



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: November 13, 2023

ITEM TITLE: Independence School - FFA Chicken Proposal

BACKGROUND:

According to the City Code, Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control, poultry is included in the definition of Livestock (55.01 Definitions, Item 11).

According to Chapter 55.05 Livestock, "It is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council or except in compliance with the City's zoning regulations.

DISCUSSION:

Because the code allows the Council to approve the keeping of livestock, and the School is the requestor for this item, Staff believes it is appropriate to give due consideration to this request. As such, it is worth pointing out that the location where the School wishes to locate the poultry (livestock) is such that it would be located away from residential areas. Additional information is included in the attached request for review.

The motion must be in the positive. If the Council does not want to approve this, they must vote no.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by facilitating a learning opportunity for school students who are in the FFA program.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There is no cost with this request.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to authorize the Independence FFA to obtain and keep poultry (livestock) on School Property.