

BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

The City provides the following Business Impact Estimate, which may be revised following its initial posting.

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the municipality):

Ordinance Number 25-37 establishes a two-year Residential Backyard Chickens Program as a pilot initiative to allow a limited number of hens at detached single-family residences. The ordinance supports sustainability, personal food production, and educational opportunities while protecting public health, neighborhood character, and the welfare of adjacent residents through strict permitting, training, sanitation, and setback requirements. The public purpose includes enhancement of the built environment, promotion of household-level resilience, and preservation of neighborhood compatibility.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:

- (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur.

None. The ordinance does not regulate or permit commercial poultry operations. It applies solely to non-commercial, residential properties.

- (b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible.

None. The ordinance applies exclusively to individual residential property owners. Businesses are not subject to its provisions. Residential applicants are subject to the \$75 permit fee and \$25 annual renewal fee.

- (c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

Regulatory costs are expected to be minimal due to the permit cap of 15 participants. Revenues from permit and renewal fees may partially offset staff time for training verification, inspections, and enforcement actions. Cost-recovery is not the primary intent of the fee structure.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance.

Zero. No for-profit businesses are affected by the ordinance.

4. Additional information the City deems useful (if any).

This ordinance expressly prohibits commercial use, sale of eggs, or any business activity involving backyard hens. All hens must be kept solely for personal use by the permittee.

