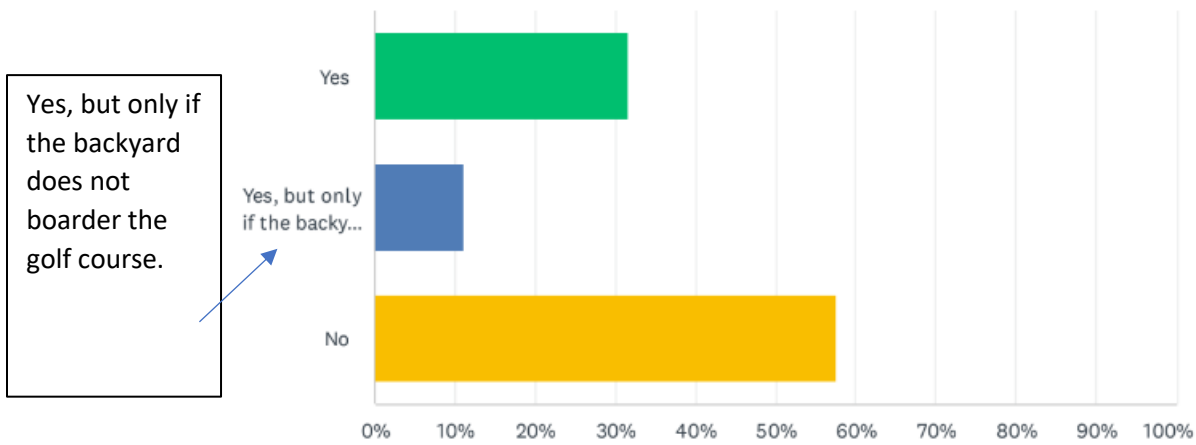


Citizen Survey 2023

Q7 Should residents, occupying homes in single-family residential zoning, be able to own up to six hens (no roosters) in fully enclosed runs/cages in the backyard, with guidelines on setbacks from neighbors, minimum lot sizes, minimum enclosure sizes, etc.?

Answered: 346 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.50%	109
Yes, but only if the backyard does not border the golf course.	10.98%	38
No	57.51%	199
TOTAL		346

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Hell no!	3/15/2023 5:14 PM
2	are you joking. Chickens belong on a farm!	3/15/2023 5:14 PM
3	Houses too close	3/15/2023 5:06 PM
4	This was surveyed before with strong opposition	3/15/2023 5:04 PM
5	Chicken owners will not be able to care for the animals during extreme weather events. Will the owner have a coup in their living room?	3/15/2023 5:01 PM
6	Don't need noise and smell	3/15/2023 4:58 PM
7	Woodcreek is a residential community not a farm	3/15/2023 4:47 PM
8	Producing our own food increases resiliency	3/15/2023 4:42 PM
9	ABSOLUTELY NO! NO! NO!	3/15/2023 4:42 PM
10	I would want to see the guidelines before committing	3/15/2023 4:23 PM
11	I want to support folks using their homestead as they wish, but we know there is no enforcement of guidelines. (except the neighbor)	3/15/2023 4:13 PM

