



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 15
For Meeting of 05/05/2016

ITEM TITLE: Discussion and possible action regarding request for urban chickens.

CONTACT PERSON: Luke Parris

SUMMARY EXPLANATION: Resident, Stacey Squiers inquired about the Municipal Code for the City of Norwalk regarding urban poultry. Staff indicated that there is not currently an ordinance in place for keeping egg laying chickens in town and that she could go before council to request permission. She then presented a petition signed by her neighbors agreeing to allow her to have the chickens.

The council has considered criteria for urban chickens in the past however nothing was adopted. The city code addresses chickens in chapter 55.05 as livestock. Chapter 55.05 states that it is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council or except in compliance with the City's zoning regulations.

The zoning requirement states that they have to meet setback requirements for an accessory structure. 5 feet from the side lot line, 5 feet from the rear lot line and 10 feet from any other structure. An accessory structure permit would be required for the chicken coop.

If the council would like to consider how the city addresses urban chickens, city staff could develop a proposed ordinance or amendment to the zoning ordinance to more formally address the issue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Consider and advise

I approve of my neighbor, Stacey Squiers, having 4 egg layers in her back yard and know she will not have any roosters in this small flock.

1313 Main St.

Neighbor's Printed Name & Signature	Neighbor's Address
Jim Becker Jim Becker	1318 Main St
Tara Badger Tara Badger	1405 Main Street
Joe Hill Joe Hill	1325 Main.
Jean Stansberry	1324 Main St
TONY BALDWIN	1314 MAIN ST
Rick Ward	1305 Main St.
Patty Saunders	1221 Main St.
Tanya McAninch Tanya McAninch	1213 Main St Norwalk, IA 50211

Sue Coffey

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