

Survey Report

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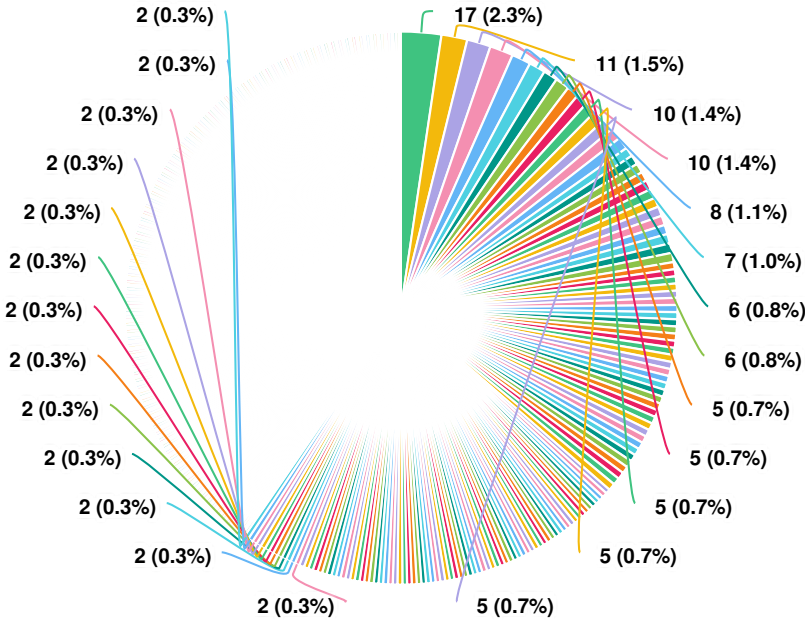
Backyard Chickens Survey

PROJECT: Backyard Chickens

Let's Talk Halton Hills



Q1 Please provide your postal code.

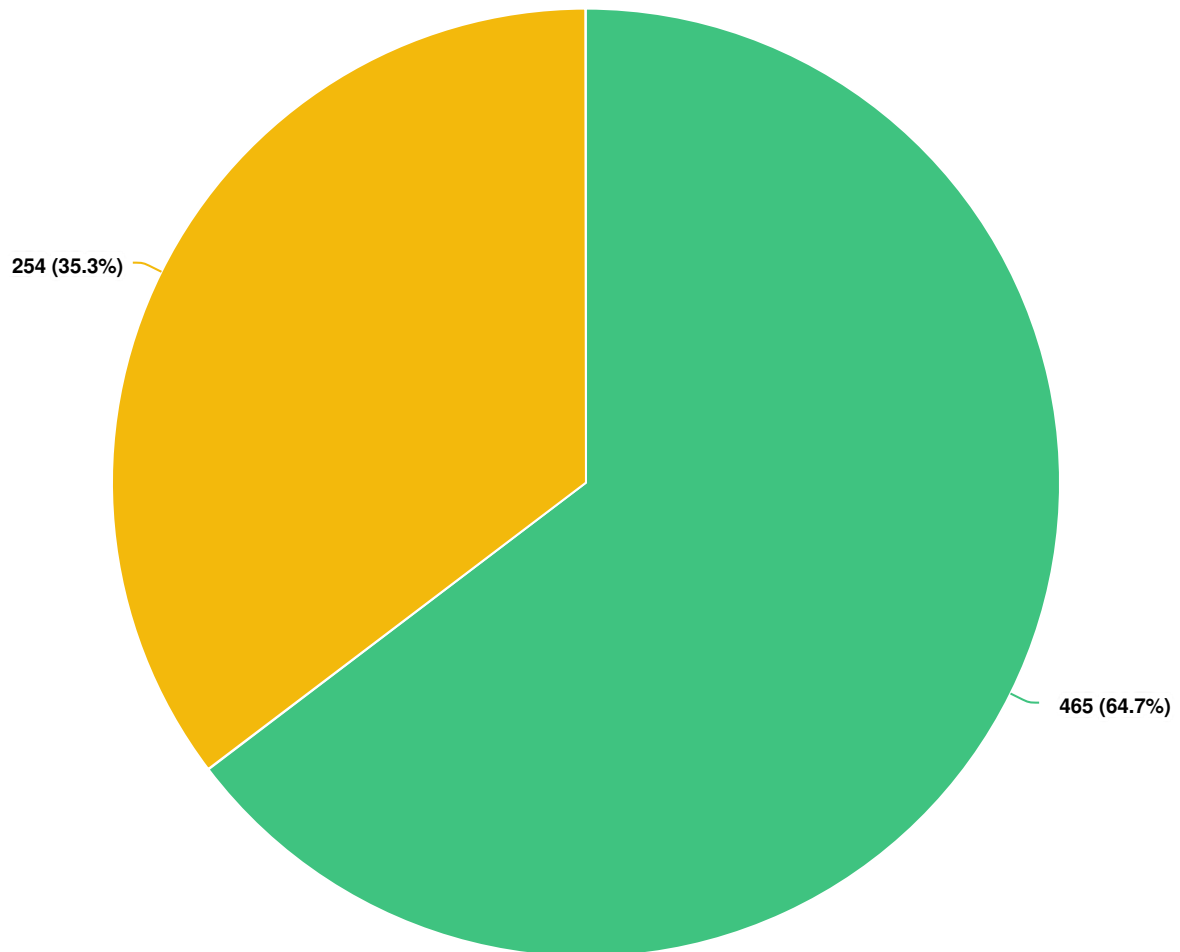


Question options

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- Georgetown, ON, L7G4S4
- Georgetown, ON, L7G4S5
- Acton, ON, L7J2L8
- Glen Williams, ON, L7G4S4
- Acton, ON, L7J2L7
- Glen Williams, ON, L7G4S8
- Acton, ON, L7J0B1
- Acton, ON, L7J2T2
- Georgetown, ON, L7G4S6
- Acton, ON, L7J1Y9
- Georgetown, ON, L7G6L1
- Acton, ON, L7J2W5
- Georgetown, ON, L7G0K5
- Norval, ON, L0P1K0
- Georgetown, ON, L7G0B6
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- Acton, ON, L7J3A4
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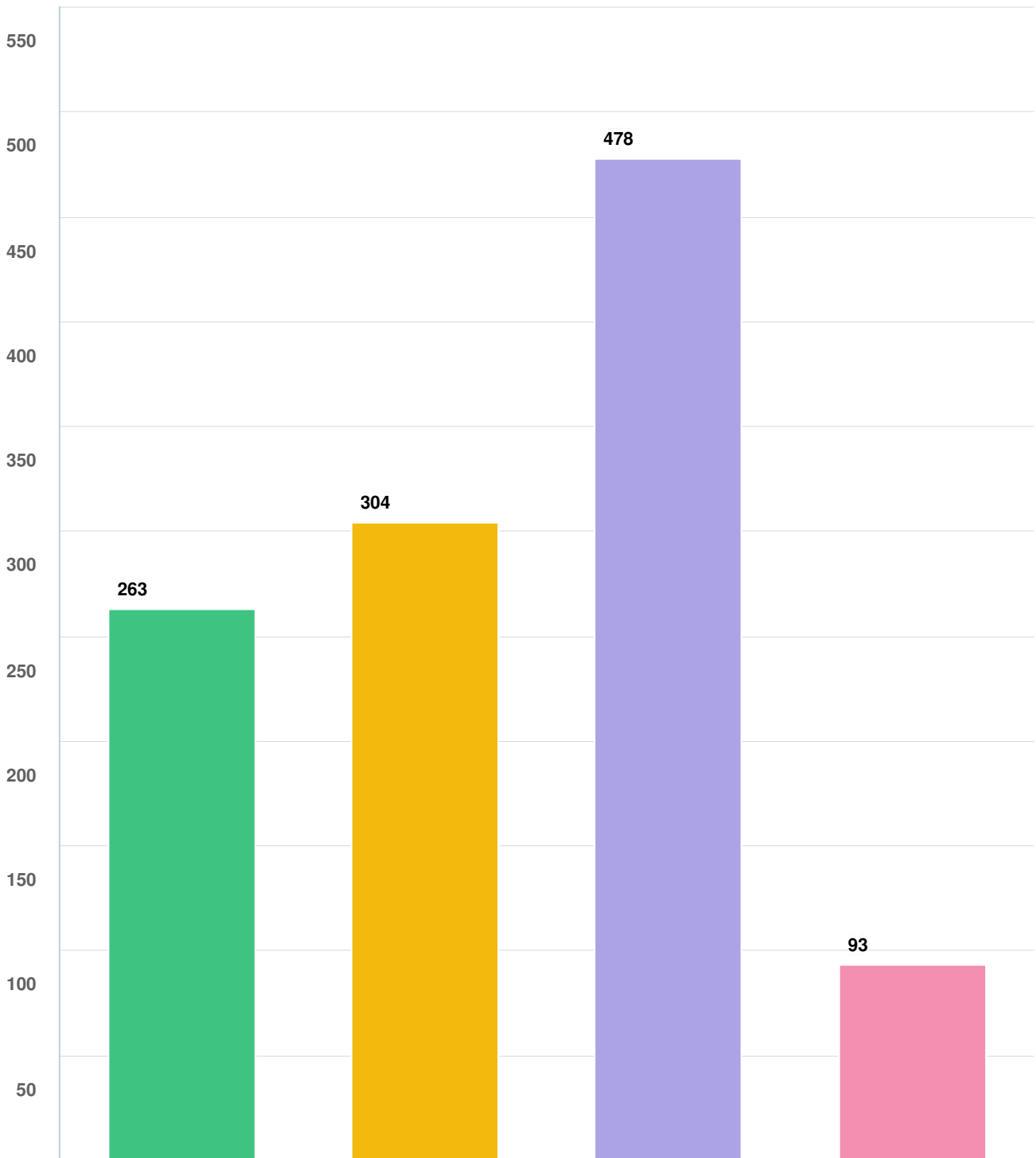
Q2 | Do you think Halton Hills residents should be allowed to keep backyard chickens within the areas noted above?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Q3 Why do you think backyard chickens should be allowed within the above noted areas?
Please check all that apply.



Question options

- Educational purposes
- Economic reasons
- Part of a sustainable lifestyle
- Other

Q4 Please specify:

Jennifer
3/09/2020 01:35 PM
I am concerned about where my food comes from. I care about well-being of chickens and would like to have backyard chickens.

Anonymous
3/09/2020 03:02 PM
I don't know of any reason why they should be allowed in urban areas.

Anonymous
3/09/2020 03:08 PM
No chickens They are fowl and should be rural areas only BYLAW will get lots of calls regarding noise complaints, will attract vermin, foxes, coyotes and raccoons

Anonymous
3/09/2020 04:41 PM
I said No

Anonymous
3/09/2020 05:13 PM
They shouldn't be allowed.

Anonymous
3/09/2020 05:22 PM
They help with keeping ticks under control

Anonymous
3/09/2020 05:56 PM
They should not be allowed!

Anonymous
3/09/2020 06:09 PM
Sustainable. Environmentally friendly. Helps people to learn how to grow and maintain their own food sources.

Anonymous
3/09/2020 06:42 PM
I do not support the leading nature of the question I don't support the idea of backyard chickens.

Anonymous
3/09/2020 07:28 PM
Should be kept to agricultural zones.

Anonymous
3/09/2020 08:57 PM
To control ticks in my yard

Anonymous
3/09/2020 09:04 PM
Stress release

Anonymous
3/09/2020 09:25 PM
People already don't take care of their yards and adding chickens and the smell will add to property standards complaints not to mention MORE RATS

Anonymous
3/10/2020 12:32 AM
Freedom

Anonymous
3/10/2020 06:45 AM
They shouldn't be allowed

Anonymous
3/10/2020 08:56 AM
I think it would be therapeutic for some people

Anonymous
3/10/2020 09:53 AM
There is no need for backyard chickens. People will not care for the birds properly and people do not need to eat eggs.

Anonymous 3/10/2020 11:59 AM	SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:22 PM	Animal lovers
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:24 PM	I do NOT think they should be permitted
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:24 PM	Healthy eggs to eat without chemicals, teach kids how to care for an animal, bringing some country into the city for our kids
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:27 PM	Chicken seems like nice pets. Might possible deter intruders or at least alert homeowners.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:27 PM	They should not be allowed
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:29 PM	They Should NOT be allowed
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:32 PM	They shouldn't be allowed
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:46 PM	I think this is disgusting and a health hazard and if I live in a residential zone I should not have to deal with the sound, smell, and mess of farm animals in my subdivision.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 04:32 PM	Only if the property is of a certain size that won't bother their neighbours.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 05:31 PM	Only in yards larger than an acre, and not within 200 feet of a neighbor
Anonymous 3/10/2020 05:41 PM	Chickens are wonderful, affectionate pets and a very effective way to teach children (and adults) about important concepts surrounding the food web and the inter-relatedness between humans and other species.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 06:23 PM	Control ticks, consume food scraps
Anonymous 3/10/2020 06:35 PM	Having food on your table without any chemical
Anonymous 3/10/2020 06:40 PM	Learning and understanding where food comes from and the work local do to provide it
Anonymous 3/10/2020 07:59 PM	no reason, this shouldnt be allowed. this is a leading question!
Anonymous 3/10/2020 08:23 PM	Having backyard chickens would allow family to care for chickens as pets but also to help provide food for family in the form of eggs.
Anonymous	Available fresh food

3/10/2020 08:38 PM

Anonymous

See above, I do not think chickens should be allowed in the Urban areas.

