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To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: FW: Ward 5 Contact Form
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 3:15:31 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 2:58 PM
To: Broom, Sean; Yang, Ger; Yang, Blong
Subject: Ward 5 Contact Form

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Question/Comment * Could you please protect the public health and safety and promote the welfare of the animals residing within Minneapolis by preventing cruelty abuse and neglect

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From: [Gordon, Cam A.](#)
To: [Menshek, Peggy Y](#)
Subject: FW: proposed ordinance regarding chickens and other fowl
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2016 10:23:13 AM

fyi

From: Nancy Marvy [mailto:nancy.marvy@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 10:22 AM
To: Gordon, Cam A.
Subject: proposed ordinance regarding chickens and other fowl

PLEASE give chickens and other fowl the same protection as companion animals.
The current prohibition against commercial poultry in Mpls. should remain in place.
Please pass my wishes onto the other committee members.

Thank you,
Nancy Marvy
(resident in Victory neighborhood of Mpls.)

From: [Yang, Ger](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: FW: Ward 5 Contact Form
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016 11:52:15 AM

From: no-reply@minneapolismn.gov [mailto:no-reply@minneapolismn.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 7:22 PM
To: Broom, Sean; Yang, Ger; Yang, Blong
Subject: Ward 5 Contact Form

City of Minneapolis

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Question/Comment * Dear Blong Yang, I am emailing you about 'The Minneapolis Animal Care and Protection Ordinances' Please stop and really think about the truth of how chickens are cruelly raised/treated. Here are just some examples of the horrible pain they endure: debeaking, shackling, neck breaking, stunning, crowding, disposal of live animals, withholding of necessary veterinary care from licensed vets, and depopulation by suffocation as evidenced in the recent avian flu outbreak I am not suggesting to stop eating meat or animal products but the quality of their life is important. Being a good person and doing what is humane is the right and just way. We as people need to be kind to all and recognize it is not just about the individual but the good of ALL. Isn't that what life is about? Being and doing the best we can to produce a quality life for ourselves and those we share this life with? That is what matters at the end. Please think about it Mr. Yang... Thank you, Natalie McCann

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From: [Ziring, Emily](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: FW: Ward 13 Contact Form (MACC ordinance changes)
Date: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:39:35 AM

From: no-reply@minneapolismn.gov [mailto:no-reply@minneapolismn.gov]
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 5:00 PM
To: Dahler, Ken; Ziring, Emily
Subject: Ward 13 Contact Form

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Zip	55419
Question/Comment *	Hello Linea and staff, I happy that there are proposed changes coming to the animal care and control ordinances with regards to keeping chickens. I think it is important that we: 1. Change the need for signatures. It seems as unnecessary as getting signatures to have a dog. 2. Reduce the cost. Keeping chickens is a great way to connect your family more closely to your food supply, and eat whole food. The price of this is presently prohibitive, especially for people of limited means. Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss. Thank you, Tony Meysenburg (Anthony)

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Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016 10:24:42 AM

From: no-reply@minneapolismn.gov [mailto:no-reply@minneapolismn.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 8:27 PM
To: Broom, Sean; Yang, Ger; Yang, Blong
Subject: Ward 5 Contact Form

City of Minneapolis

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Question/Comment * As a child I grew up on a farm with chickens, they are just like pets. Therefore, I would like for the ordinance to recognize these animals as companion fowl, especially if they are supposed to be raised within city limits. The Minneapolis Animal Care and Control ordinance feedback webpage states: "Raising poultry is one way to provide Minneapolis with locally grown and harvested products, but under the specific sections 63.90 Fowl, Number 5 it reads "Slaughter of any kind shall be prohibited within the City of Minneapolis". Based on this section, how exactly would one "harvest" that chicken? It is doubtful that Minneapolis residents will leave the city boundaries to "harvest" the animal. Therefore, the chicken could be killed in one's backyard under horrific conditions, such as neck breaking or suffocation. Animal cruelty statutes should be applied in such cases, just like it would be for any companion animal. Thank you, Ursula Pelka Edina, MN 55436

