

From: [The Michels](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Chickens in residential districts - Chanhassen
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 10:26:03 AM

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Dear Chanhassen City Council -

I've lived in Chanhassen for thirty (30) years. We've won numerous awards for best places to live, and of late, Council is either pandering to a few lame requests, or simply caving, as one Council member is quoted - we can't possibly handle all the complaints (boats). As I recall he also stated it's something like two-three complains per month. Why are we proposing going backwards?

It is a really bad idea to allow chickens to be raised/housed in the City of Chanhassen. I grew up in agriculture, I work in agriculture and work with epidemiology and veterinary medicine. Rather than Council saying, oh we have to look at what other communities allow - how about we follow logic, common sense and science.

The human health risks (to all of us, not just the resident that wants a backyard flock) are real and significant.

<http://www.idph.state.il.us/health/infect/Poultry.htm>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/animal/backyard.html>

Perhaps the one (1) acre minimum that Council is looking at overturning is justified. Most lots are less than .25 acres. Perhaps the links I've included would compel a science based decision to say, raising chickens in a city/suburb is not safe, period (not even with a acreage minimum).

Is Council prepared to limit the number of hens/chickens? Wait, if the City can't enforce the current boat ordinance, how will City ever enforce a chicken ordinance? Double standards. Is the discussion about one or two laying hens? A dozen? Will it allow residents to raise broiler chickens all summer and then butcher them in the fall? Do not open up an ordinance that has served Chanhassen - since it was a very small suburb. Housing density increases do not lend to backyard farming.

What about manure/litter disposal? True farmers have to present manure management plans to the State. Why would backyard flocks not have to do the same?
Flies? Stink? Rodents? Predators?

What's next? Goats? Rabbits? The requests are potentially endless.

Please stop the pandering and focus on bigger issues and strategies.

For the record, the City Councilman that said he'd like the boat ordinance loosened, because he has a boat, has never answered the two emails I sent to him/Council. Pretty cowardly. He knows who he is.

Todd Michels
612-819-2229

From: [Valentina](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Approve Ordinance Amendment Concerning Minimum Lot Size for Chickens in Residential Districts and Chapter 1 Definitions
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 9:53:00 PM

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Hello,

We wanted to provide comments regarding the proposed Ordinance Amendment Concerning Minimum Lot Size for Chickens in Residential Districts. We are very concerned that allowing chickens on properties with lot size less than acre will result in unpleasant odor and loud noise. It can also attract rodents and predators. Please keep the current ordinance that allows chickens on residential property with an area of one acre or larger.

Thanks!

Valentina and Robert Brophy

9220 Ellendale Ln
Chanhassen MN 55317

From: [Peggie Zoerhof](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Chicken Ordinance
Date: Saturday, May 22, 2021 6:58:32 PM

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To Chanhassen City Council members:

Our preference regarding the keeping of chickens ion a residential neighborhood is to LEAVE IT AS IS with a minimum lot size of ONE acre.

Kindly,
Peggie and Curt Zoerhof.

Sent from my iPhone
Peggie Zoerhof

From: [Hougham House](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Chicken ordinance- Marsh Dr
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 4:00:45 PM

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Hello, I live on Marsh Drive in Chanhassen, and I would not like chickens in our neighborhood. I would like to keep the current ordinance in place at 1 acre.

Thanks, Jenny

Jennifer Hougham
8103 Marsh Dr.
Chanhassen, MN 55317

From: [Paul Stibal](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Chicken
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 6:00:47 PM

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I strongly support the new Chanhassen chicken ordinance.

Thank you for your time.

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Paul Stibal

Owner/Operator of your best place to get MN grown CBD

CBDKürz

<http://www.CBDKurz.com>

Owner/Operator of the busiest sound company you probably haven't heard of
metropaulitan entertainment

<http://www.facebook.com/metropaulitan>

<http://www.metropaulitan.net/>

<http://www.youtube.com/metropaulitan>

From: [Christina Ahola](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Chickens!!!!
Date: Sunday, May 23, 2021 2:52:28 PM

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All for expanding the chicken permits to no lot requirement.

Christina Ahola
6974 Pima lane
Chanhassen

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From: [Amanda Knight](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: CHICKENS!
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 3:09:12 PM

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We are asking and 100% in support of chickens in Chanhassen!!!
Please please please!!!!
Our entire neighborhood on Saddlebrook Pass is in total agreement!!
Please let me know what we can do to help this happen!!!

Thank you
Amanda Knight
930 Saddlebrook Pass
Chanhassen MN 55317

From: [rosalieminion](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Chickens
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 3:22:41 PM

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At one time I lived in a different part of the country and I was very upset when people were getting chickens and then I found out that the city was actually using chickens to monitor West Nile , if a chicken dies and they're turned in can be tested for West Nile and other diseases

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy, powered by Cricket Wireless

From: [Karen halbakken](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Chickens
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 3:09:16 PM

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Please stick to the one acre property.

If you give into smaller you will start a trend of something else. Just say no!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Walker, Jim](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: comment on RV's and chickens
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 3:19:13 PM

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I believe property owners should have freedom of action as long as it does not unduly burden other nearby property owners.

