



# CITY OF TUALATIN

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Teresa Montalvo, Planning Manager

**FROM:** Erin Engman, AICP, Senior Planner

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

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**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of Ordinance 1455-26, amending the Tualatin Municipal Code (TMC) Title 6-15 regulations related to the Keeping of Backyard Chickens to include Domestic Fowl.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Council consider Ordinance No. 1455-26.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Ordinance No. 1455-26 amends the Tualatin Municipal Code 6-15 to regulate the various aspects of keeping backyard domestic fowl. A companion Ordinance (No. 1454-26) will amend the Tualatin Development Code (TDC) Chapter 39 to expand the agricultural use category to include domestic fowl, as well as Chapter 40 to update permitted uses to include domestic fowl in the Low Density Residential Zone (RL).

One March 9, 2026, the Council considered adoption Ordinance No. 1455-26 which would amend the TDC to expand existing regulations for backyard chickens to include domestic fowl. The Council conducted first and second reading of Ordinance No. 1455-26. The vote to adopt the Ordinance received a majority of four in favor, and two against.

Under Charter Section 35, before an ordinance can be enacted, the ordinance must be read at two separate Council meetings. However, an ordinance may be enacted at a single Council meeting if the vote to adopt the ordinance receives the unanimous vote of all Council members present. Since Ordinance No. 1455-26 did not receive unanimous approval at the last meeting, Ordinance No. 1455-26 must return for a third reading and consideration for final adoption to comply with the requirement in Charter Section 35.

**OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

If approved, Ordinance No. 1455-26 will amend the Tualatin Municipal Code (TMC) Title 6-15 regulations related to the Keeping of Backyard Chickens to include Domestic Fowl.

**ALTERNATIVES TO THE RECOMMENDATION:**

- Continue the discussion to a later date
  - Approve the amendments and adopt the Ordinance with additional changes
  - Deny the amendments and decline to adopt the Ordinance
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Ordinance 1455 - 26

Exhibit 1 - PTA 26-0001 Text Amendment (Clean)

Exhibit 2 - PTA 26-0001 Text Amendment (Formatted)