Material misstatements in permit application	Yes
Difference between application and actual setup	Yes
Violation of terms and conditions of the permit	Yes
Appeal possible	Yes
Odor is a nuisance	Yes
Health hazard a nuisance	Yes
Chicken removed immed, coops removed within 10 days	Yes
Violations are a municipal infraction	Yes

all yes

USES A COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	Yes, 3 strikes rule
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yes

FEES	
Initial permit	\$100
Renewal fee	\$75
Reinspection fee if violation isn't cured	\$35
No fee refund	Yes

all yes

Larry & Charlene
Myers

112 Summit Dr
Tipton

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563-210-2102

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PERMIT APPROVAL / DENIAL	
Property passes inspection	Yes ✓
Application fee paid	Yes ✓
No outstanding violations of any law	Yes ✓
Location of coop, pen, location meet rules	Yes ✓
Application is complete	Yes ✓
To renew, all reinspection fees paid	Yes ✓

NEIGHBOR CONSENT	
Adjacent owners	Yes NO

TERMS OF PERMIT	
Permittee follows animal care laws	Yes ✓
Permit includes permission to inspection	Yes ✓
Permit doesn't transfer to others	Yes ✓
Private covenants might supersede ordinance	Yes ✓
Applicant must take Urban Chicken Training Class	Yes ✓

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Maximum allowed	4 hens ✓
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Housed in coop from dusk until dawn	Yes ✓
Slaughtering allowed?	No ✓
Selling of eggs or chickens allowed?	No YES
Eggs removed within 2 days of being laid	Yes ✓
Feeding containers must of rodent-proof	Yes ✓
Adequate food, water, shelter at all times	Yes ✓
Chicken outside of pen is violation of "animal at-large"	Yes ✓
Chickens must be tagged by the permittee	Yes ✓
Noise from chickens can't be heard beyond prop lines	Yes NO
Requires that no chickens infested with insects	Yes ✓

No chickens allowed inside a dwelling	Yes
No chickens on an uninhabited or vacant site	Yes
Chickens to have wings clipped to prevent flight	Yes
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Pen may be entire back yard	Yes
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Feces removal, a minimum of X per Y	Once per week
City not liable if chicken killed by other animals	Yes

PERMIT REVOCATION	
Failure to comply with policy toward chickens	Yes
Violation of city code	Yes
Material misstatements in permit application	Yes
Difference between application and actual setup	Yes
Violation of terms and conditions of the permit	Yes
Appeal possible	Yes
Odor is a nuisance	Yes
Health hazard a nuisance	Yes
Chicken removed immed, coops removed within 10 days	Yes
Violations are a municipal infraction	Yes

USES A COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	Yes, 3 strikes rule
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not in favor of chickens in town!

Tom & Ruth Beckman

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