



City of Ann Arbor

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One Year Review of Chapter 107 (Animals) Regarding Backyard Chickens

An amendment to Chapter 107 (Animals) was approved by City Council on June 2, 2008 and became effective 60 days following that approval date. As part of the original ordinance approval, a one-year review provision was included in the ordinance.

In the one year since the backyard chicken ordinance effective date, the City Clerk's Office has issued 19 permits for backyard chickens. In that same time period, one complaint letter was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding a possible illegal restaurant operation on Soule Street. Part of that complaint included information regarding the housing of chickens without a permit. The complaint regarding the zoning/restaurant issues was forwarded to Planning and Development Services. A permit for the chickens was later obtained by the occupants at that address.

The Ann Arbor Police Department also responded to an unfortunate situation on Spring Street involving a dog attack on backyard chickens. The victim had a permit for the chickens and filed a complaint regarding the incident. No other complaints were received by AAPD or the Community Standards Unit regarding chickens.

Staff does not have any recommendations for changes regarding the permit program or the ordinance at this time.

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