12	Absolutely not!!	3/15/2023 4:11 PM
13	Would bring in predators	3/15/2023 4:08 PM
14	This is not a farm	3/15/2023 3:57 PM
15	Too much mess	3/15/2023 3:54 PM
16	Too cruel to birds	3/15/2023 3:21 PM
17	Smelly, noisy, brings in more vermin and small animals that would be predators	3/15/2023 3:17 PM
18	Decide once and for all. If you want chickens move out of Woodcreek	3/15/2023 3:15 PM
19	NO!!!	3/15/2023 2:56 PM
20	Wild cats will follow.	3/15/2023 2:53 PM
21	NO CHICKENS	3/15/2023 2:49 PM
22	THOSE THAT WANT GO BUY FARM LAND (-4 written next to not important)	3/15/2023 2:33 PM
23	We are very concerned that this could attract vermin, and predators. It could smell bad, be noisy, and affect our peaceful residential community. We live too close together to have chickens.	3/15/2023 2:29 PM
24	no hens ever	3/15/2023 2:25 PM
25	At best could be a nuisance- at worst a health hazard	3/15/2023 2:21 PM
26	defintely (sic) "not"	3/15/2023 2:18 PM
27	Absolutely no! Properties are too small for chickens. If youo want them, buy some acres.	3/15/2023 2:13 PM
28	Absolutely not!!! So irritating for neighbors	3/15/2023 2:13 PM
29	NO!	3/15/2023 12:34 PM
30	I do not believe most "city" people have any idea about how to take care of chickens. They require a great deal of responsibility. Solve this issue once and for all -	3/15/2023 12:24 PM
31	?lol	3/15/2023 12:18 PM
32	Feral cats, fox, raccoons could be a problem for chickens	3/15/2023 11:52 AM
33	no no no	3/15/2023 11:51 AM
34	WHY IS THIS EVEN ON TO BE QUISTED? WE ARE NOT IN THE "COUNTRY" (sic)	3/15/2023 11:37 AM
35	No livestock	3/15/2023 11:21 AM
36	We are not in the country - chickens can bring diseases	3/15/2023 10:57 AM
37	attracts flies, creates smell ABSOLUTELY NOT	3/15/2023 10:55 AM
38	There is an ordinance against chickens. Retain it.	3/15/2023 10:53 AM
39	ABSOLUTELY NOT!	3/15/2023 10:45 AM
40	You know the answer! No city action needed - already have ordinance against farm animals. Enforce!	3/15/2023 10:44 AM
41	minimum lot size of 1 acre	3/15/2023 10:30 AM
42	Absolute not. Chickens carry diseases, draw in preditors will cost tax payers money for enforcement See attached articles. They would pose a threat to our natural bird population, especially raptors (hawks) & wild geese	3/15/2023 10:27 AM
43	Not too keen on this idea, but we are moving into different times and values. Don't think it will hurt.	3/15/2023 10:22 AM
44	Pedators increase order and noise	3/13/2023 12:05 PM
45	PRO CHICKENS	3/8/2023 8:17 PM