As such, I believe property owners (or renters with the owner's permission) should be able to park boats and RVs in their driveway.

I also believe property owners (or renters with the owner's permission) should be allowed to raise backyard chickens as long as

- the chickens are treated humanely (particularly with respect to weather).
- the chickens do not place a burden on neighbors in the form of noise (for example, if chickens are considerably louder than barking dogs then perhaps that is too noisy. If chickens are less noisy than barking dogs (which we already have) then the noise burden of the chickens is acceptable...or at least certainly nothing new.
- The chickens do not place a burden on neighbors in the form of noxious odors.
- The chickens do not place a burden on neighbors in the form of noxious run-off (chicken poop dissolving in rainwater flowing onto someone else's property).

So, with some concerns, I am in favor of both changes.

Thanks for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Jim Walker
Resident

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although unlikely...

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From: [Robert Kline](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Fwd: HOA's Perspective Regarding Recreational Vehicles & Chicken's Amendments
Date: Sunday, May 23, 2021 3:52:11 PM

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Please review this forwarded email sent to Mayor Ryan by our HOA Board regarding the (2) Proposed Amendments pertaining to Recreational Vehicles and Chickens.

Thank you for allowing us to share our perspective.

Sincerely,

Lakeview at Pineurst HOA Board

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Robert Kline** <rjkline123@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 23, 2021, 3:39 PM
Subject: HOA's Perspective Regarding Recreational Vehicles & Chicken's Amendments
To: Ryan, Elise <eryan@ci.chanhassen.mn.us>, Steven Mueller
<stevenemueller@gmail.com>, Mark Wagner <MAWagner@olwklaw.com>

Dear Mayor Ryan,

Thank you for your "Message From The Mayor" sent to us via email on Friday May 21, 2021, regarding the Recreational Vehicles and Chickens in Residential Districts Proposed Amendments. We (Lakeview at Pinehurst HOA Board) appreciate your desire to receive and listen to feedback from residents of the City.

We the Board, would like to provide you with our perspective regarding the (2) Amendments and how they are in conflict with our HOA Declaration of Covenants. Our Association's Covenants address both of the Proposed Amendments and are in direct opposition to their position.

Regarding Recreational Vehicles in our HOA, NO "other vehicles" may be parked on a driveway and may ONLY be stored inside an enclosed garage. These "other vehicles" include, automobiles not operational, trucks, buses, vans, recreational vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, ambulances, hearses, motorcycles, motorbikes, bicycles, snowmobiles, jet skis, canoes, boats, and other watercraft, aircraft, house trailers, motor homes, camping trailers, other trailers, lawn mowers, lawn tractors, over-the-road tractors, and other tractors. We include this list to show what someone could "interpret as a recreational vehicle".

The Proposed Recreational Amendment, as it is written, does not clearly define a recreational vehicle and what is going to qualify as acceptable within this Amendment. It seems far to "open ended" with the potential of abuse. For example, how will the City address the home owner who parks a motor home or camper on their driveway and someone lives in that "vehicle" from April 1st to November 1st?

Regarding the Chickens in Residential Districts Amendment, again our HOA does NOT allow "uncommon animals", which includes chickens, without prior consent of the Board. There is currently nothing in the Proposed Amendment that states an HOA may have more restrictive regulations than the City. Again, the opportunity for potential abuse seems very "open ended".

For Example, what recourse will a "non chicken" homeowner have against a "legitimate nuisance" they are experiencing that is caused by their neighbor who has chickens? There is nothing in the Proposed Amendment that addresses how a "legitimate nuisance" will be handled.

As an HOA Board, our main role is to uphold the guidelines of our Covenants. The vast majority of our members want those guidelines to be enforced. However, there are a few members who will try to "take advantage" of the (2) Proposed Amendments, as they are currently written.

Our HOA Board believes as the (2) Proposed Amendments are currently written, there will be confusion between what is allowed by the City and what is allowed in our Covenants.

WE BELIEVE FURTHER CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED AND A PROVISION MUST BE MADE IN BOTH AMENDMENTS THAT CLEARLY STATES, "HOA COVENANTS CAN BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN CITY RULES AND MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE".

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective. We would welcome any further discussion or questions you may have.

Please let us know you received this email, as we believe it contains important information you would want to know before the City Council meeting Monday (5/24) evening.

Regards,

Lakeview at Pinehurst HOA Board
Bob Kline - President 952-975-0960
Steven Mueller - Vice President 612-802-9122
Mark Wagner - Treasurer 612-578-5228

From: [Randal Fingarson](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND CHAPTER 5, ANIMALS AND FOWL OF THE CHANHASSEN CITY CODE
Date: Sunday, May 23, 2021 7:45:44 PM

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Chanhasseen City Council

We are Linda and Randal Fingarson and live at 8371 West Lake Drive in Chanhasseen, Minnesota. We have lived in Chanhasseen for the last 30 years. We wish to provide our comments on the proposed ordinance change that would allow up to 8 chickens to be raised regardless of lot size.

