



rRemarks Date for January 14, 2014 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
<p>First Reading</p>	<p>B. ORD 00-05442 An ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code regarding animals and fowl</p>	<p>Dear Mayor Tully and Downers Grove Commissioners,</p> <p>I am very distressed to learn that the Downers Grove City Council might force my neighbors, the Lolli family residing at 4117 Highland Avenue, to give up their pet chickens. In that that such a decision appears to fly in the face of common sense and logic, I certainly hope that I am mistaken.</p> <p>I live next door to the Lolli family, at 4113 Highland Avenue. Their small chicken coop actually abuts my detached garage. I subsequently walk right next to it every morning on the way to my car. If the handful of chickens that the Lolli family has would pose a problem to anyone, it would be me, and I think they're wonderful. Given that I can't hear the chickens, do not smell them, and rarely ever see them...I don't see why they would be a concern to anyone in our neighborhood.</p> <p>At a time when "urban farming" is on the rise, it seems somewhat preposterous to begrudge the Lolli family (and other Downers Grove residents) a handful of small chickens...that all of the neighbors I've talked to agree bother absolutely no one. I feel that it's long overdue for the Village of Downers Grove to strike down or modify archaic ordinances such as the "fowl law," and replace them with new ordinances that reflect the beliefs and practices of the 21st century. I'm almost 70 years old and can honestly say that the Village's current ordinance banning the possession of a few chickens may have been "in tune" during my grandparents' time (when they kept a LOT of chickens in their backyards)...but it is definitely not apropos for today.</p> <p>I trust you to make a wise and just ORD 00-05442 decision that benefits the majority of Downers Grove residents...both now and into the future. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you!</p>	<p>Jan Writer 4113 Highland Avenue</p>
<p>First Reading</p>	<p>B. ORD 00-05442 An ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code regarding animals and fowl</p>	<p>I wanted to voice my opinion on the ordinance regarding Chicken ownership. As the adjacent neighbor of someone who raised chickens in the past, I feel it is important that you vote for a more inclusive code for chicken ownership. She chose to raise hens as a fun, educational and cost effective way to feed her family. I believe that the ordinances should allow people to raise their chickens regardless of the size of their property. I feel that the setback rules are especially in need of revision. I can speak from personal experience that as a neighbor they pose no threat or added annoyance. Thank you.</p>	<p>Virginia Nottelmann 4116 Lindley Street</p>

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<p>First Reading</p>	<p>B. ORD 00-05442 An ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code regarding animals and fowl</p>	<p>I believe the issue of backyard chickens will be discussed in the upcoming meeting. I have experienced neighbors previously with laying hens and have never found them to be an issue. As long as people keep their hen houses clean and at a distance, they are perfectly acceptable. Totally in favor of backyard fowl being allowed in DG.</p>	<p>Maureen Fear 324 Shady lane</p>