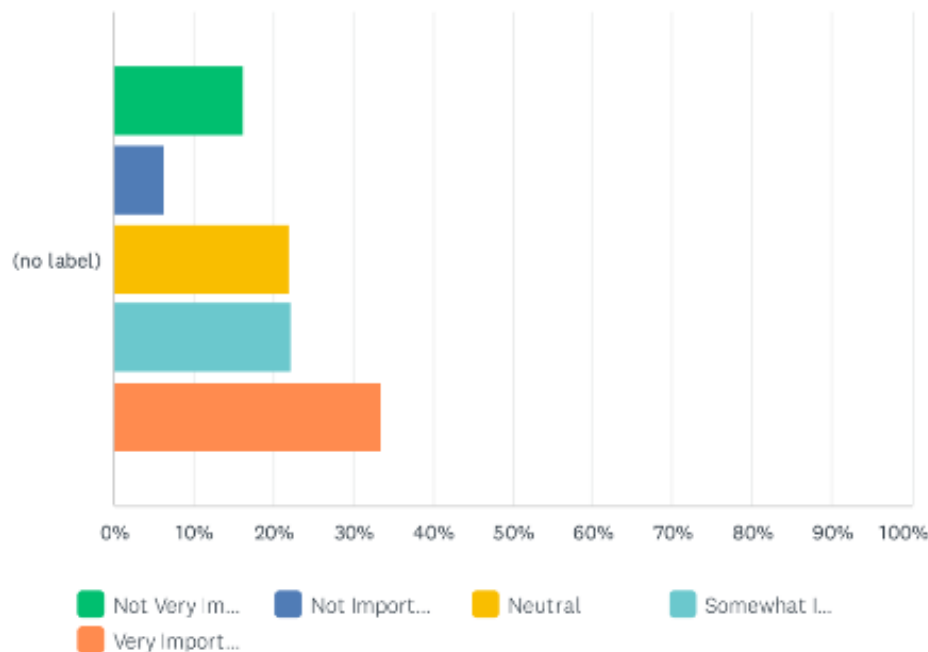
46	Likely offensive to close neighbors in their backyards. Isn't it already prohibited?	3/8/2023 5:32 PM
47	Chickens stink; we are not living on a farm	3/8/2023 2:09 PM
48	ABSOLUTELY NO!!! Chickens will attract more predators to Woodcreek. More snakes, coyotes, fox, raccoons. They are not easy to take care of. They are loud and it is hard to tell hen from roosters when they are young. The lots in Woodcreek are not large enough. It is not ok that neighbors would have to put up with the smell & noise since the lots are too small. Woodcreek is a residential neighborhood not an agricultural neighborhood. And who will enforce having only 6 hens.. Are you planning on having chicken squad to inspect all the backyard coops to make sure only 6 hens and no rosters.	3/8/2023 1:29 PM
49	Who will enforce the restrictions? How will they be monitored?	3/8/2023 9:53 AM
50	This is not a farm community. Strong likelihood tat chickens would attack predators and cause foul odors.	3/8/2023 8:02 AM
51	More than six would be fantastic!	3/7/2023 7:29 PM
52	This would attract more coyotes and Fox to our neighborhood. We have a cat that we let out periodically.	3/7/2023 7:22 AM
53	Yes, but....rigorous setbacks need to be established. Any problems with noise or smell should be addressed in any ordinance, and a method to handle complaints must be established. We are in an area of small lots with minimal side clearance; adequate setbacks would be hard to establish in some areas of Woodcreek.	3/6/2023 8:28 PM
54	Absolutely not. Chickens = chicken litter = big increase in flies and an odor problem. I was raised around chickens and have no desire to "enjoy" that again	3/6/2023 4:44 PM
55	The questions about "how important" are confusing at best. Answering "not important" suggests a "NO" isn't important answering "very important" suggests the opposite regardless of whether you are for or against the main issue. It presents itself as a game politicians love to play.	3/6/2023 11:33 AM
56	if you want chickens move out of the city	3/4/2023 12:05 PM
57	their land...	3/4/2023 11:03 AM
58	Yes.	3/4/2023 10:46 AM
59	they own their property.	3/4/2023 10:43 AM
60	The developers of Woodcreek packed the houses on to lots so closely that raising chickens is not a reasonable option. Someone wanting chickens should have a minimum of five acres and not be allowed to put the chickens near their property lines. Too many negatives in this tight space.	3/3/2023 11:11 AM
61	but no barking dogs	3/2/2023 4:23 PM
62	I don't see why residents whose property borders the golf course should have to abide by different rules than the rest of us.	3/1/2023 4:57 PM
63	We already have enough wildlife without adding temptation for more. While we are in a more rural setting, it is a higher density area.	3/1/2023 8:46 AM
64	Absolutely not	2/28/2023 4:10 PM
65	This is not a rural community.	2/28/2023 11:15 AM
66	It is evident that there isn't a uniform level of civic responsibility on maintaining property and allowing chickens, which at best could still be an annoyance in the areas of smell, attracting predators and noise is irresponsible	2/28/2023 9:30 AM
67	Within reasonable guidelines for all. A committee and discussions should proceed before any official action taken to vote for or against.	2/26/2023 12:16 PM
68	OMG!!!!!! I would consider moving out of Woodcreek is we do this. LOW RENT comes to mind.	2/26/2023 11:12 AM
69	A push by several council members to turn the city into farm land	2/25/2023 4:08 PM

