



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: July 16, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Urban Chickens

Background: At the July 2, 2019 Meeting, Commissioner Nielsen requested, and Council concurred, to list a discussion item on the agenda for the City to allow chickens in city limits. This topic came up at prior Council meetings with little success. The first meeting was on August 6, 2013 when the item was introduced as a Consent Agenda Item. I was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. The result was a motion to hold a future workshop. After researching the Council records, no workshop was held on the subject.

On July 19, 2016, Heather Ramos residing at 7454 Daetwyler Drive, Belle Isle FL and her son Malbec Ramos asked the City to consider allowing chickens and hens as pets. She noted that there are about 40 communities in the State of Florida that allow chickens with specific rules and regulations. Council took no action.

On August 2, 2016, Phil Price residing at 7440 Daetwyler Drive, Belle Isle, FL asked if the City had an ordinance on farm animals/chickens as pets and asked if they were allowed. Mayor Pisano said they are not currently allowed in our City.

The City staff discussed this topic and although many municipalities allow chickens, the staff determined that the enforcement of regulation could be staff intensive, especially in the beginning. The City, at this time, does not have the resources to monitor this program.

Staff Recommendation: Continue to not allow chickens under BIMC Section 4-3

Suggested Motion: **I move that we do not allow chickens within the City Limits**

Alternatives: Allow chickens in the City

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Attachments: Excerpts from Council Meetings
Emails from residents