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Dan,
I want to bring the Chicken topic to a work session!!

- **Local food and household eggs.** A small flock can give residents a local source of eggs and reduce reliance on store-bought eggs.
- **A regulated program is better than an unclear one.** The city could establish clear rules for the number of hens, coop construction, setbacks, sanitation, waste, and nuisance enforcement.
- **No roosters means substantially less noise.** A Spring Lake Park ordinance could prohibit roosters, as several Minnesota communities do. Saint Paul, for example, prohibits roosters while allowing up to 15 hens under its permitting system.
- **Animal welfare can be addressed through standards.** Requirements for secure coops, adequate food and water, sanitation, predator protection, and veterinary care can be incorporated into the rules.
- **It can be a family and educational activity.** Raising hens can teach children about animal care, responsibility, food production, and where food comes from.
- **There is already a support infrastructure nearby.** The North Metro has businesses serving backyard poultry owners, including **Anoka Independent Grain** and **Anoka Ramsey Farm & Garden**, which provide poultry feed and supplies.

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