We believe this proposed change should be rejected. Chanhasseen is a special city to live in. Residential property is well taken care of and everyone works hard to insure that their property is properly maintained. Approving the proposed ordinance change that would allow 8 chickens and a chicken coop on residential property regardless of lot size. It would have a significant negative impact on the appearance, noise and odor of each neighborhood. Home owners made purchasing decisions on where to live and what property to buy based on the city ordinances and what would be allowed to take place in their neighborhood. This proposed change would have a negative impact on each neighborhood and not respect the desires of their neighbors.

The concerns discussed about neighbor complaints, attraction of predators and rodents, potential disease, odor and noise that were discussed are very real. Having a chicken coop located only 25 feet away from your neighbor is not acceptable. It was surprising that both hens and roosters would be allowed since the only requirements noted were the total number of chickens. We have always respected the noise and other limits that Chanhasseen has on animals outside. I can only imagine how a neighbor would feel living 25 feet from a chicken coop and dealing with its various negative aspects.

A large space should separate a chicken coop from your neighbors. We believe the ordinance should not be approved. If individuals wanted to raise chickens they should have bought rural property. We believed the current ordinance requiring at least 1 acre of land to have 8 chickens was properly made and should not be changed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Linda and Randy Fingarson

From: [Marsha Theis](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: re: lot size for chickens
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 3:26:20 PM

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Dear Mayor and Chanhassen Council,

We are opposed to making the lot size smaller than one acre for a chicken permit. Chickens can create a public nuisance with noise, smell, and poultry diseases. If you wish to reach us please email us at this email address.

Additionally, we would like you to enact Airbnb or other vacation rental restrictions in single family residential areas. There needs to be a permit application and renewal and conditions for existing or future rentals. We live next door to someone who rents out their basement through Airbnb and we have had problems with smoke from fires and firepits. We cannot sit on our porch in the evening because there is often so much smoke. There are also extra cars parked outside in his backyard.

Sincerely,

Paul and Marsha Theis
6520 White Dove Circle
Excelsior, MN 55331

From: [Neil Reiersen](#)
To: [Krystel Reiersen](#)
Cc: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Re: Upcoming approval for city ordinances
Date: Saturday, May 22, 2021 10:45:21 PM

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I strongly agree on both points. As a heavily involved family in the community i hope you take these recommendations seriously.

Best,
Neil
612-991-7968

Sent from my iPad

On May 21, 2021, at 4:40 PM, Krystel Reiersen <krystel.reiersen@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello!

I would like to express my opinion on the upcoming city ordinances.

1. Outdoor Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Boats, and Trailers

Being a boat owner myself, I really feel it is best that boats and other recreational vehicles are not stored on driveways. Chanhassen has always been an aesthetically pleasing place to live. Homeowners take great pride in their property. Having recreational vehicles of any kind parked on driveways provides such an eye sore! There are many other options for storing recreational vehicles. When purchasing such a vehicle it is a cost we put into consideration knowing the current ordinance was in place. Recreational vehicles are a luxury and the associated cost of storing them out of site should be maintained. We are too pretty of a city to have this eye sore throughout.

2. Chickens in Residential Districts

Would love to see this ordinance lifted. There are so many benefits to having chickens - eat insects, produce eggs, free fertilizer, great hobby for the kids to get involved, outside and in the garden. By placing restrictions on the number of chickens (4) and only allowing females instead of roosters, you avoid the loud cockadoddling and over populated area. Consider giving homeowners a limit based on their lot size. More and more people are looking for a way to live healthier, sustainable lives and owning chickens a wonderful way to start. Edina, Chaska, Minnetonka, along with many other cities allow their residences to own chickens. Would be nice if we could do the same!

Thank you for putting my opinions into consideration!

Krystel Reiersen
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sean And Tanya](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: Response to RVs and Chicken Coups
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 4:46:02 PM

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Good afternoon,

In response to The Mayor, Elise Ryan's email message I am ok with the chicken coup proposal for properties less than 1 acre as long as the immediate neighbors have a chance to give a thumbs up or down. Absolutely no roosters! They are an unfortunate alarm clock.

I am not ok with RVs being parked in driveways.

Sean Sommerfeld
6862 Manchester Drive
Chanhassen

From: [Bo Andersen](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: RVs and Chickens and burn permits.
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 3:38:57 PM

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1. Any roadworthy, registered vehicle or boat should be allowed to be parked in people's driveway permanently. It is private property after all and we are supposed to be a democracy. The city has no business dictating otherwise. I do not own such a vehicle myself.
2. Roosters are VERY noisy at 5 am. The 1 acre minimum lot size for chickens may not be enough and should certainly not be reduced. We have no chickens and no neighbors with chickens.
3. I continue to want you to reverse your unjustified and arbitrary restriction on burn permits, even for very large properties like ours. Less than 30 such permits were issued annually. It is an undue burden for residents like ourselves with large, rural properties to suddenly, arbitrarily implementing such restrictions.

Sincerely,

Bo Andersen
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