3/11/2020 08:08 AM

Anonymous

Should not allow it.

3/11/2020 08:37 AM

Anonymous

It can also reduce some bugs in warm seasons

3/11/2020 09:57 AM

Anonymous

This question assumes I think it should be allowed - I don't. I object to this type of 'directing'

3/11/2020 11:45 AM

Anonymous

To be dissected

3/11/2020 11:53 AM

Anonymous

Should NOT be allowed

3/11/2020 04:00 PM

Anonymous

Chickens are incredibly friendly and intelligent pets that can make wonderful pets and long time friends.

3/12/2020 05:23 AM

Anonymous

Enjoyment and recreational purposes.

3/12/2020 08:30 AM

Anonymous

No way should they be allowed in residential neighbourhoods. Smell and noise being the primary reasons.

3/13/2020 11:20 AM

Anonymous

I don't see any reason not to have them.

3/13/2020 02:34 PM

Anonymous

They are just cute

3/13/2020 07:45 PM

Anonymous

Pest control, resilience to economic downturns, food sovereignty, connection and appreciation of where food comes from, promotes outdoor /active lifestyle, reduces need for intensive animal husbandry, reduces distance between food production and homes

3/14/2020 02:59 PM

Anonymous

easy to look after and maintain a clean area as long as the coop/fenced area is maintained daily. Actual "free range" property areas require even less/minimal upkeep.

3/14/2020 06:31 PM

Anonymous

Food security Environmentally Friendly Healthy lifestyle

3/14/2020 09:36 PM

Anonymous

A farm

3/15/2020 04:27 PM

Anonymous

Food security Pets with benefits-- they put themselves to bed at night, well before any noise restriction times, and a properly cared for coop does not smell.

3/18/2020 11:25 AM

Anonymous

The beauty of having a living thriving working pet that has the ability to

3/19/2020 05:15 PM

provide you with eggs and comfort and a little bit of company.. 🐔

Anonymous

3/20/2020 09:24 AM

They are entertaining with varied personalities - watching their antics makes us happy. The eggs are delicious and nutritious. They are a good subject for a 4H club for urban children.

Anonymous

3/20/2020 04:40 PM

I enjoy Banties and Silkies. :-)

Anonymous

3/23/2020 02:35 PM

They eat ticks, compost, provide eggs.

Anonymous

3/24/2020 09:08 PM

Chickens are noted for eating pesky insects and are more environmentally friendly than pesticides. They also naturally fertilize the lawn.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:15 AM

farms is where they're meant to be

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:42 AM

No chickens in urban areas.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:43 AM

Most people will likely not take advantage of this, so the impact will be minimal and the benefits greatly outweigh any impact.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:58 AM

I don't think they should be allowed

Anonymous

3/26/2020 02:25 PM

Pest management Ecological goods and services

Anonymous

3/26/2020 03:30 PM

It should not be allowed, buy a farm if you want chickens, this will bring mice and disease to our neighbourhoods, this is a ridiculous idea

Anonymous

3/26/2020 05:02 PM

Not applicable

Anonymous

3/26/2020 05:13 PM

There is no purpose. It's not educational, economic nor sustainable. This question does not follow from #1.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 06:45 PM

I do not think they should be allowed at all.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 10:47 PM

Healthier

Anonymous

3/27/2020 05:44 AM

I would like to have control of my own food supply, chickens are nice birds for seniors, clucking is soothing. Kids should know where food comes from. If I had my own eggs, I wouldn't have to refrigerate them. They eat unwanted garden bugs so no pesticide.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 08:10 AM

They keep insects under control and can eat vegetable scraps from the kitchen

Anonymous

Good pets

3/27/2020 11:38 AM

Anonymous

Chickens make great pets.

3/28/2020 01:01 PM

Anonymous

Should not be allowed

3/30/2020 07:58 AM

Anonymous

Just as a joy to watch and to collect eggs now and then for breakfast

3/30/2020 05:02 PM

Sheilajm

Back yards of a certain size should be considered for the noise factor. small back yards, no chickens. Large properties not problem.

4/06/2020 09:03 PM

Anonymous

No chickens. They belong in a rural setting. It's not clean.

4/08/2020 11:16 AM

Anonymous

Healthy eggs.

4/08/2020 11:18 AM

Anonymous

They shouldn't be allowed at all

4/08/2020 12:08 PM

Anonymous

No chickens

4/09/2020 10:42 PM

Anonymous

They provide a healthy food source, and make very good pets. They are much more quiet than most other pets, particularly dogs

4/10/2020 10:03 AM

Anonymous

Fresh egg alternative for community

4/12/2020 09:02 AM

Anonymous

Healthy supply of eggs and food

4/12/2020 10:58 AM

Anonymous

I think animal rearing is an important skill for hobbyists and farmers. I grew up on a hobby farm and would encourage everyone to rear animals properly and within reason.

4/12/2020 12:17 PM

Anonymous

I can't believe there is a survey about this. There chickens they lay eggs and it's on your own property. Maybe make a survey about the crappy roads in the above areas and get those fixed. Didn't think I moved to a communist community

4/12/2020 01:09 PM

Anonymous

Any reason is fine with me.

4/12/2020 10:54 PM

Anonymous

I don't think people should be allowed to keep Chickens because they don't know what it's actually like to keep them healthy.

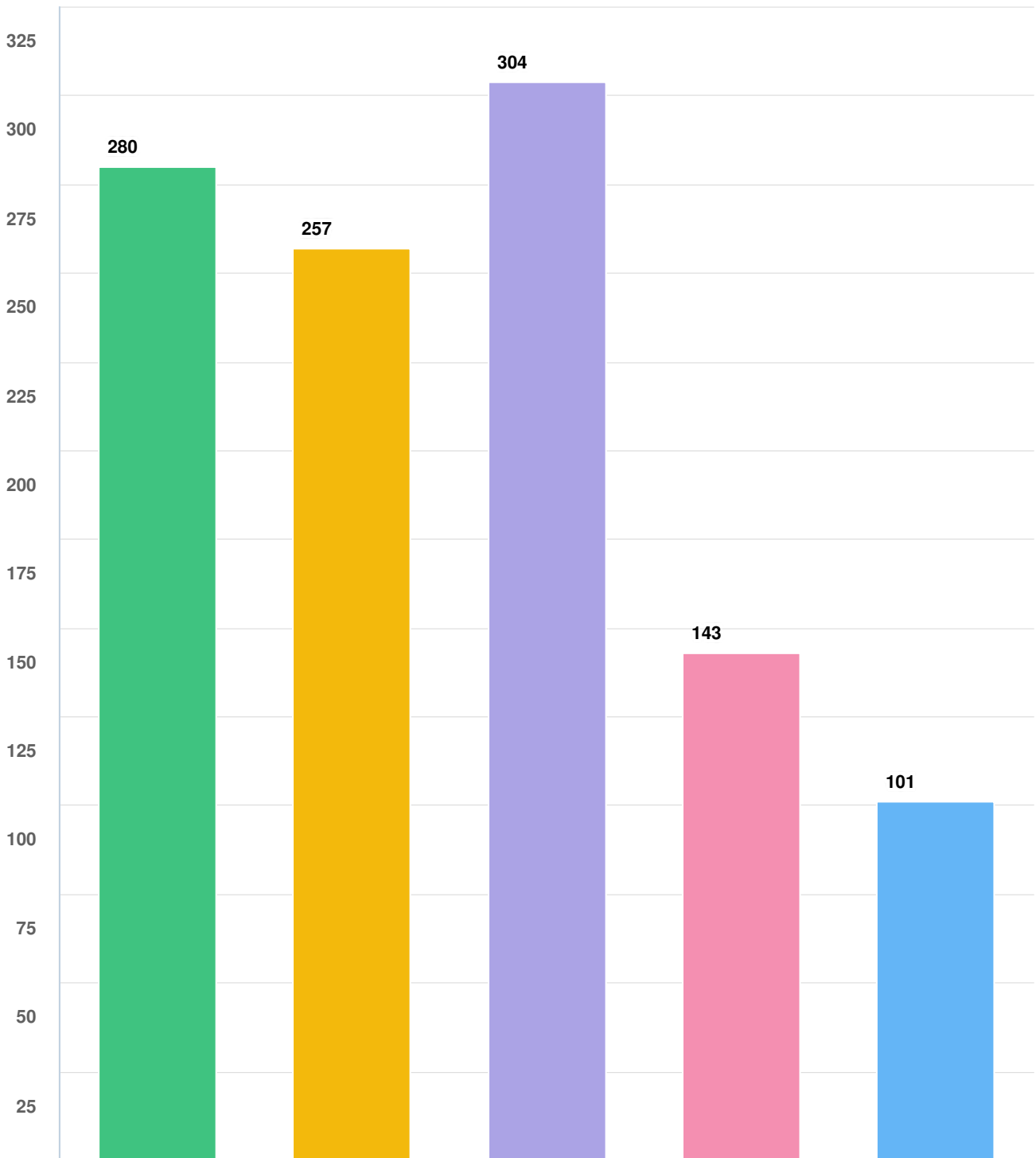
4/13/2020 08:26 AM

Anonymous

The chicken coups will bring smells, rats, mice, coyotes that no neighbourhood would want.

4/13/2020 12:08 PM

Q5 Why do you think backyard chickens should not be allowed within the areas noted above? Please check all that apply.



Question options

- Noise
- Unsanitary
- Attracts vermin and wildlife
- Bother/threat to domestic animals
- Other

Q6 Please specify:

Anonymous 3/09/2020 11:52 AM	Run off water to other yards a big concern. Some yards will be filthy. We live on top of one another. Noise factor.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 01:09 PM	See further comments under #10. Halton Hills does not need this.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 01:33 PM	Folks won't provide the necessities for healthcare. To see a vet it starts at \$100. Folks won't do it, and instead animal suffering will happen.....because they're just a chicken.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 02:56 PM	Coyotes
Anonymous 3/09/2020 03:08 PM	Not fair to the animals
Anonymous 3/09/2020 03:45 PM	Negatively impacts housing values. Sets bad precedent....what's next, goats? sheep? cows? If someone wants an agricultural lifestyle, there are areas already zoned to support it.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 05:13 PM	Chickens laying eggs is bad for their health.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 06:31 PM	None, I think they should be allowed
Anonymous 3/09/2020 06:42 PM	All of the above. Who is going to regulate and inspect the setups?
Anonymous 3/09/2020 06:53 PM	If we're not allowed burn permits due to no access to backyards you should not be allowed chickens.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 07:32 PM	Smell
Anonymous 3/09/2020 07:37 PM	There are no services available to deal with the fecal matter generated by chickens
Anonymous 3/09/2020 11:02 PM	They are a problem only if owners to take of them properly.
Tandem2 3/10/2020 08:50 AM	They will escape
Anonymous 3/10/2020 09:19 AM	Allowing anyone to keep chickens increases the risk of cruelty. Chickens are not easy "pets" to keep. They have complex health needs that most people will be unaware of.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 09:53 AM	The birds will not receive the care they need. People will continue to look at them as disposable. What will happen when birds become ill?
Anonymous	Those getting them need to be educated as to how to keep them healthy

3/10/2020 11:29 AM

Anonymous

VIRUS

3/10/2020 11:59 AM

Anonymous

Smell, noise, unsanitary, etc...

3/10/2020 12:09 PM

Anonymous

Worried about people slaughtering them

3/10/2020 01:23 PM

Anonymous

I did not move into town to be near farm animals. the feed will attract mice and rats without question. These animals do not belong in residential areas. People who want chickens need to move away from neighborhoods. These rules were but in place for a reason in the first place

3/10/2020 02:03 PM

Anonymous

Smell

3/10/2020 02:05 PM

hayley.green

Eggs have been proven to be unhealthy for starters and the town should not be encouraging people to eat in a way that is going to put a strain on our healthcare system. Beyond that, chickens should not be laying eggs at all as it puts a huge strain on their systems and is unnecessarily cruel to them the way it drains the calcium from their bodies.

3/10/2020 03:20 PM

Anonymous

I don't think there is an issue

3/10/2020 03:22 PM

Anonymous

Could pose a danger to local wild predators (weasel, fox, coyote, hawks, etc); ie. owners might take steps to eradicate them if/when their chickens are predated - which is inevitable if they are not secured properly.

3/10/2020 03:23 PM

o_JOHN_o

Viruses, example Bird Flu! Living with birds caused this to happen!

3/10/2020 03:30 PM

Anonymous

All of the above. If I wanted to live in a farm I would choose to do so. I don't want coyotes coming into my yard where my children play, I don't want to smell or hear animals in my yard. I don't want the diseases that come with wild animals living among humans. Gross.

