

Addressing Council's Concerns With Backyard Chickens

“With proper husbandry and management training, I believe the rodent and predator issues are not valid. Also, with correct selection of source of chicks and good management and sanitation practices, the public health risks would be minimal. We would be glad to work with the young person in setting up and managing the chickens and protecting public health.”

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The only complaints we've had were due to roosters. The residents didn't realize they were roosters when they were chicks and they were re-homed. We've had no issues or complaints with odor. (summarized)

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Concern: Chickens smell

Fact: One 40 pound dog generates more waste than 10 chickens. Chicken waste is compostable.

Concern: Chickens transmit diseases to humans

Fact: Small flocks have literally no risk of avian flu transmission to humans. Salmonella risk is the same as handling raw chicken or eggs, hand washing is a must.

Concern: Chickens attract predators

Fact: Predators already exist.

What else attracts predators?

Bird feeders, gardens, fish ponds, bird baths, trash cans and small dogs and cats already attract predators.

Concern: Not a good life for the chickens



Or:

