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Town Council of Bristol:

We are requesting a variance on the chicken permit rules as they stand. We are requesting permission to house up to 30 chickens, with no roosters, on our property located at 508 N Division St. All other rules and requirements will continue to be adhered to. This has been verbally cleared with the neighbors directly connecting to our property and their signatures can be found on our original paperwork.

Two chickens per person will provide roughly 2 eggs per day. Not only does this provide food security in uncertain times, but it also provides therapy for our family. Studies have shown that spending 15 minutes with birds a day has a significant impact on mental well-being and can relieve symptoms of anxiety and depression. Having chickens on our property has also been a boon for getting to know our neighbors and forming connections in the community.

There have been no code violation complaints against us, and we have successfully maintained 6 hens on our property for approximately 10 months with no issues.

30 chickens may seem like a lot, but flock sizes fluctuate, and with almost an acre of land we can safely and securely maintain that number of chickens. This also allows for us to raise a small group of "meat birds" to provide chicken for our family. No butchering is allowed on our property per the current code, and we have already made arrangements for culling off site, if needed.

Thank you for your consideration of this variance!

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