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From: John C. Worden, Zoning Administrator

To: Planning Commission

Re: Amendment to Section 4.13 Chickens

Chickens: Chickens may be kept on a lot or premises zoned residential and greater than one ~~(1) acre~~ (1/2) acre in size except where prohibited by private restrictions on the use of the property. Private restrictions shall remain enforceable and take precedence. Private restrictions include, but are not limited to, deed restrictions, neighborhood association by-laws, and covenant deeds.

A person who keeps or houses chickens on his or her property shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Keep no more than five (5) chickens.
2. The principle use of the person's property is for a single-family dwelling or two-family dwelling.
3. No person shall keep any rooster.
4. The chickens shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure at all times. Fenced enclosures are subject to all provisions of Section 4.3 (Fences).
5. A person shall not keep chickens in any location on the property other than the backyard and subject to the setback provisions of Article 3.11. For purposes of this section, "backyard" means that portion of a lot enclosed by the property's rear lot line and side lot lines to the points where the side lot lines intersect with an imaginary line established by the rear of the single-family or two-family structure and extending to the side lot line.
6. No covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall be located closer than 100 feet to any residential structure on an adjacent property.
7. The covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall be kept in good repair at all times.
8. All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens that are likely to attract rats, mice, or other rodents shall be protected so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from gaining access.
9. The keeping of chickens shall not cause a hazard or nuisance to neighboring properties.