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# Urban Chicken-Keeping Proposed Regulations

March 17, 2020



**CHARLOTTE COUNTY**  
FLORIDA

# Previous Items

- White paper to board – Sept. 26, 2019
  - Contained neighboring jurisdiction regulations
- Board workshop – Dec. 17, 2019
  - Chickens 101
  - Ralph Mitchell, Holly Bates, and Beth Kovach

# Discussion with Board

- Board may entertain limited amount of chickens
  - No roosters
  - Setbacks
  - Other standards
- Look at Special Exception
  - Public hearing

# Staff proposal

- Residential single-family only
- Four hens on single lot, six hens on two or more lots, maximum six regardless of number of lots
- Food and outdoor areas must be pest- and predator-proof

# Staff proposal (cont'd.)

- Special exception required
  - Public hearing
  - Reduced fee, \$440
- Coops must maintain setbacks
  - Not allowed in front yard
  - Must be movable

# Staff proposal (cont'd.)

- Odor regulations
- Absolving liability if chickens are killed
  - Wild or domestic animals
- Must take educational class with UF/IFAS

# Next steps

- Discussion of proposal
- If regulations amenable to board, staff will prep for public hearings

# Questions?