3/10/2020 03:46 PM

Anonymous

There are so few households in our neighbourhood who would take the opportunity to raise chickens and realize what a big commitment that would be. We also have a rather large population of foxes in the neighbourhood. Chickens are not noisy but can be dirty if not tended to regularly. Raising chickens cannot be a cute project for children.

3/10/2020 03:46 PM

Anonymous

Smell and value of property decreases

3/10/2020 03:52 PM

Anonymous

I don't see a negative at this time.

3/10/2020 04:31 PM

Anonymous

Smell. If not properly maintained, chicken poop stinks and will definitely be smelled by neighbours or pedestrians walking by.

3/10/2020 04:32 PM

Anonymous 3/10/2020 05:31 PM	Not in the more urban areas of Georgetown or Acton
Anonymous 3/10/2020 06:23 PM	Roosters noise. However, roosters are less noisy than neighbours' cars, trucks, lawnmowers, leaf blowers, and barking dogs, not to mention aircraft going to/from Pearson
Anonymous 3/10/2020 07:59 PM	seriously... the stink, the mistreatment from people who dont know how to farm... the risk to our food system... health risks from avian flus in populated areas
mattbg 3/10/2020 08:15 PM	Odours
Anonymous 3/10/2020 09:47 PM	They can have chickens
Anonymous 3/10/2020 10:49 PM	Animal cruelty
Anonymous 3/11/2020 08:08 AM	You can purchase all associated chicken products in any grocery store.
Anonymous 3/11/2020 08:37 AM	Residents would have no control if neighbor decided to have chickens.
LSH22 3/11/2020 10:16 AM	My only concern is that people often start these projects and then lose interest - and there needs to be a welfare check for the chickens as well as the humans. There are 'back yard chicken' rental options which I believe all interested people should have to go through first, and they should then be certified before committing to this to ensure they know how to care and can afford appropriate housing and vet care. PS: I am vegetarian, so at a minimum I hope the animals are not being raised for slaughter.
Anonymous 3/11/2020 11:45 AM	Lazy people who won't take care of their chickens and their property will have a negative effect on surrounding property values
Anonymous 3/11/2020 11:53 AM	They loud
Anonymous 3/11/2020 12:36 PM	This sets up for more animal cruelty and suffering due to lack.of experience, knowledge, sanitary conditions
Anonymous 3/11/2020 02:36 PM	None
Anonymous 3/11/2020 04:00 PM	Large potential for animal abuse by inexperienced owners and/or their neighbours.
Anonymous 3/11/2020 04:54 PM	I don't think the average person knows how to take care of chickens or knows the first thing about taking care of a chicken coop. This would cause problems for neighbours and frankly, the chickens.
Anonymous 3/12/2020 09:17 AM	Besides all of the above, smell. We've had chickens on a country acreage and are aware of all of the above. You can keep it as clean as possible and

Anonymous

3/12/2020 07:34 PM

still attract animals. People complain about coyotes and foxes coming into town. Guess what, now you are attracting them. Skunks love eggs.

I had chickens when I was young and the smell of chicken waste is not easy to cover up and not everyone who has chickens will clean up after them daily. If they are allowed, they must be kept in a fenced area and should not be wandering around aimlessly on a property (not onto other people's yards or the road). Roosters should not be allowed as their crowing is quite annoying and you can't quiet them down. Chickens are quieter for the most part.

Anonymous

3/13/2020 12:30 PM

Give in inch, they take a mile. Next will be backyard pigs, etc. You want a farm, move to one.

Anonymous

3/13/2020 06:28 PM

Our yards are too small to sustain chickens- there are enough rabbits and skunks- we don't need to add any other animals to the mix. I have no problem with chickens in larger yards (one acre plus).

Anonymous

3/14/2020 10:32 AM

Disease and viruses that would normally be associated within an agricultural environment that is normally maintained and professionally controlled.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 10:42 AM

Disease associated with farm animals.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 03:56 PM

Smell

Anonymous

3/15/2020 04:27 PM

We had neighbors who had them in town acton. Chickens bring rats! And that's what we had!

Anonymous

3/16/2020 02:22 PM

People dont respect neighborhoods with cats and dogs. Chickens will be worse. I have a problem with people eing disrespectful with growing marijuana in our neighbourhood. That smell is atrocious. Chicken coups will be just as bad. I some of the areas listed would work but not in town on 40-50ft lots.

Anonymous

3/16/2020 07:59 PM

I live in a residential area; it is quiet and want to keep it that way. We are also near Hungry Hollow and the keeping of chickens may encourage the wildlife to be around and more aggressive.

Anonymous

3/17/2020 12:17 PM

Allergic to feathers. Attracts coyotes. Affects my property resale value if neighbours have chickens

Anonymous

3/17/2020 06:26 PM

No reason, just a couple of chickens aren't as loud as people seem to think.

Anonymous

3/18/2020 11:25 AM

Overly restrictive government enforcing antiquated policy controlling neighbours infringing on property rights

Anonymous

3/19/2020 07:28 AM

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/avianflu/avian-flu-transmission.pdf> Web siste link from Center of Disease control: How Infected Backyard Poultry could spread bird flu to people. Don't we have enough to deal with Coronovirus?

Anonymous

3/21/2020 01:33 PM

I don't believe that there is a good reason not to allow backyard chickens.

Anonymous

By restricting backyard chickens to laying hens only the noise would be

3/24/2020 09:08 PM

eliminated. It's the roosters who make all the noise.

Anonymous

3/25/2020 12:35 PM

Chicken excrement has a very strong odour, kills grass and plants and can carry e-coli. Chicken dander can travel quite far and affect peoples health.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 10:59 AM

They smell. The fact that they are always outside attract wildlife like foxes, coyotes, skunks, raccoons even more than now. Rats and mice will also come for the feed. Our domestic animals may be in harms way too then Smell.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:26 AM

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:32 AM

Increase contact between human and birds...increased probability of avian flu. We're already going through a pandemic, why invite another virus?

Anonymous

3/26/2020 03:56 PM

None

Anonymous

3/26/2020 04:27 PM

If lot size is too small to house a co-op and run. Up

Anonymous

3/26/2020 04:59 PM

Exploitation is never ok. There is nothing ethical about backyard chickens. We need to discontinue the use of animals for pleasure. There is enough evidence that shows how unhealthy animal products are for humans. It's time to evolve.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 05:02 PM

The smell and noise

Anonymous

3/26/2020 05:06 PM

We should not condone as a community, exploiting animals for their eggs.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 05:13 PM

All of the above.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 05:49 PM

Who will watch to make sure these animals are taken care of and not abused/neglected?

Anonymous

3/26/2020 05:59 PM

People discard them after discovering the difficulties of slaughtering their own meat

Anonymous

3/27/2020 12:24 AM

Most people don't know how to properly care for chickens, this will lead to yet another species being poorly treated.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 12:47 AM

Trust issues with people taking care of them and the chickens safety ♀

Anonymous

3/27/2020 08:10 AM

Welfare of the chickens. If people get chickens the premises should be inspected. Only a limited number of chickens per yard

Anonymous

3/27/2020 09:41 AM

I think they should be allowed

Anonymous

We don't need chickens for anything.

3/27/2020 02:58 PM

Anonymous

3/27/2020 04:39 PM

Using animals is no longer acceptable. It's cruel and unnecessary to take any living creature's freedom away. Besides, this will cause diseases by those in it just to make money and have no real clue what they're doing or what is involved. Plant crops for extra income, no one suffers.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 05:37 PM

Backyard chickens only ever leads to problems for chickens and humans alike. As a sanctuary operator, I am constantly inundated with emails from people begging me to take their unwanted chickens and roosters either because they stop laying and are no longer "useful" to the family or because they bought unsexed birds and have an "illegal" rooster. Additionally, with OVC in Guelph being the only avian specialist available it is almost guaranteed that the birds receive no vet care and suffer immensely as a result.

Anonymous

3/28/2020 01:01 PM

Roosters should not be allowed, as they are too noisy.

Anonymous

3/28/2020 03:28 PM

Roosters s/b disallowed. What will people do with chickens in the winter, or when they stop laying eggs?

Anonymous

3/30/2020 06:07 PM

I think people should be allowed chickens as long as they follow proper disposal of waste. No roosters due to noise, but hens can be a sustainable source of eggs and should absolutely be allowed.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:18 AM

If they are treated respectfully like other pets and taken care of, then there is no issues.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:56 AM

No issues with chickens in backyards in other cities. Lots of municipalities already allow this. Obviously there is no major concern.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 12:17 PM

The majority of people are not properly skilled to care for/clean up after chickens. Nor do they have time. Intentions may be good, but once the novelty wears off, there will be many consequences such as unsafe disposal, unhealthy conditions for humans and chickens, etc. Who will monitor backyard conditions? Who pays for the checks? Sounds like unnecessary costs to tax payers.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 12:19 PM

None

Anonymous

4/08/2020 01:33 PM

I don't think there is any reason to NOT have chickens

Anonymous

4/08/2020 05:08 PM

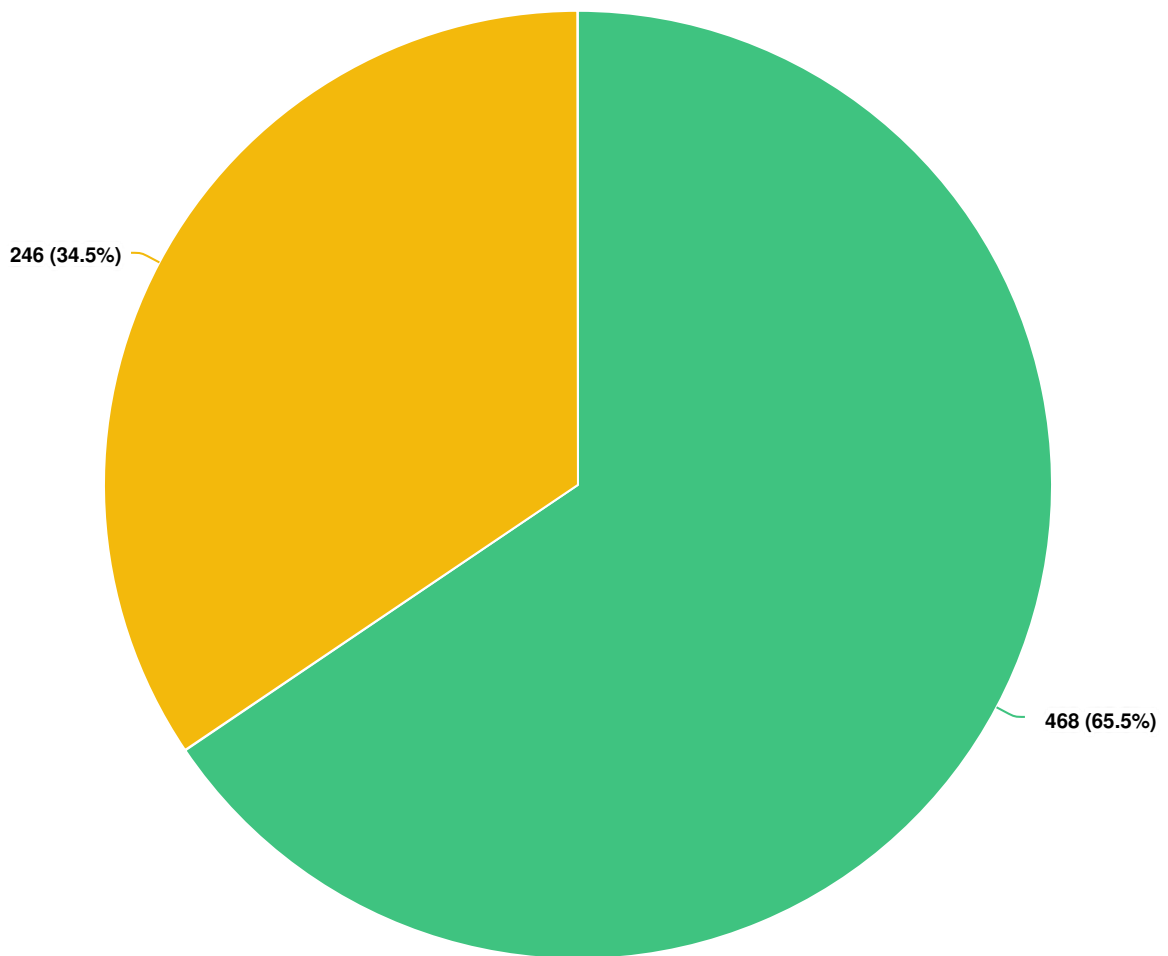
I think it's a fine idea to be able to raise a few backyard chickens but it is important that people know how to raise them and how to meet their nutritional, behavioural and environmental needs. I encourage the Town of Halton Hills to reach out to OMAFRA for information on how to raise backyard flocks. If the Town is going to allow it, the Town should provide resources to their residents on the town's website on how to raise them properly (meet nutritional and environmental needs, prevent disease and prevent predators from accessing them). Chickens can attract coyotes,

- Anonymous
4/08/2020 09:31 PM
ferrets, rats, mink, hawks, owls and many other predators if they have inadequate housing. Also, roosters should not be allowed to avoid nuisance noise complaints.
Smell?
- Anonymous
4/08/2020 09:56 PM
I am terrified of any kind of bird. If one of those things come at me, it won't live long and I won't feel bad at all.
- Anonymous
4/09/2020 05:27 PM
Allergies. Stench.
- Anonymous
4/09/2020 08:48 PM
Our current neighbours have two large dogs and don't pick up after them. The yard is disgusting. They are big into flower pot gardening. I'm certain if chickens were allowed they would convert their mouse infested shed into a coop. One more reason for me To want to move out of Georgetown
People cannot clean up after their dogs, have you seem the dog poop along the trails and boulevards? Chickens are for farms, not Georgetown neighborhoods. This is not going to make good neighbours. And will decrease property values. Our backyards are not big enough.

