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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: July 7, 2025
RE: Study Session

Zoning Ordinance – Backyard Hen Limits

A resident submitted a request to the Council to reconsider the City’s current ordinances related to hens on residential property.

Currently, Chapter 10 (Animals) – Article IV (Chickens) allows for a maximum of three (3) hens on a residential property. The resident is requesting that the City increase that number. Their recommendation would be six hens total, or a scalable guideline such as three hens per 0.25 acres.

Below is a quick summary of what other cities currently allow:

- Port Huron: Allows up to 5 hens per 0.25 acre, with standard coop requirements (setbacks, no roosters). On a half-acre lot, that would allow up to 10 hens. My request falls well below that.
- Southfield: No limit on the number of hens. Roosters are prohibited.
- Farmington Hills: No specific number limit. Coops must be at least 175 ft from neighboring dwellings.
- Detroit: Allows up to 8 hens. Coop setbacks: 30 ft from homes, 5 ft from property lines.

The purpose of this discussion is to gauge the Council’s appetite to modify this existing ordinance.

Flag Flying Policy

During the June 16 Study Session, there was a discussion about whether or not the City should adopt a Flag Flying policy that, among other things, would identify the flags that groups can and cannot fly and what those flags communicate (e.g., the city’s official sentiments).

The purpose of this topic is to continue that discussion and determine which way the Council would want to proceed (with general direction) so the staff/City Attorney can draft appropriate policies for future consideration.

Included in your packet are the Flag Flying policies of San Jose, CA, and Madison Heights, as those two policies were discussed during the recent Study Session.

PILOT Ordinance

The City completed the first reading of the proposed PILOT Ordinance during the June 16 regular City Council meeting. The City then held a PILOT Town Hall on June 23, where there was an educational session presented by Great Lakes Housing Services and then a Q&A/Public Comment section (recording available on the City’s YouTube page).

The purpose of this agenda item is to see if there is any additional City Council feedback before proceeding with the second reading, scheduled for July 21, 2025.

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