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Attn: Chicken and Livestock Ordinance

1 message

Allyson E Leach <Allyson.Leach@troymi.gov> Tue, Oct 20, 2026 at 8:55 AM
To: "planning@rochesterhills.org" <planning@rochesterhills.org>

Good morning,

My name is Allyson Leach and I'm the Market Manager for the City of Troy's Recreation Department.

Kit's Garden LLC (Kit Duffield) has been a Farmers Market vendor with the City of Troy since 2020. In 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, the market was operated under a different manager out of the Community Affairs department which is now dissolved. We took a break in summer 2025 and restarted, with Kit as a vendor, this past summer 2026.

Sincerely,

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Ordinance regarding chicken and livestock

1 message

Jill Hicks <hicks3acres@gmail.com> Tue, Oct 20, 2026 at 11:32 AM
To: "planning@rochesterhills.org" <planning@rochesterhills.org>

Dear Planning Commission,

First, I am a longtime resident of Rochester Hills.

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I have been a Rochester Hills Resident for well over 30 years and would like to weigh in on the ordinance related to keeping chickens.

I am in support of allowing a higher volume of chickens for property owners with acreage (the 1 to 4 acre category or greater).
The 12 chickens per 1 acre and 42 for the 4 acre size (Why isn't it 48? 4×12 = 48?) is a reasonable volume for the amount of land and only contributes POSITIVELY to our municipality and world through reducing options with factory farming. These small community "farmers" providing for themselves & selling their product is a positive use of land.

So much of our community is made up of lawns which involve fertilizer & water. Land for chickens would not require fertilizer and minimal water. Chicken consume compostable vegetable matter, and create valuable fertilizer, which in turn, enriches the soil.

The number of suggested chickens/rooster are more than reasonable for the stated land acreage.

Last, I am concerned about fencing requirements being too restrictive. The opportunity for chickens to be free range Is a beneficial aspect to keeping chickens. The chicken feces byproduct that results is more beneficial in a larger space. The opportunity for chickens to spread out allows for the consumption of ticks and other pests, as well as for their organic matter byproduct (aka poop) to act as fertilizer in a widespread manner resulting in healthy soil.

Please include my communication so I can have a voice on this matter.

Thank you,

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Support for Proposed Ordinance – Keeping of Chickens and Animals

1 message

Rebecca VanBuskirk <r.a.lorenzetti@gmail.com> Tue, Oct 20, 2026 at 9:34 AM
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Dear Members of the Rochester Hills Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed revisions to the ordinance regarding the keeping of chickens and other animals in Rochester Hills.

My husband and I live on Mead Road, in close proximity to Kit Duffield, with only one neighboring residence separating our properties. Our family also participates in Kit's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, which has included fresh eggs from her chickens. We greatly appreciate having access to locally produced food and the opportunity to support small-scale agriculture within our own community.

Despite living so close to Kit's property, we have never experienced any issues with noise, odors, or other disturbances associated with her chickens. We are also aware of other neighbors along Winkler Mill Road who keep chickens, demonstrating that responsible chicken ownership is already an established part of our neighborhood.

We believe that responsible animal keeping can coexist with residential neighborhoods and contributes to the unique character of Rochester Hills. The proposed acreage-based limits appear to offer a reasonable framework for balancing property owners' rights with the interests of surrounding residents.

We appreciate the Planning Commission's consideration of this ordinance and hope you will support revisions that allow responsible animal keeping to remain a part of our community.

Sincerely,

Rebecca VanBuskirk
Mead Road
Rochester Hills, MI