Q7 | If guidelines are written to allow backyard chickens in the areas noted above, what considerations do you think are important? Please rank the following restrictions/considerations, in order of importance 1 (highest) to 8 (lowest).

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Cleanliness standards	3.16
Hens only – no roosters	3.64
Size of coops and run area	4.16
Lot size	4.32
Minimum distance and visibility from other houses	4.68
Location of where chickens are contained within the yard area	4.75
Permission from immediate and/or abutting neighbours	5.29
Prohibition of commercial sale of eggs and chickens	5.49

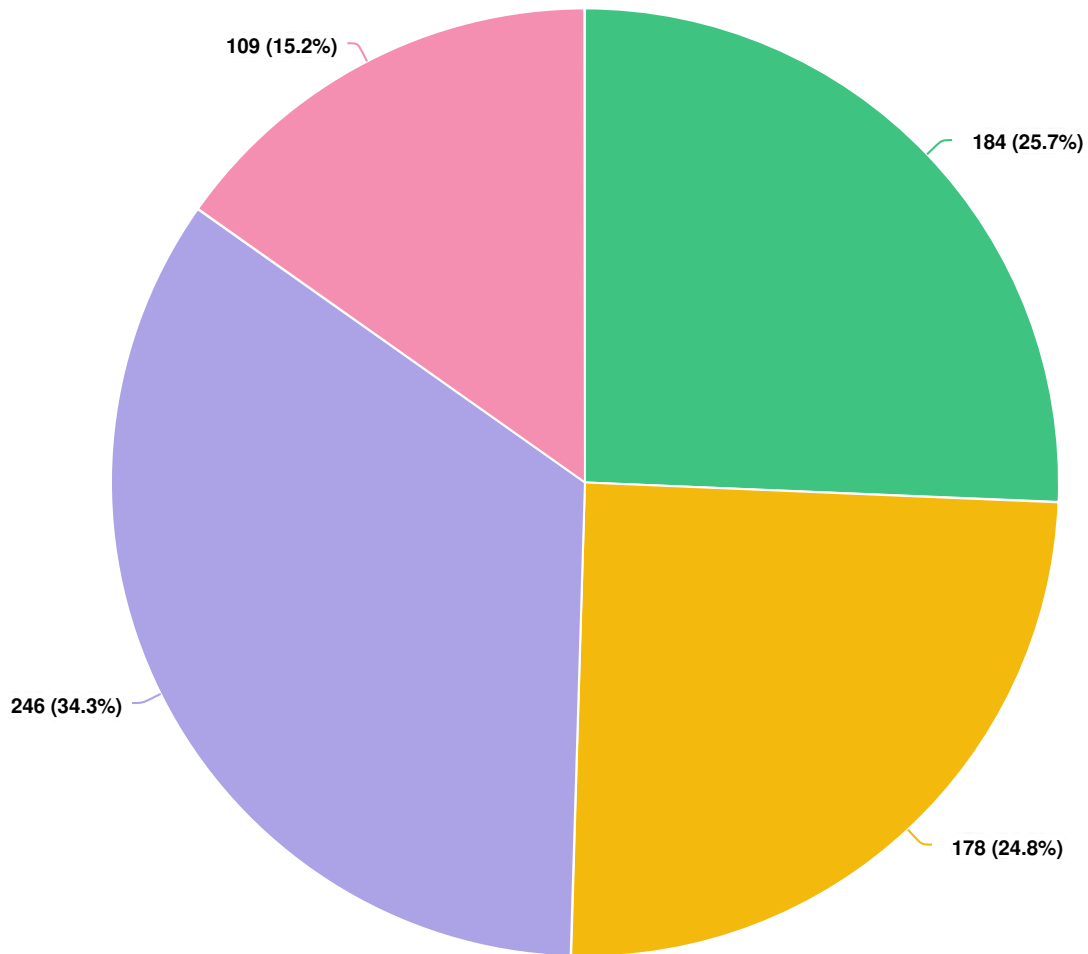
Q8 | Should people wishing to keep backyard chickens have to apply for a special permit or license so that the conditions can be monitored through the Town's By-law Enforcement Services?



Question options

- Yes
- No

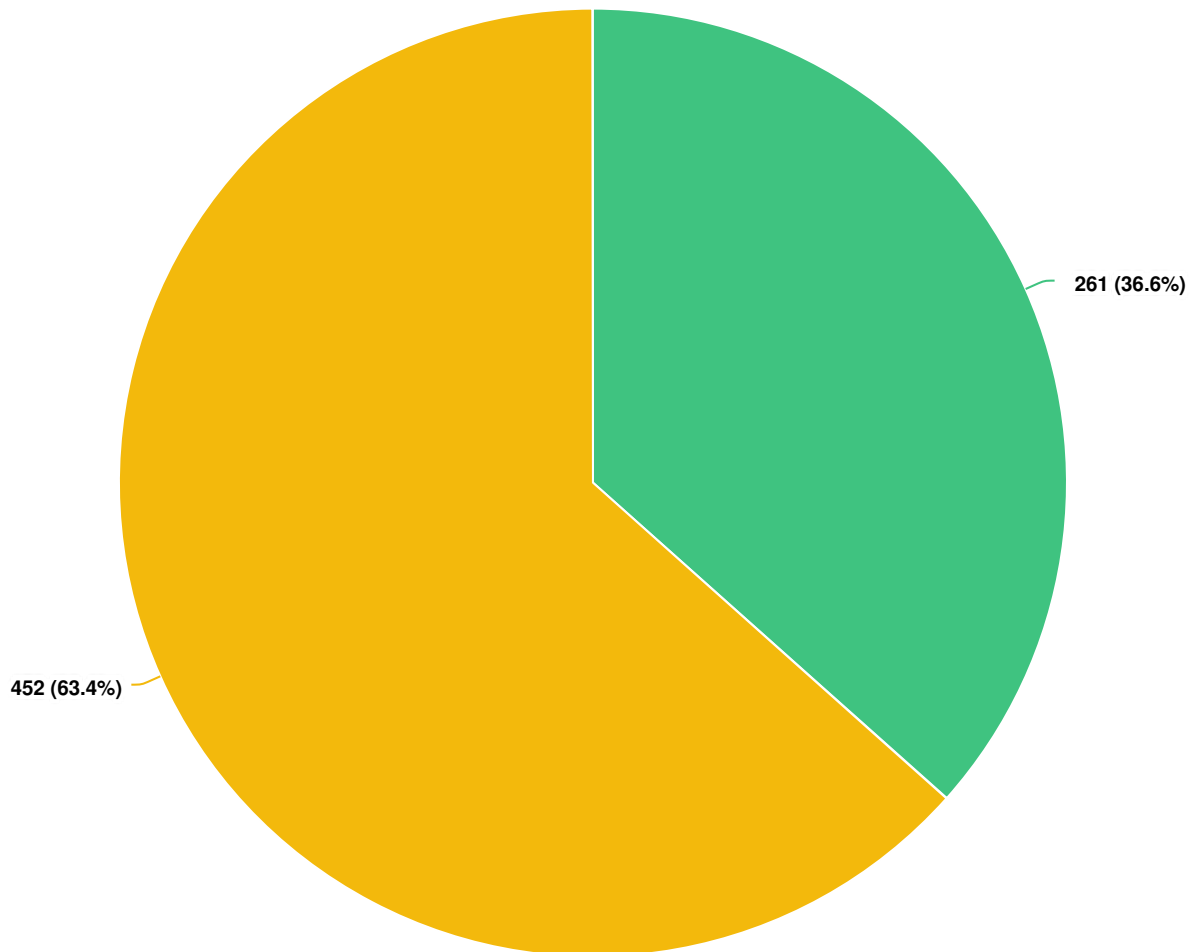
Q9 What is the maximum number of chickens that should be allowed per property?



Question options

- 0
- 1 - 3
- 4 - 6
- 7 - 10

Q10 | Have you ever kept backyard chickens or known anyone in an urban area that has kept chickens for the purpose of urban farming?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Q11 Please describe your/their experience with urban backyard chickens

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:23 AM

A lot of work and you need to be very knowledgeable

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:32 AM

Neighbours in Toronto did this. Rats were everywhere. You cannot control the rat population when you have chicken feed all over the ground.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:33 AM

Henny and Penny were their names and they became part of the family. They were only there for the spring and summer and early fall months, they had a lovely little cage in a fenced yard - and were allowed to roam free in the backyard under supervision. After, they went to live on my in-law's farm.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:35 AM

I have a family member with chicken and they give the chickens all their food waste.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 12:06 PM

Coyotes would often get into their yard and eat them. Their yard was fenced, but abutted a large natural/forested area.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 12:41 PM

I grew up on a little farm. It's a wonderful thing to see where your food comes from. Children and adults alike can benefit from owning and caring for animals. And you cant beat fresh eggs!

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:32 PM

Know of people with illegal hens. No problems, have bigger problems from barking dogs or cats attacking wildlife.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:33 PM

They are magnets for vermin. They can get and carry diseases easily from migrating birds and other wildlife. Avian Bird Flu pandemics are real! Animal farming is heavily resource dependent and we should be promoting vegetable gardens and not animal husbandry.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:40 PM

Friends keep 4 hens which are a wonderful addition to their life. The hens are quiet, provide enrichment for their children (and the neighborhood children) and they are blessed with a bounty of eggs that are far superior in taste and nutritional profile than those purchased in store.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:10 PM

I think it's great for kids learning , great for people to have experience to know where their food comes from. Some may consider as pets and should be able to. As long as they are well taken care of I don't see it being a problem.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:51 PM

lovely to be able to provide a nice living environment for chickens. They provide the eggs, homeowners provide the space, mutually beneficial!

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:51 PM

smelly, dirty and noisy

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:54 PM

Always have breakfast

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:56 PM

Stink rodents coyotes noise regret

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:57 PM

Chickens eat many of the insect pests that caused many problems. If kept correctly, chickens can provide a family with much needed eggs and meat. It

Anonymous 3/09/2020 03:43 PM	doesn't cause half the problem is that the boomers say they do. They provide this family with numerous eggs daily. They have NEVER had a complaint lodged against them - in fact their neighbors (that run an AirBnB) encourage their renters to visit the chickens and are very supportive.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 03:45 PM	Like most animals, when they become expensive or a nuisance, most owners don't want them anymore and it creates a bunch of problems which were completely avoidable in the first place.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 03:52 PM	I live in a farm and own chickens.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 03:55 PM	Friends in Mississauga have quails . small/quiet and serves the owners purpose.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 04:09 PM	My sister actually had the by law changed in Okotoks alberta to allow chickens. She has 3 hens and loves it! She has school groups come to her backyard to learn about sustainable living and her hens. She lives in a typical urban subdivision. Clean. Quieter than dogs by far. And you get your own eggs!
Anonymous 3/09/2020 04:41 PM	A friend had some in Kitchener until neighbours complained and then they had to get rid of them. I happen to agree with the neighbours.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 04:43 PM	Roosters should not be allowed. Max 3 chickens as it can help ensure cleanliness standards are met.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 04:46 PM	Great experience. Allowed the kids to learn about caring for animals and also more about sustainable food choices. Provided protein for family and friends from happy and healthy animals.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 04:59 PM	The educational opportunity was phenomenal. The benefit of eggs and meat was a bonus that helped offset rising costs of living.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 05:13 PM	I have own 3 chickens in my urban backyard at my previous house. It provided an opportunity for my children to learn about where there food comes from and the responsibility it takes to care for them.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 05:17 PM	they loved thwm
Anonymous 3/09/2020 05:18 PM	I have raised chickens while living in other city's as well as while living in the country. Chickens I find are a joy to watch and also help keep bug populations down. Chickens that are kept in groups of 4 and up are the most happy. Chickens should have at least 4-5 sqft per bird minimum for a regular sized laying hen.
Anonymous 3/09/2020 05:21 PM	Found to be educational, reduce ticks/yard pests, and economical
Anonymous 3/09/2020 05:22 PM	It would be a great resource/educational tool. It makes sense economically
Anonymous 3/09/2020 05:25 PM	There needs to be regulations just like having a dog or a cat. Any owner can be great or terrible no matter the animal. Guidelines should be set and followed

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:33 PM

I grew up on a farm and in later years my parents and grandparents had chickens on >acre are of land. In smaller areas they bring in coyotes, foxes, wild dogs etc. Further if you've never smelled unkept chickens... the smell is unbearable.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:36 PM

They were very very stinky and dirty . They were loud .