70	plain dumb	2/25/2023 11:19 AM
71	Absolutely not. Chickens attract predators and interfere with neighbors' enjoyment of their own property. Once the family loses interest in chickens, the structures become unsightly.	2/24/2023 1:35 PM
72	Why give the coyotes another reason to enter our yards. We are missing enough cats already. Plenty of stray dogs and deer are being attacked on a regular basis.	2/23/2023 6:03 PM
73	I am torn on this. I see both arguments and would fill out unknown if an additional option.	2/23/2023 1:52 PM
74	Even as enticing as it is with egg prices! Privacy fences should be required for any livestock IMO.	2/22/2023 7:31 PM
75	We had a neighbor who had them in Austin years ago. Even in 2+ acre lots, it could get noisy. I think many who don't disapprove might feel differently if it was their next door neighbor.	2/22/2023 6:21 PM
76	Concern is that it will invite more predators i.e., foxes, racoons, etc.	2/22/2023 10:46 AM
77	No chickens!	2/21/2023 3:42 PM
78	This is a horrible idea that seems to keep coming up. Chickens are messy and hard hard to manage. I think it would turn into a public nuisance.	2/21/2023 2:41 PM
79	NO. NO. NO. Can I be any clearer?	2/20/2023 7:24 PM
80	NO, NO, NO It's unsanitary and will attract unwanted critters to the area.	2/20/2023 3:57 PM
81	As much as I would like this idea I just don't think it is appropriate within Woodcreek.	2/20/2023 3:33 PM
82	Absolutely NOT! Move to the country...I have had them at my ranch and it will devalue our community in a HUGE way!	2/20/2023 1:13 PM
83	Woodcreek is a family community with houses on very small lots. No wild animals should be allowed. Several residents don't respect others by keeping their dogs on a leash and they shouldn't be allowed to own other animals. This question is ridiculous.	2/20/2023 10:31 AM
84	My family owned chickens - we had a large property and a protected, professionally-built structure, and we had help cleaning and maintaining the structure, which was large. Six chickens would not generate the waste our large hen family did, but the smell the waste generates is very potent if not cleaned promptly. With the increase in urban chickens, we are seeing an increase in the chickens being abandoned. Sanctuaries are running out of space to house them. Rescuers said there has been a 40% jump in neglected and abandoned chickens in recent months as compared to previous years. This information is as of November 2022. Noise complaints arising from chickens in backyards are also on the rise. Government agencies and town councils received nearly 1,500 complaints in 2021 -- across both public and private housing -- is the City of Woodcreek prepared to handle these issues?	2/19/2023 2:19 PM
85	No! No! They want chickens , then move to a farm or ranch.	2/19/2023 1:37 PM
86	Doesn't fit with the resort image the city is trying to maintain.	2/19/2023 1:00 PM
87	We already have a growing problem with predators in Woodcreek. Why invite more into our pet-intensive community.	2/19/2023 12:59 PM
88	I wouldn't personally have hens, but I support people having the autonomy to use their owned property as they wish	2/19/2023 11:39 AM
89	NO, NO, NO! I worry that would increase predators. Please move out of Woodcreek and find a more suitable place.	2/18/2023 3:16 PM
90	Help us fight eggflation! Thanks	2/18/2023 2:44 PM
91	Only on large lots, subject to noise, odor, sanitation requirements, and with approval of neighbors within 100 feet.	2/18/2023 11:55 AM
92	ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! They will lure predators to my doorstep. It can be especially dangerous for families with children.	2/18/2023 11:27 AM
93	Chickens can't survive harsh summers and winters if left in a outside coop. Will owner bring them into their house?	2/18/2023 9:04 AM
94	Collects predators	2/18/2023 8:21 AM

95	Potential to draw in more foxes and we have already had instances of rabies in the last year. Cages are not always fox proof no matter how well they are made.	2/18/2023 2:58 AM
96	Do not consider this issue any longer; table it and do not consider it again.	2/17/2023 8:17 PM
97	It is egregious—even evil—that you bar people from providing for themselves. I have lived in much bigger towns and always chickens were allowed. Forget the guidelines. You people are such busybodies. Let people work things out on their own.	2/17/2023 7:40 PM
98	No way. I don't care to live on a farm. I moved here from Austin for the peace and quiet of a small town	2/17/2023 7:16 PM
99	They attract predators.	2/17/2023 6:49 PM
100	They bring in predators! They smell!	2/17/2023 5:11 PM
101	As long as chicken rules are followed	2/17/2023 4:03 PM

Q8 How important is it to you that the City take action on an ordinance concerning backyard chickens? (Select one)

Answered: 338 Skipped: 10



	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	16.27%	6.21%	21.89%	22.19%	33.43%	338	3.50
	55	21	74	75	113		