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From: [Tina Sanz](#)
To: [Johnson, Andrew](#)
Cc: Cameron.gordon@minneapolismn.gov; [Glidden, Elizabeth A.](#); [Goodman, Lisa R.](#); [Murphy, Suzanne](#); [Garwood, Robin D.](#); [Sadler, Patrick A.](#); sara.lopez@minneapolismn.gov; [Menshek, Peggy Y](#)
Subject: Animal Control proposed animal adoption fees
Date: Friday, February 05, 2016 3:20:28 PM

Dear Council Member Johnson:

I am writing to you today as a constituent to ask that the City Council consider *not* raising the fees for Minneapolis Animal Control (MACC) dog adoptions from \$90 to \$250 (a 178% increase) as outlined in the staff recommended fee schedule at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/legislation/WCMS1Q-077545>.

For context, I looked into fees at two other local municipalities that provide animal control services. [St. Paul](#) charges **\$47.00 for Saint Paul residents** to adopt (\$224.00 for non-Saint Paul residents), and **Bloomington charges only \$30** to adopt. Most other local municipalities work only through rescue organizations.

Over many years in Minneapolis, I have adopted pets both from MACC and through animal rescue groups. I found rescue groups to charge more; however, the fees in rescue group fees are justified by weeks or months of training and socialization provided by the rescue in volunteers' homes prior to adoption (to my knowledge, MACC animals do not receive that same type of care).

A few years ago, my fiancé and I helped my senior mother to MACC to adopt a dog. We paid for the adoption for her because caring for an animal can help improve the quality of life for senior citizens, and we found a nice little terrier at MACC that has become a terrific companion animal after much training. *A fee of \$250 would be cost prohibitive for many residents of our city, and would also incentivize backyard breeders as an alternative.*

I watched both HECE Committees on January 25 and February 1, 2016, and I have not yet heard a justification for raising this fee by \$178%. I also wonder if rescue organizations that take dogs from MACC for adoption through rescue will be required to pay this fee. I would appreciate hearing your opinion on these matters, and would like to know why the city is going in this direction if it passes.

Sincerely,

Tina Sanz

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612-940-0911 (cell)

4941 37th Ave S, Minneapolis

cc: Council Members Cam Gordon, Lisa Goodman and Elizabeth Glidden

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Gordon, Cam A.
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2016 8:39 PM
To: Council Committee Coordinators
Subject: FW: Comments regarding Minneapolis Animal Care and Protection Ordinance

FYI

From: Laurel Mager Schedin [<mailto:mager001@umn.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2016 7:52 PM
To: Gordon, Cam A.; Johnson, Andrew; Frey, Jacob
Subject: Comments regarding Minneapolis Animal Care and Protection Ordinance

Hello,

I am writing to you regarding the Mpls Animal Care and Protection Ordinance. I have some concerns regarding the section about chickens and other domestic fowl. I feel this has been drafted to promote urban animal farming and exclude the birds from companion animal status. I have detailed my concerns below along with my recommendations in italics. I thank you in advance for taking my thoughts into consideration.

The proposed ordinance as written will define Fowl solely as food-producing animals.

I would like to recommend that the definitions should not differentiate the birds by how they will be used and should include a definition for "companion fowl" to ensure protection by MN cruelty statutes.

The proposed ordinance as written will eliminate the neighbor signature requirement.

This will dramatically increase the number of birds brought into the city by people not willing to make the effort to get their neighbors' consent and also increase the number of birds neglected and abandoned when they realize the amount of effort and expense required to care for them. It will also contribute to neighborhood disputes.

I would like to recommend that neighbor consent is important to prevent people getting chickens on a whim, making sure the birds are well cared for, and preserve neighborhood peace by respecting the rights of neighbors.

The proposed ordinance as written will require a special permit for roosters.