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:42 PM

Very good and fun for children

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:51 PM

They were kept in the backyard in their coops and had the run of the yard. They were kept clean but they did get eaten by local fox.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:53 PM

Kept 20 to 30 chickens in a large courtyard. It was an enjoyable experience. Particularly the fresh eggs and the entertainment value

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:56 PM

They were unable to care for them properly and had to forfeit the chickens.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:00 PM

Bothersome to other Neighbours with noise and smell. Attracted wildlife which posed a threat to domesticated animals.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:09 PM

Have friends that have kept them in their yards both in BC and Quebec. Wonderful experience for families.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:17 PM

Very noisy, had neighbors dogs barking day and night, my husband works nights and couldn't open windows in summer due to noise

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:31 PM

Very well kept.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:37 PM

Our daughter's next door neighbour in Bolton has them (it's allowed there) and it's been a great way for them to share fresh eggs with the neighbours so that all the neighbours actually benefit from this community-enhancing activity.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:42 PM

The area became unsanitary and eventually attracted vermin. The stench became horrible down wind.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:45 PM

Started as school learning opportunities for students and brought home to be part of family

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:48 PM

They live in Guelph (right downtown) and had 4-5 hens. They got them through a program where the birds were returned for the winter to a farm so that they did not have to winterized the coop. It was an ideal set up. Fresh eggs, great educational experience for their kids, easy to take care of.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 07:04 PM

Their Chickens Are Very Helpful With Eggs And Create Breakfast Every Morning.They Are Not too loud and have big place to live in.The only bad thing is that they need cleaning every 2 days.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 07:11 PM

Clean, quiet and fun experience that provided fresh eggs for the family

Anonymous

3/09/2020 07:36 PM

Our neighbours had two hens for a long time but they eventually passed away, I enjoyed seeing them daily and would sometimes receive eggs if they had extra. It was great, the hens made little to no noise and I really want to start caring for my own hens.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 07:37 PM

Pleasure to deal with. A wonderful learning tool for young children and adults who care about nature. Its very forgiving "growing" your own eggs. It's so much better for you and your family.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 07:41 PM

There was four at one time they slowly passed away and there now missed

Anonymous

3/09/2020 07:43 PM

Due to rising food costs I think this would be a great way to help many of us a little. As well as teaching the next generation how to take care of animals and understand where their food comes from.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 08:24 PM

Easier to care for than I had expected - about as much maintenance as any small pet.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 09:04 PM

No issues, fences need to be secure, set back from neighbours, no roosters, no licences but a registry.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 09:25 PM

They're a LOT of work. People don't realize what goes in to taking care of them at ALL times if the year. The smell that would bother the neighbours from the neglect that would inevitably happen would cause complaints. Adding more work to bylaw is unnecessary- no chickens are needed in backyards

Anonymous

3/09/2020 09:32 PM

Positive! Very sustainable, zero-limited noise (way less than the average dog or children), no smell when cleaned appropriately.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 09:44 PM

They had a small coop of 6 Chickens and it was well kept and chickens were well looked after. Great experience but run into small problems with too many eggs for one household to use

Anonymous

3/09/2020 10:30 PM

Excellent learning opportunities for raising and caring for animals that serve an agricultural purpose

Anonymous

3/09/2020 10:35 PM

It was great

Anonymous

3/10/2020 05:31 AM

They loved it. Their kids not only enjoyed the experience, but also learned a great deal about sustainability, responsibility and animal husbandry

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:32 AM

It was horrible, they did not look after the animals. They did not clean up after them and let them run wild-across to our yard. We had foxes raid their so called pen a number of time which alerted our dog to bark and bark all hours of the night. In the summer the stench was unbelievable. When the foxes got at the chickens they just threw the carcasses in the back yard-nice! Then they got a rooster-crowed at 4am everyday. Then they got ducks-it was a disaster until I had to call the town.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:44 AM

She is educated on the matter and knows how to look after them. No interest or belief in selling meat which is important and where I think sanitary and animal welfare issues crop up. She looks after her hens and ensures they're

Anonymous 3/10/2020 07:27 AM	well fed and cared for. The chickens were kept to supply eggs and to educate children.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 08:28 AM	Great Source of organic eggs, hobby, involve and educate children on sustainable lifestyle.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 09:19 AM	My best friend had chickens and roosters. She lost many to wildlife predators despite what she thought was a secure area. She also lost some to horrible infections and was injured herself by a rooster.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 12:15 PM	Great education for the kids entered chickens into the fair and great eggs
Anonymous 3/10/2020 02:52 PM	To noise
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:23 PM	Have a friend who raises small flock >5 in a rural area; it is actually quite an expensive hobby when correct feed, proper shelter, etc. is taken into account.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:23 PM	It was fabulous! They were able to have access to healthy food.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 03:29 PM	While living in Richmond Hill, my immediate neighbour had chickens. It was messy, noisy, attracts mice, rats and other vermin, not a pleasant situation at all.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 04:11 PM	good at keeping bugs in check at tremendous cost of smell and waste and noise all of which intrude on neighbours' rights to quiet enjoyment of their properties
Anonymous 3/10/2020 04:20 PM	It's a good idea if there are no roosters.
gtownstreets 3/10/2020 04:30 PM	Positive
Anonymous 3/10/2020 04:30 PM	no problems to report
Anonymous 3/10/2020 04:31 PM	Chickens eat bugs such as ticks, the poop can be used for growing Mushrooms as well.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 04:32 PM	My sister has them, but lives in a urban/rural area. Her neighbours are close, but they have a big lot and they are in the back corner. They are noisy because of the roosters, but without roosters, the chickens wouldn't be sustainable.
Anonymous 3/10/2020 05:31 PM	It didn't last long. Complaints from neighbors as well as problems with raccoons and cats. Quit after about 4 months
Anonymous 3/10/2020 05:32 PM	They became glorified pets and were constantly being predated upon by foxes and raccoons. It was also a smelly eyesore.
Lynn	Very enjoyable to watch.

3/10/2020 05:38 PM

Anonymous

3/10/2020 05:41 PM

highly satisfying to provide a home for and interact with these beautiful creatures

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:07 PM

I believe it's a good thing as long as there are rules and regulations and are strictly enforce. however can be a big issue if left unchecked.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:35 PM

Very good, eggs during late spring, summer and early fall and chickens in the freezer for winter

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:40 PM

Absolutely loved it. They are in Brampton and never had an issue

Anonymous

3/10/2020 07:13 PM

It was a very positive experience

Anonymous

3/10/2020 07:35 PM

Non commercial operations are straight forward.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 07:41 PM

Maintaining a small flock is easy. It shows people where their food comes from.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 08:23 PM

The chickens help reduce family organic waste, as vegetable scraps can be part of chickens healthy diet. Chicken can help control insects in home gardens.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 08:27 PM

I live in a rural area and keep chickens. I know several others also but noone in an urban area who does

Anonymous

3/10/2020 08:38 PM

I had 7 chickens for fresh eggs for family and friends. Had the coop and chicken for 3 years until I moved. Loved having them.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 09:44 PM

I have a good friend who has chickens. They are especially responsible.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 10:24 PM

They were no bother

Anonymous

3/10/2020 11:49 PM

Nice to see them roam free but not the roosters crowing.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 11:53 PM

Friend has them. They attract coyotes skunks rats mice opossum stink beyond belief

Anonymous

3/11/2020 08:17 AM

I loved to visit my uncle who had backyard chickens

Anonymous

3/11/2020 10:34 AM

They had to manage the chicken poop by composting otherwise it can get stinky fast (hence inspections and regulations should apply). They are also escape artists so chicken runs should be secure (again; inspections and regulations).

Anonymous

My husband grew up in acton as did I My husband lived on a farm with

3/11/2020 10:44 AM

Anonymous

chickens and pigs I also worked in a self sustaining community and part of my work was caring for the chickens and ducks I loved it and the eggs are just the best from small coups and loving farmers
Enforcement of bylaw would be a must

3/11/2020 11:20 AM

Anonymous

They are cool(fire mr. chaisson and ms. Killbride)

3/11/2020 11:54 AM

Anonymous

good

3/11/2020 12:06 PM

Anonymous

My old geo teacher

3/11/2020 12:20 PM

Anonymous

They where fine and didn't disturb anyone also had great eggs , and we learned a lot from them , yes we had them in school teacher brought them in

3/11/2020 01:03 PM

Anonymous

Fresh eggs

3/11/2020 02:16 PM

Anonymous

Improper winter shelter, always sick, not enough space, noise, smell.

3/11/2020 04:00 PM

Anonymous

Nice.

3/11/2020 04:50 PM

Anonymous

They get named and become pets

3/11/2020 10:51 PM

Anonymous

My neighbour had 3 chickens and they were very cute and quiet. They foraged in his yard and their eggs were delicious. His kids learned to take care of them.

3/12/2020 08:30 AM

Anonymous

People are generally irresponsible and don't give a damn about their neighbours. Chicken coops and their related areas can become unsanitary very quickly. Chicken poop even in small quantities smells! People don't even pick up after their dogs, but you're going allow them to have livestock in residential areas? Bad idea. Also, all of the wildlife that we are crowding out (coyotes, foxes, etc.) are going to enjoy these chickens as easy meals. Do we need to be putting out bait for the wildlife and then complain when the chickens get eaten?

3/12/2020 10:11 AM

Anonymous

A friend lived on a farm in Glen Williams that had been farming chickens since before the bylaws. I assume it was grandfathered, since it was widely known and advertised that they had chickens and sold eggs.

3/12/2020 11:30 AM

Anonymous

I had a neighbour that used to have chickens. They never bothered anyone, you get used to the rooster crow and having fresh eggs is amazing.

3/12/2020 01:34 PM

Anonymous

Chickens escaped regularly or were killed by neighbour's animals. Waste complaints were a regular occurrence due to smell. Eggs were good and chickens don't require a lot of care but when they are sick there needs to be a protocol for how to dispose of a dead chicken (as this will happen from

3/12/2020 07:34 PM

Anonymous 3/12/2020 08:56 PM	unexpected illness or other chickens pecking another hen). It works well if the yard where the chickens are is large and doesn't sit against another person's property. (I.e. the chickens are located 6 feet from a fence line - otherwise the person owning the chickens is a distance away from the coop but a neighbour has them practically in their backyard). People who had them liked the fresh eggs, others who were near the chicken yard where not impressed. Needs lots of care , needs proper hen house, needs care around the clock, needs a pretty large area separate from rest of the house and not visible from street. Need a plan for the winter season.
Anonymous 3/12/2020 09:09 PM	Great source of fresh food. Good educational tool for kids. Entirely positive. Not a single negative. Done routinely in many countries in the world with zero issues.
Anonymous 3/13/2020 07:55 AM	Positive experience. Has provided an educational opportunity for children and neighbours alike. Teaches responsibility. No issues with vermin. Foxes and coyotes already co-habited within the community. A well maintained structure keep them out.
Anonymous 3/13/2020 09:36 AM	None
Anonymous 3/13/2020 09:54 AM	As part of a summer rental for 10 years. I wonderful experience. Fresh eggs. Children learn. Always something I wanted to continue if allowed in Georgetown.
Anonymous 3/13/2020 10:03 AM	When I was young it was common to keep chickens. There were no problems.
Anonymous 3/13/2020 12:12 PM	My neighbours have them and they are so noisy. Plus they often escape and then we have to deal with them in our yard.
Anonymous 3/13/2020 01:57 PM	It was in England and it was wonderful having fresh eggs.
Anonymous 3/13/2020 03:23 PM	The smell was awful, they attracted foxes and more raccoons, cyotes etc. The rooster was noisy.
Anonymous 3/13/2020 05:47 PM	Raised chickens for several years. Self sustaining lifestyle is rewarding.
Anonymous 3/13/2020 07:20 PM	Attracted vermines (rats)
Anonymous 3/13/2020 09:31 PM	Positive
Anonymous 3/14/2020 10:42 AM	Like any animal they have to be maintained or there will be problems. Dogs will bark non stop unless they are trained or properly care for. Hens will smell if they are not properly maintained.
Anonymous 3/14/2020 01:54 PM	Friend has backyard chickens living in town, and has clean well kept coop and fresh eggs daily, zero issues with her neighbours
Anonymous	Useful to have some workshops to help people get started in a good way.

3/14/2020 02:59 PM

Neighbour relations are critical, prior notice of intent and opportunity to comment (but not veto), dispute resolution mechanism in the permit Please don't charge a large fee for the permit. Permit should really be limited to registering on a list, agreeing to inspections, and being conditional on attending workshop or reading materials.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 03:16 PM

I grew up in a rural area and we always had a chicken coop with about 16-30 chickens...

