

Murphy, Brad

From: Carol [booklumn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2008 10:27 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: Support for Amended Chicken Ordinance.

I am not sure that I will be able to attend the 5 PM Monday July 21st Plan Commission meeting.

I would like to email in my support for expansion of chicken husbandry for all Madison residents by supporting Alder Marsha Rummel's amended chicken ordinance.

My reasons:

Animal husbandry has always been an integral part of the American ideal: pursuit of life and liberty and happiness.

An urban chicken coop offers up eggs: home-grown, safe, inexpensive food. Residents who are tenants are more likely to need inexpensive food, especially now as food prices rise along with fuel prices.

Young people who raise chickens are enjoying a unique learning experience and taking on responsibility for caring for other creatures. Allowing for urban chicken coop expansion will present more of these learning opportunities to Madison's young people.

Small producers of chicken eggs maintain heritage strains of chicken breeds that are currently not supported by large-scale farms. Many consider maintaining the lineage of heirloom chickens to be a worthy pursuit regardless of the eggs the chickens may produce.

Lastly, I consider the expansion of chicken coops in Madison to be among many of the moves Madisonians need to take to live more sustainably: eggs that are grown and consumed locally are not trucked in, and so they reduce pollution. Additionally, they are not being generated from noxious factory farms. The changes my neighbors make to live in a more sustainable way benefit the planet, and therefore, benefit all of us.

Best Wishes,

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From: Ann Woys [woys@wisc.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 8:45 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: Agenda Item #10

Dear Brad Murphy,

I support the amendment to allow Madison residents to have a chicken in their backyard. I think it is silly that only single family households are permitted to keep chickens, and I look forward to you taking the proper direction on this issue.

Thank you,

Ann Marie Woys

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From: Chris McKim [mckim.chris@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 9:19 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: Chickens!

I'm in full support of the idea of allowing backyard raising of chickens!!

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From: Lara Kenny [lkenny@wisc.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 11:02 AM
To: Murphy, Brad
Subject: In support of Chicken Amendment

Mr. Murphy

I am writing in support of the chicken ordinance that will be discussed at tonight's meeting. Alder Rummel's amendment will help city residents increase their food security in tight economic times and increasingly questionable agricultural practices on corporate farms. All residents should be able to raise backyard chickens, not just those in single family homes.

Thank you for your time,
Lara Kenny