For every laying hen, there is a dead or abandoned rooster. If they aren't killed outright at the hatchery, they are used as disposable packing material in mail-order chick shipments. Their sex is unknown until the age of 4-6 months so even families who love them and wish to keep them are disadvantaged. Making it harder to keep unintended roosters means a disincentive to accept responsibility and means that even more roosters will be killed or abandoned in streets, alleys and parks.

I would like to recommend that there should be no discrimination based on sex and point out that noise ordinances already exist if there is a problem.

The proposed ordinance as written will prohibit people from caring for their birds in their home.

I would like to recommend that the prohibition against keeping fowl indoors should be removed and replaced with a special permit option if caregivers choose to house companion fowl in dwellings.

The proposed ordinance as written will allow the development of commercial poultry operations in the city.

I would like to recommend that the current prohibition against commercial poultry operations should remain in place.

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To: Gordon, Cam A.; Reich, Kevin A.; Frey, Jacob; Johnson, Barbara A. - City Council; Yang, Blong; Warsame, Abdi; Glidden, Elizabeth A.; Cano, Alondra; Quincy, John; Johnson, Andrew; Palmisano, Linea
Subject: Minneapolis Animal Care and Control Ordinance

Members of the City Council,

My name is Katie Young. I am a resident of North Minneapolis, and a person who has known the love and companionship of chickens for more than thirty years. I am also the Shelter Coordinator at Chicken Run Rescue, here in Minneapolis, and have the honor to be part of the fine work that this organization does on behalf of chickens in our city.

I am writing today, before the final vote takes place on the new Animal Care and Control Ordinance, to ask you to please have the facts that I am going to share with you in mind, as well as requiring Minneapolis Animal Care and Control to share the same with any citizen who requests a permit to keep chickens in the city.

-Laying daily eggs is not a natural process for hens. It has been introduced by man, through selective breeding for profit. It is an absolute disaster for the hen, leaving her spent by the age of two years, and dying a slow and painful death from ovarian cancer 100% of the time. If you have ever sat by helplessly and watched a hen succumb to cancer, you will know that it is excruciating for her, and heartbreaking in the extreme. I have watched two of my own beloved girls die and have had to make the painful choice of euthanasia for others. I have also seen the grief experienced by my roosters and cats when a member of their family dies.

-For every egg laying hen, there is a dead or abandoned rooster. Upon hatching, chickens are sexed, with the males going into a grinder, to be ground alive, because roosters are seen as unnecessary by the industry and by most people who keep backyard chickens for eggs. There is absolutely no thought given to the fact that roosters are wonderful beings, creatures who want to live as much as you or I and that they have a very important role in the life of a healthy flock of birds and are beloved by their hens. I have had many companion roosters in my life, and cannot even begin to scratch the surface of how lovely it is to hold one of these boys in your arms, to watch them protect and defend their flock, and simply to love and be loved by their human caretakers. Sadly too, is the fact that the "lucky" roosters, the ones who manage to survive the hatchery, are often abandoned to nature, to fend for themselves in an environment and climate that is inimical to life as far as they are

concerned. A small handful of these boys end up at rescues, to live out their lives in love and safety. Sadly, even though the room in our hearts is limitless, our facilities quickly fill up, leaving many boys without hope.

-Lastly, as we all know, the climate in Minnesota is a very unforgiving one, and chickens, being tropical jungle fowl suffer greatly in cold weather. It is a costly venture to properly ensure that they have access to housing that is both safe and warm in winter and cool in summer. Most of the birds we see at Chicken Run Rescue have, at the very least, lost combs and toes to frostbite, many having lost whole limbs. It has been my experience that people looking to keep any animal for the food or the product it can provide, care very little for the comfort and well being of that animal, and will often house them in scandalously filthy conditions. It is often little more than a cardboard box covered in a garbage bag that lies between the bird and the sub-zero temperatures of winter. I must say too, that many of these inadequate "coops" have passed inspection by Animal Control.

Thank you for the attention that you have given this ordinance, and for taking the time to gather information. I hope that when the final vote comes, all people will be asked to remember that chickens, just like cats and dogs, deserve our love, respect and protection.

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