Anonymous

3/14/2020 03:41 PM

Only roosters disturb neighbours. If kept clean and maintained, there are no odours. Great source of fresh, high quality and sustainable food. Great experience for kids. Should the practice be allowed and hence keeping hens becomes more common, permitting and inspections can play an important role in preventing animal abuse / negligence.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 06:31 PM

I previously lived in the Milton/Peru Rd area for a # of years. Bought a few chicks from the local Co-Op and went from there. Eventually ordering ready to lay pullets. The were kept in a small separate coop and allowed to free range during the day. I had at the most 8 hens, producing 1 egg per day. Eggs were eaten at home and freely given to friends, neighbors, business associates, etc. They were always welcomed and eagerly anticipated. Freys Hatchery in the St Jacobs area is a wealth of knowledge.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 09:36 PM

We had 2-4 chickens (hens) for several years in England. We were based in a residential township area with small backyards and condensed housing. There were a couple of other other households in the area who also had a few chickens. We never experienced any issues or complaints (the opposite actually as the neighbors received eggs as well as us). Good husbandry when exercised ensures there is no smell, attraction of vermin or other serious issues. The chickens produced natural fertilizer, were great gardeners and were great at pest control. We learned a lot about the chicken social structure. Note that we only had hens, no roosters. Roosters would not be appropriate in the township area of Georgetown or other urban areas due to the certainty of noise pollution.

Anonymous

3/15/2020 03:49 PM

They usually lay two eggs a day. And they are nice to snuggle. They also eat pesky bugs in your yard and garden.

Anonymous

3/15/2020 04:27 PM

Chicken s bring rats , nasty !

Anonymous

3/15/2020 05:04 PM

Amazing! I've grown up with grandparents who always kept chicken. My parents do too. Recently I met a family keeping hens in Ferguson, ON. People loved it. No issues at all, only benefits. Nothing better than a real fresh egg, with an orange egg yoke!

Anonymous

3/15/2020 10:22 PM

My experience is limited. My in-laws in Nova Scotia have backyard chickens and a rooster. I would recommend NO roosters. Very noisy and not overly friendly.

Anonymous

3/16/2020 04:45 PM

Positive, Due to the increasing cost of daily living it helps subsidize the food intake of a family home.

Anonymous

3/16/2020 05:08 PM

3 chickens, small coop, portable run, lots of eggs, kept pests down in garden

Anonymous

3/16/2020 05:08 PM

we have had no problems with neighbors who have chickens, they have been well looked after

Anonymous

3/16/2020 07:00 PM

They are very good

Anonymous

3/16/2020 07:11 PM

When I lived in another township, My old landlord kept chickens in the backyard of the house he owned (I rented the basement apartment). It was great having fresh eggs all the time. With just hens - no roosters - the noise was very minimal. Lot was about 45' x 120'. So enough room to build a small coop for 4 hens with a small outdoor run. Properly maintained and kept away from property lines meant no bad smells or noises to disrupt the neighbours from the enjoyment of their own property.

Anonymous

3/18/2020 11:25 AM

An amazing compliment to life. Crazy at times, with potential for disease and predators, but that piece can be figured out (disease: with treatment, culling/returning to source/sending them to a rural farm, predators: with increasing measures-- predators are already around. It's our job as chicken keepers to ensure they don't have any reason to stay and are not rewarded.)

Anonymous

3/18/2020 06:16 PM

Like anything. You have good owners and bad owners. I would have no problem with neighbors having a few chickens however they have to be responsible

Anonymous

3/18/2020 06:49 PM

No problems

Anonymous

3/19/2020 05:15 PM

My Grandparents owned a farm

Anonymous

3/20/2020 06:32 AM

If the house has a spacious yard residents should be allowed to raise a few chickens.

Anonymous

3/20/2020 09:24 AM

Our son lives next door on a rural property and has had 5 laying hens for almost 2 years. They are in a movable enclosed small 2 storey coop that is on wheels and spent this winter comfortably in it with a heated water bowl. Their exercise area was protected from wind using poly sheets stapled to the wire fencing and they were out everyday. They lay 4-5 eggs daily which right now is a very good source of protein as we face the restrictions of covid19. What our 2 households can't use, our neighbor takes and makes donations that cover the cost of feed. They provide lots of opportunity for education and entertainment - interesting personalities, quirky habits (won't walk on fresh snow, etc.) , quick learners (only strayed onto the road once and then never again) , great 4H Club creatures (saw the Chicken club graduation at Erin Fair), etc. When allowed out of the coop they always go back by themselves in late afternoon before dusk. They love to forage and need dirt baths that keeps them happy and laying. They do turn into rototillers with feathers in off limit areas like special flower beds if left out without keeping an eye on them. They do need regular pen cleaning by their keeper. The first winter they were in a wooden shed. Critters (1 skunk, a rat and ??) chewed their way in and stole eggs . This winter that didn't happen with the new movable coop which

Anonymous 3/22/2020 08:39 PM	has a ramp up to a loft. Pleasant experience
Anonymous 3/22/2020 11:15 PM	They take care of and maintain the chickens. Its clean quiet and no smell. We live at the corner and have had no complaints (nor have any ourselves)) regarding noise, vermin or other. It is logical and economic.
Anonymous 3/23/2020 02:35 PM	My sister lives in the town of Grimsby, her chickens do not bother her neighbors because they are very quiet. The neighbor hood kids love coming over collecting eggs and feeding them apples off the trees. They eat the compost and lessen the landfill waste.
Anonymous 3/24/2020 08:56 PM	Our neighbors had chickens, and we helped care for them when the neighbors went on vacation. There were never any issues with the chickens roaming the yard and next-door field, although I think they lost a couple to coyotes.
Anonymous 3/24/2020 09:30 PM	Positive experience for the whole family
Anonymous 3/25/2020 12:54 PM	They are a sustainable source of food. Hens are relatively quiet when compared to birds in the wild. Maintaining them is pretty simple and many breeds are hardy and winter ready. There are many guides online on raising them. Each chicken would lay one egg and they taste better than most of the store bought ones. The kids also love picking eggs and feeding them. I don't see the difference between chickens and having exotic birds when it comes to care. I would recommend anyone who eats eggs to own at least 4. Since hens mature at different times, a family of 4 may need 8 or more hens for at least 4 eggs a days. Based on consumption, my family would need at 7-10 minimum.
Adriantrangmar 3/25/2020 02:16 PM	Easy to maintain/look after. Excellent for kids to learn about food, animals and sustainability.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 11:12 AM	Wonderful! Fresh eggs, great experience for children to learn empathy, animal care and sustainability
Anonymous 3/26/2020 11:26 AM	Know nothing about their experiences other than that they had
Anonymous 3/26/2020 11:52 AM	They enjoyed it! But this was not local. The eggs are so good and Fresh!
Anonymous 3/26/2020 11:57 AM	No issues with neighbours having chickens in another city. But they had a rooster which would cockadoodledoo every morning. I didn't mind, but i think many people would find that annoying. It was nice to have an easy source of fresh eggs.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 11:58 AM	There were lots of wildlife coming into the yard, they lost a pet because of it. The neighbours complained about the smell and noise. They chickens were always getting out and into the neighbours yards ripping up gardens etc
Anonymous 3/26/2020 01:07 PM	Dirty smelly noisy. Too close to neighbours and inconsiderate of neighbours therefore I don't think it should be allowed on less than 1 acre lots.

Anonymous 3/26/2020 01:40 PM	Find they keep the invasive and disease carrying bugs down to A minimum. Ticks, mosquito larvae etc. Neighbors enjoyed them and they didn't bother anyone.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 01:53 PM	Wonderful and refreshing
Anonymous 3/26/2020 01:54 PM	Absolutely disgusting, on a street in Brampton where there were previously no mice or rats.. sure enough suddenly noticed little tracks in winter months. This should not be permitted.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 02:25 PM	Easy to keep clwan and contained. they provided education to my chikdren along with healthy and sustainable protein options. Very easy to care for and keep
Anonymous 3/26/2020 02:37 PM	4 chickens owned by 2 parents, 2 kids. Chickens very tame, and provided eggs for family. Kids took care of feeding and cleaning.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 03:56 PM	There was never any problems with people having chickens.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 04:11 PM	Noise smell
Anonymous 3/26/2020 04:27 PM	Plenty of fresh eggs, enjoyment and responsibility, education for children
Anonymous 3/26/2020 04:48 PM	Loved having chickens in the back yard. They're very entertaining.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 05:02 PM	At a previous residence a neighbor had chickens, they smelled and were noisy. Not fair to neighbors and not fair to the chickens.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 05:06 PM	Chickens are prone to predatory animals. Chickens should be eating their own eggs in order to restore the depleted nutrients from laying. Humans should not be taking from them, what is not ours.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 05:13 PM	Unsustainable draw on resources especially water and electricity.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 06:08 PM	They've become a great experience for the kids, as they have been given responsibility to care for the chicken. Not to mention sustainable farming to produce their own eggs for consumption.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 10:05 PM	Kids learn a lot about chickens watching them and being around them but please no roosters.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 10:47 PM	No issues. Chickens are awesome
Anonymous 3/27/2020 12:24 AM	It wasn't pleasant at all for neighbors or people driving by the house. It wasn't uncommon for the chickens to be loose and unattended, walking into the road at times.
Anonymous 3/27/2020 12:30 AM	Positive addition to the family and encouraged sustainable self sufficiency

Anonymous

3/27/2020 12:47 AM

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Anonymous

3/27/2020 01:30 AM

fantastic! yummy healthy eggs

Anonymous

3/27/2020 06:06 AM

Small coops are fabulous and helps with lessons for children Adds fresh eggs into the household

Anonymous

3/27/2020 07:44 AM

We kept 4 hens for purposes of fresh eggs and lived in an urban area. As long as the coop and run are kept clean and the chickens are healthy then it is a wonderful experience to have.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 07:53 AM

We had chickens growing up in a rural setting. Both egg laying and broilers

Anonymous

3/27/2020 08:10 AM

I had 10 chickens on an acre of land. they ate all the veggie scraps from the kitchen and kept the mosquitoes and insects under control. The only noise was at egg laying time. I had wonderful golden yolks eggs from the hens. Their leavings were raked up and used to fertilize my vegetable garden. I loved having chickens and would definately recommend it if you have the space and time.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 08:22 AM

Not sanitary or humane. Attracts wildlife such as coyotes etc.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 08:34 AM

It was both educational and was great to have fresh eggs readily available.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 10:00 AM

no problems, owner has to look after them just like they look after their pets

Anonymous

3/27/2020 10:02 AM

look after them just like you do look after your pets

Anonymous

3/27/2020 10:19 AM

never had a problem no smell no noise no rodents

Anonymous

3/27/2020 10:43 AM

Wonderful, they even lowered the tic problem.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 11:32 AM

Like everthing else in life, cleaning and maintenance is needed

Anonymous

3/27/2020 12:49 PM

If you take care of them and keep their living space clean they're just a few more family pets. No different than having to clean the litter box for your cat except you get eggs as the bonus. Our grand daughter loves chickens and it would be an another added bonus to come to our place ♥

Anonymous

3/27/2020 05:37 PM

Please see above. This is a terrible idea and should not be allowed to happen.

Anonymous

3/28/2020 01:01 PM

Great experience. Chickens are mostly quiet, produce delicious eggs, and are easy to care for.

Anonymous

3/28/2020 03:42 PM

They were respectful chicken owners, so no issues. I have never had them but would consider them.

Anonymous

3/29/2020 08:50 PM

Roosters are noisy but egg laying hens are great for families learning about sustainability. Eat more vegetables and the compost can be used to feed the hens. It's a win win. Teaches children valuable life skills and lessons.

Anonymous

3/30/2020 05:47 AM

I've had 2 neighbors. I didn't report cause I didn't want to be that neighbor. BUT we could see rats running between our yards. With both we had to complain to them about the stink. Both would pile the manure in paper bags by mutual fence to use as fertilizer. I had coyotes in my yard. Never seen in 30 years of living here. One neighbors would escape often & come dig in my gardens. Both neighbours got rid of them after a couple of years cause of the work.

Anonymous

3/30/2020 07:58 AM

It's is not a hobby. It requires a lot of work and the downside is actually quality terrible

Anonymous

3/30/2020 06:07 PM

If you properly care and clean after, chickens can be very educational and useful.

Anonymous

4/06/2020 04:07 PM

Husband raised chickens as a child

Anonymous

4/07/2020 05:29 PM

I enjoyed having chickens They need a lot of space and protection Roosters are loud so better to keep them for big open spaces. Chickens are diggers so you need to have the property to allow for them to dig. No one will want them in their flower garden so they need a large property Not a small yard Well. Actually I had a 10 acre farm. I raised 99 laying hens. They are good pets and lots of fun and clean eggs with no hormones.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:18 AM

I had a chicken coop growing up with a small number of animals just as pets/for the eggs for our family. They were a great educational tool growing up and so long as they're being properly cared for, I dont see the harm.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:34 AM

It was great having them in the neighbourhood! They roamed free. 2 points... free chickens do dig up other ppls yards so no go. IMPORTANT: steps need to be put in place to ensure humane conditions for the chickens. I saw chickens freezing to death due to an insufficiently heated coop.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:56 AM

With a small number of chickens the cleanliness and odour are basically nonexistent. With only hens and no rooster noise levels are very low. No major concerns with minimal chicken coop configurations.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 12:51 PM

Great experience if done properly. Maintaining a good environment for the birds and neighbours is key.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 01:02 PM

Found it interesting knowing what is involved.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 02:39 PM

great

Anonymous

4/08/2020 04:15 PM

Very little

Anonymous 4/08/2020 04:37 PM	attracted vermin
Anonymous 4/08/2020 06:54 PM	The chickens are all happy, the kids love them and the local eggs are great!
Anonymous 4/08/2020 07:23 PM	That are easy to care for and the eggs are delicious!
Anonymous 4/08/2020 07:56 PM	Completely fine
Anonymous 4/09/2020 10:46 AM	Great experience for the family, fresh eggs, minimal disruption to community, big effort to maintain but a worthy one
Anonymous 4/09/2020 08:20 PM	positive
Anonymous 4/09/2020 09:06 PM	Were easy to care for, made good pets, control bugs and weeds in lawn and provide excellent fertilizer.
Anonymous 4/09/2020 09:06 PM	Great learning opportunity for the young children, provides wholesome organic free range eggs for the owner
Anonymous 4/10/2020 07:25 AM	Loud, there is a smell, attracts other vermin
Anonymous 4/10/2020 10:03 AM	they were quiet and very friendly.
Anonymous 4/10/2020 12:18 PM	It's a fun and educational experience for the family. Healthy life style that also comes with responsibility and commitment that hold great benefits and rewards.
Anonymous 4/10/2020 12:30 PM	Wonderful way to get fresh eggs and keep lawns clean of bugs.
Anonymous 4/10/2020 10:13 PM	Excellent and a sustainable resource
Anonymous 4/12/2020 09:24 AM	No problems at all.
Anonymous 4/12/2020 09:32 AM	No different than raising a dog or cat
Anonymous 4/12/2020 10:41 AM	They love it! Teaches their children responsibility
Anonymous 4/12/2020 10:48 AM	Perfectly fine as long as quantities are manageable, they are well cared for and cleanliness is a priority
Anonymous	Easy, sustainable, clean, and practical. We should be less divorced from our

4/12/2020 12:17 PM

food chain.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 12:47 PM

They have numerous chickens and added turkeys. They have not bought eggs in a while from the store, and love their chickens and keeps good care of them. That is important

Anonymous

4/12/2020 01:09 PM

It was great no issue

Anonymous

4/12/2020 10:08 PM

Smelly and loud. Attracted lots of mice

Anonymous

4/12/2020 10:54 PM

Fresh eggs, good.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 10:56 PM

Justice like having any other pet!

Anonymous

4/14/2020 12:12 PM

Chickens always escaping and causing damage to other people's yards. Increased presence of predators within the neighborhood.

Q12 Are there any other comments you wish to provide?

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:23 AM

I don't think people will understand the amount of work and also wildlife that you will be enticing to come into the neighbourhood also you can't complain about fox and coyotes being around if you have farm animals in your yard you take the good with the bad when people have ponds in there yard they also get raccoons looking for a meal same thing with chickens

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:32 AM

I'm strongly against because of rodents and then coyotes permanently taking up residence because it's an endless supply of feed. Urban farmers are generally clueless when it comes to livestock. I hope you don't permit this.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:33 AM

What happens to sick/old chickens? Do they go in the Green bin?

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:52 AM

This would be a nightmare for neighbors and hard to monitor. We live with coyotes all around us. Will bring them right into our yards and put our pets at risk. Very bad idea.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 11:55 AM

Could support as long as carefully controlled and Town provides educational resources so that people go into it with their eyes open.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 12:06 PM

I'd be very worried about the attraction of rats to nearby properties and residents who decide to have backyard chickens for fun, know nothing about it and end up creating a mess.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 12:06 PM

There must be adequate room in a yard for chickens. We do not want unkept/unsanitary conditions for the chickens. Proper care must be adhered to. Please think about the welfare of the chickens.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 12:35 PM

Not a good idea.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 12:38 PM

This survey should not affect rural areas in Halton Hills where chickens can currently be kept.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 12:41 PM

It's so wonderful to see the town listening to our community.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:02 PM

I support the idea in general, but there should be a minimum lot size to prevent small, dense, urban properties from having large chicken coops. Perhaps treating rural/urban with different regulations. Also by-law should be equipped to support neighbours who have frequent noise issues. I don't necessarily think chicken owners should require a license, but if someone calls about noisy neighbourhood chickens, the by-law officers should be able to act on this and either require a different size/location of the coop or removal altogether if the problem persists.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:04 PM

If people want to keep chickens they should choose to live on a rural property with a large lot. Others, neighbours, community members, etc. shouldn't have to put up with the chickens. If people cannot park on the street at night, then restricting chickens in town seems like a no brainer.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:09 PM

The idea of raising your own chickens is a romantic notion and too many people enter into without doing their homework. Chickens require a great deal of care - daily as well as regular medical care. There are mites, parasites, respiratory diseases than can easily spread from bird to bird and hard to control once they take hold. Producing eggs depletes hens of important minerals and if not taken care of, can result in birds becoming egg-bound, a life threatening condition. I fear people will enter into this venture unprepared and uneducated. What happens to the chickens when the owner no longer wants them? I volunteer at a farm sanctuary and see this all too often. This is a bad idea! If this goes ahead, a special permit with a sizeable license fee should be required, that needs to renewed annually, similar to fire permits and dog licenses, etc.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:21 PM

I think the rules should be made around personal use and not commercial use.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:32 PM

Brampton, Guelph, Vancouver, Montreal all allow chickens. If we are serious about sustainable living then chickens should be allowed. Also if yard size is an issue, then only rich people can afford chickens and poor people will not be able to with smaller yards. Yard size shouldn't be an issue if the birds are taken care of.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:32 PM

It sounds quaint - but the reality is that farm animals do not belong in suburban neighbourhoods.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:33 PM

A chicken is a cat is a dog is a pig. If someone were thinking about opening a dog milking farm, the outcry would be enormous. No to animal agriculture. It's environmentally irresponsible. COPVID19 originated from an unsanitary live animal market.

Jennifer

3/09/2020 01:35 PM

On questions 6 I tried to change my number one answer to no roosters because of the noise. Question number 6 would not let me do that.

Anonymous

I am thrilled the town is looking for feedback on this topic. Keeping chickens

3/09/2020 01:40 PM

(responsibly) has been a dream of mine for years. I would welcome registration, monitoring and any/all learning resources the town felt appropriate. I'm very much looking forward to hearing the results of this survey. Thank you!

Anonymous

3/09/2020 01:59 PM

Property should be of sufficient size and have sufficient yard space (not occupied by the horse) before allowing chickens. Perhaps quarter acre. This would help ensure chickens are only kept where there is enough space for the chickens while leaving some buffer space for neighbours away from the chickens. Also the chickens must be contained in a fenced area and not allowed to wander onto roads or sidewalks.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:08 PM

I think it would be great to be able to have a couple of chickens in my back yard. But for the safety and welfare of the birds, I think education is needed for anyone that maybe considering this. What will happen to all these chickens come winter? How often will they be inspected. Will it draw more of the coyotes and foxes out of the ravines?

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:10 PM

They should be allowed

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:12 PM

Keeping chickens in urban areas would need close monitoring. The town has enough to do without adding this to their list. It would not be monitored correctly and situations would get out of hand quickly. Chickens are farm animals not domestic pets. They do not belong in urban areas.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:14 PM

Should not even be a consideration in urban areas, welcome to 2020. This is not a valid issue regarding sustainability.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:20 PM

We back onto a wooded area with a waterway. Mice and rats are already an issue in our neighbourhood, we DO NOT need this added attraction for vermin. Many people in our neighbourhood are not even responsible enough to collect their dog feces from walkways and neighbours yards, I think allowing people to have backyard chicken coops would be terribly irresponsible unless there were VERY special circumstances and consistent monitoring, which seems unlikely to happen. If people choose to keep farm animals, they should also choose to live in a rural area.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:22 PM

There is enough issues with household pets (Dogs/ Cats). Chickens and other livestock should be left to rural properties outside the town limits. Minimum property size should be 1 acre.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:36 PM

No roosters, manageable for the size of residence and neighborhood, Most yards on Kingham road in Acton should not have any too small of yards. And no need for permits or law involvement.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:44 PM

With the current economy Urban farming is becoming a necessity. For some it may be the only way to put food on their table. If the animals are being cared for then all is good.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:46 PM

We can't even look after our domestic issues with dogs, cats, excetra let alone control who, what and where these coops, noise and, poo control would be done. We can't even afford staff to look after animal issues now. How do you think this would be any different?

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:51 PM

This should be aloud to happen..... the egg industry is cruel especially when there are alternatives that are easy and fun.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:56 PM

Please do not allow chickens . Really bad idea .

Anonymous

3/09/2020 02:57 PM

Why is it that when we have a climate emergency the local governments think that they can restrict one of the best ways to cut down on greenhouse gas omissions. Locally grown food! Town council thinks it can be a solution to many problems. When In an actual since they are the problem. People should be allowed to do what they wish on their own property. Including feeding their families.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 03:08 PM

Dont do it There will be more complaints Reduced property prices What us next goats? Cows? Sheep?

Anonymous

3/09/2020 03:45 PM

If someone wants an agricultural lifestyle, there are areas already zoned to support it. No need to change existing residential zoning.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 03:45 PM

My entire outdoor season was ruined after my neighbours decided to grow very smelly pot plants because the government decided this would be a good idea. On a farm maybe, but not in close quarters. Same thing applies to farm animals. They belong on a farm where they can roam freely. In our neighbourhood they would be noisy, unsanitary and lure coyotes. No thank you!

Anonymous

3/09/2020 03:45 PM

Thank you for asking for our opinions.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 03:45 PM

There needs to be some sort of complaints process to allow the town to inspect and deal with people who have too many chickens or keep them in unsanitary conditions.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 03:54 PM

I love the idea that people can live a small farm life in their backyard and can decide for themselves if they'd want to do the extra work for fresh foods. It feels a lot like gardening to me.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 03:55 PM

Just concerned about noise - therefore no roosters !?!? Otherwise, this allows our community to become more sustainable.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 04:09 PM

#5 doesn't cover education on taking care of or feeding chickens. It also doesn't cover what to do with chickens once the laying stops. This can be difficult for someone who doesn't realize that it is a necessary part of owning chickens.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 04:20 PM

Want chickens, go buy a properly outside city limits

Anonymous

3/09/2020 04:41 PM

This is crazy, people who likes to have chickens should move to a farm

Anonymous

3/09/2020 04:41 PM

If you want chickens move to a farm. We all live too close to have farm animals and the bugs and smell and noise that comes with them.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 04:46 PM

Let's make this happen - give people the option to use their property for sustainable food!

Anonymous

Yes to backyard chickens!

3/09/2020 04:49 PM

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:03 PM

Chickens are wonderful pets, and if kept in clean areas are not dirty or smelly. They provide a great deal of fun for the family with the bonus of healthy eggs. A bonus for all. Without roosters they are actually quite quiet. They eat bugs and pests

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:04 PM

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:17 PM

Do not allow back yard chickens.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:18 PM

I do not think the neighbours should have a say in what you do with your property. If that was the case then I should be able to tell the dog breeders behind my house to stop breeding dogs as all I hear all day and night is barking. I can't even go in my back yard without getting barked at constantly. Chickens don't smell if kept clean. There should not be a rule as to where the coop is kept. Their soiled bedding should be able to be picked up on garbage day with no extra fee. Chickens are not noisy, roosters are. Chickens will cluck loudly while laying an egg which doesn't take more than a minute or so and then it's back to their normal business. The program in Guelph is wonderful and it saves a lot of money for a family on eggs as it costs much less a month to feed chickens as it does to buy multiple cartons of eggs a week.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:20 PM

If you want to do this move to a house with a larger lot away from close neighbours. And yes must be monitored for hen well-being and sanitary reasons

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:22 PM

This would be a great thing for the community

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:28 PM

Chickens smell a lot and would not be something I want to have in my neighborhood. Bigger neighborhoods that have acre lots might be more suitable.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:33 PM

This should be limited to land greater than an acre. I take real estate photos and can't tell you how many times I've photographed even a country property where neighbours chickens were always loose on the property. Glen lawson south of acton is a good example of this.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:36 PM

I think if you allow this to happen you're asking for a whole lot of trouble with neighbours . It's going to start a lot of drama . Chickens aren't clean enough to be in someones backyard . They are farm animals and that's where they belong

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:41 PM

A neighbor had backyard chickens illegally for months. It took a long time for enforcement to come and remove them. They were loud, bothered neighbors dogs and werent contained in an enclosure. All our yards are connected and it was horrible.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:42 PM

No

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:43 PM

Rural properties should be permitted. Chickens in urban areas should not.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 05:56 PM

People don't know what they're getting into and often mismanage the situation. This leads to poor cleanliness, air quality, and dangerous conditions for the birds, wildlife, neighbors, and people driving by (often chickens escape poorly planned enclosures and wander into the road).

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:00 PM

A terrible idea! Do not allow this to happen. Chickens are farm animals.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:17 PM

I think if you are going to do this, people should have average and not within close proximity to neighbors

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:20 PM

They are a nuisance, and had all the dogs barking through fences.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:24 PM

Thank you for initiating this!

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:24 PM

If they have 50 acres understandable its not going to bug anyone if it is placed properly but in community areas it will be very disturbing and bring pests around because chickens are not the cleanest animals in the first place. Also it will bring down the community's value because noone wants to move beside a barn in a urbanized community there for making people loose money on the sale value of there homes.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:31 PM

We need side walks!

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:37 PM

I very much support allowing chicken coups in urban areas. I may even get one myself someday, as a retirement hobby. They are like any other pet in that as long as you care for them and keep them clean, then everyone is happy. It will add just that much more to an already very good quality of life in Georgetown.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:42 PM

This concept should only be considered for properties outside of conventional residential areas, on the fringes of town or very large lots only.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 06:53 PM

Any house that is legally not allowed a burn permit should NOT even be considered for chicken allowance. If it is deemed by the fire department that your backyard is a safety hazard to access then you should not be allowed a chicken. If the fire department can't access your yard in case of fire, the town by-law services won't have access to adequately do checks either.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 07:28 PM

There is no need to attract coyotes and foxes further into urban areas. Chickens are free ranging birds, who live happier and healthier lives when given adequate room to forage (ie. farmland). There are plenty of farms who already provide fresh organic eggs.

Anonymous

3/09/2020 07:37 PM

My Aunt raised chickens on her farm. The smell was awful. They constantly attracted wild animals that killed her cats and dogs. I could not stay for very long for a visit because of my allergies but I loved finding lose feathers and coloring them with chalk when I was a child. I am constantly finding dog poop in my front yard from people who won't pick up after the dogs that they love so I doubt they would keep a chicken coop clean. A chicken coop will be a constant source of viruses and bacteria, spreading easily to neighbors

- nearby. People can't even remember to wash their hands regularly, creating huge influenza rates. Also, the run off from the rain could be disasterous to a neighborhood pool, especially if it was "downstream". I would hate to barbeque my food or eat dinner on my deck if there was a chicken coop nearby.
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 07:37 PM
I really wish this law comes into effect. I would do anything to help this cause. Feel free to call me for any door to door or community help regarding this. 905 977 0081 Thanks. Ben Norman
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 07:41 PM
Urban farming should be encouraged not discourage small green houses should be in every back yard
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 07:43 PM
I appreciate you taking the time to ask the community about this.
- Juliepeden**
3/09/2020 07:45 PM
Number of chickens to be based on lot size
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 07:53 PM
Supplementing income from eggs/chickens for farmers will diminish greatly. Chickens need room to forage, they wont have that in an urban environment. Otherwise, they are just lazy birds
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 08:02 PM
Halton hills can't take care of current bylaws with animals why are we bring more into the mix Example barking dogs, dogs off leash, not picking of after dogs, loose cats.
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 08:52 PM
If done in a proper respectful manner it allows for access to fresh eggs and an educational opportunity for the grand kids. I would welcome public workshops to discuss and learn best practices
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 08:54 PM
Why even consider this? It will cause problems. The Town Bylaw enforcement is already very inefficient.
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 09:25 PM
Please reconsider. This will cause the Town so much money to police and to administrate- can't we spend money elsewhere?
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 09:44 PM
Great idea but need to have limits and regulations on this. You don't want rob have that one Neighbour with 30 chickens and roosters that can't maintain the animals and they become a nuisance to neighborhood
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 09:45 PM
Not a fan of this idea at all.
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 10:30 PM
I really would like to be able to have a few chickens in our backyard for my kids. Education and food, and prevent ticks in our yards.
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 10:54 PM
great idea!!!
- Anonymous**
3/09/2020 11:03 PM
If this becomes bylaw, it would be wise to restrict them to laying hens only.
- Anonymous**
3/10/2020 03:00 AM
As a kid I worked on a chicken farm. The smell can be just awful and with our hot summers I do not want to smell that again. If you want to raise chickens, moved to a farm.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 05:31 AM

No roosters. Enforce cleanliness (random bylaw officer visits). Offer course on how to care for chickens

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:32 AM

This is not a good idea within town limits. How do you propose the animal waste is disposed of and control feeding animals like foxes, coyotes ect? how do you stop the business of selling eggs for profit? how do you propose the monitoring of the care of these animals. What happens when the neighbors object, will they have a say? I wasn't consulted when our neighbors decided to FARM and it cost the town to have them removed. Not a good idea-chickens are meant to be on farms

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:44 AM

The potential for uneducated masses to do this is high. Which is why enforcement and education needs to be real (I'd pay for a license , if not a gouge). However, it's no different than when people buy animals/pets without understanding the commitment. Laws need to be clear and there should be some regulation to ensure animal welfare , cleanliness and fairness to neighbors. I'd gladly raise chickens if I had the opportunity.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:59 AM

The town is not equipped to deal with this. I have a neighbour that keeps pigeons and the enforcement had no idea of the rules. Was told they were following the rules. I had to educate them that the minimum allowances were not being adhered to. Also, we have seen a fox, coyote and rat running from/trying to get in that backyard.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 08:28 AM

Please roll out this initiative quicky. Can't wait!!! Please also think about procurement options of chicks and their disposal if required.

Tandem2

3/10/2020 08:50 AM

I have seen what happens in Hawaii when chickens get loose and roosters are everywhere and noise is unbelievable.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 09:19 AM

I am 100% against this idea.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 09:53 AM

This is such a bad idea. People don't need to Consume eggs and birds have been bred to produce so many eggs that it puts their lives at risk. Chickens should have a cycle like humans and produce only a Dozen or so eggs a year. It is so hard on their small bodies to produce an egg a day as they have been modified to do. This causes many complications and without proper care many will die.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 02:01 PM

Chickens are a source of many bacteria that we don't want contaminating our neighbourhoods and making our pets ill (dogs can get sick from air borne germs not just direct contact). They can be noisy (if roosters, WILL be horribly noisy) which will disrupt the neighbours enjoyment of their yards. People who don't know what they're doing will sell eggs that may be contaminated. There is also a concern of what happens once their egg-laying years are over (random people killing their chickens and selling the meat illegally? Or abandoned chickens left to wander around?). This may be a great idea for the more rural properties but certainly not in the middle of town - set a large minimum lot size to ensure there is a buffer for sanitation/noise. I can't imagine that there's enough demand for this that would outweigh the amount of complaints/issues that will arise!

Anonymous

3/10/2020 02:03 PM

I am just appalled by this consideration - Being forced to live near chickens or any other farm animal in my neighborhood would pretty much seal the deal that we would move out of this community. I am appalled at consideration of this town where there is so much land outside of "in town" that people who wish to do this could. If I could have selected 8 for the importance questions for everyone I would. I will be the community member calling noise complaints or smell and filth every time there is an issue. I cannot see this being a good idea. I love fresh eggs - we have farmers that can supply them we do not need them in town.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 02:04 PM

I see no problem with keeping chickens in rural areas or acreages, but in urban areas it could become a significant problem, especially with inexperienced owners.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 02:52 PM

This serves dose not address all the issues about backyard chickens. Question #5 should be reworded and allow me to put my own values. Most of them would be 1 highest importance.

annewr

3/10/2020 03:06 PM

the town is dirty enough, people do not look after their properties. people do not look after their dogs and cats already. children and others can get quite sick from unsanitary conditions. and this can spread to neighbors

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:19 PM

I have dealt with enforcement and they are not properly trained and couldn't handle endorsement of rules. Dirty, brings wildlife around.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:21 PM

I like the idea.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:22 PM

I have wanted to keep back yard chickens as we have many friends in rural HHills and Wellington that have the ability to do so. Great for kids to learn sustainability and animal husbandry and a sustainable free range food source.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:23 PM

Please be progressive on this! It would be awesome!

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:24 PM

I am NOT in support of this proposal. The south already has a significant rat problem. The introduction of chickens and their feed will create a environment where the rat population grows out of control. Please do not move forward with this.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:24 PM

More headaches with enforcement. Great potential to pit one neighbour against another. with so much littering, traffic issues, by law officer's time could be better spent.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:24 PM

Could there be an educational session from a farmer to teach us how to raise chickens? I don't know anything about it but I'd be interested in trying with my kids to teach them.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:26 PM

There are enough issues already with mice, rats and racoons without permitting chickens in our backyards, the food of which will assuredly attract even more wildlife issues.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:27 PM

Focus on on heritage, diverse breeds.

Anonymous

We have enough supply of fresh farm eggs from surrounding farms and the

3/10/2020 03:27 PM

farmers market.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:30 PM

Noise and smells from coop will be important for surrounding neighbours

o_JOHN_o

3/10/2020 03:30 PM

Don't let this happen this is 3rd world living not first world we are not hapless peasants here looking to get some bird disease.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:42 PM

Urban residential areas should be reserved for people and domestic pets (i.e. dogs and cats subject to certain restrictions). If I wanted to live next door to chickens or any other livestock I would live in a rural setting as should anyone wanting to keep them.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:46 PM

If this happens in my neighborhood I will personally remove the chickens by whatever means necessary. I don't want to live on a farm.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:46 PM

I FEEL STRONGLY AGAINST THIS CHICKEN SHOULD BE ON A FARM OR ANYWHERE BUT AN URBAN CENTRE WE ALREADY HAVE ISSUES WITH RATS IN PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY OF HALTON HILLS GEORGETOWN SOUTH IN PARTICULAR

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:46 PM

I grew up on a farm with chickens so I understand what raising chicken involves.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 03:52 PM

I would be so disappointed in our Town if this was allowed in subdivisions and in the urban area. Chickens belong on farms not in subdivisions. We had a rat problem 2 years ago due to garbage not being disposed of properly on the strip mall behind my house. Rats are drawn to chicken waste, etc and I DO NOT want in my backyard or anywhere close to me. This is something that should not even be considered.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 04:11 PM

time required to keep chickens in check would take away from cash generating bi-law enforcement, like parked cars

Anonymous

3/10/2020 04:20 PM

Ducks should be considered also.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 04:30 PM

after getting a license there should be regular follow up which could be paid for by a special assessed fee

Anonymous

3/10/2020 04:32 PM

I live in an apartment building and already deal with enough smell, noisy and dirt from my neighbours. I'm not thrilled by this idea.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 04:47 PM

Hopefully owners should get some good baseline knowledge about chicken feeding, care, health, predators in urban areas(raccoons, possums, dogs, foxes). Smell in the summer would be a major irritant to the neighbours so that would need to be really regulated well. Chicken manure can be added to gardens or incorporated into good composters. keeping the number of chickens low reduce the possibility of people trying to run some kind of business out of their home in regard to eggs and chickens.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 04:57 PM

I think people will be interested but I worry they will not properly care for their chickens or they would lose interest. It would be nice if we ensured a service existed where people could pay to have their chickens cared for. I know it

exists for bees and it would be a good way for families who like the idea and the education for their children but know nothing about it and do not make the effort to learn about it properly. Another idea is that if a course or certification exists that the people have to have this certification before they are allowed to own the chickens....just so we know they have educated themselves.

aleger

3/10/2020 04:59 PM

Highly supportive of a multi-year pilot to see how it goes.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 05:11 PM

Please allow this! My family would love to have chickens.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 05:31 PM

Larger rural lots with the space and distant neighbors- no issue. Urban areas especially the newer subdivisions with little yard space, absolutely no

Anonymous

3/10/2020 05:32 PM

Find a local farmer to buy your eggs from - or move out to the country if you want to be a farmer.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 05:44 PM

Need to ensure no animal neglect or cruelty. There should be a mandatory course that new owners need to take on how to care for chickens (including identification and treatment of common illnesses). As well their permit should include serious penalties if there is cruelty/neglect.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 05:46 PM

Please don't create financial barriers like a ridiculous permit requirement. Don't even bother with this change if it is to become yet another revenue stream for the town.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:07 PM

N/A

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:23 PM

Given that people keep multiple dogs, and multiple cats (that often wander about unrestrained), keeping chickens is a reasonable activity. This is an opportunity for the Town to show it's serious about sustainability.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:40 PM

Cops and kind of coops are of utmost importance. You should look at only using mobile coops (chicken tractors) As with this system the coop is moved every couple of days so the nutrient load (poop) is used as a natural fertilizer in the yard and does not need be piled or composted. Which could lead to smells and rodent issues.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:47 PM

Where do the children play if there is a required large hen house as the humane society has rules for the sizes of the coops for the comfort of the chickens. in a small back yard that could be the whole backyard! With houses so close together these days the neighbours are sure to be involved. When the wind blows everyone smells the chicken poop unless it is cleaned every day.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 06:57 PM

I see no problems with this. If people want to keep chickens they should be allowed to as long as cleanliness and conditions are met.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 07:29 PM

Subdivisions are not for farming - no chickens please!

Anonymous

3/10/2020 07:41 PM

Good job Halton Hills! Love to see that this is in the plans.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 07:55 PM

Can't wait! Our kids will be so excited

mattbg

3/10/2020 08:15 PM

I have lived in both the North and South of town. I like the idea of allowing backyard chickens, but some properties are too small and densely-packed to do this in a civilized way. I would consider the majority of Georgetown South to fall into that category, while many properties in the North have enough area to support this comfortably.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 08:27 PM

Differences are significant btwn keeping in rural vs urban setting. My answer TVo q7 is for an urban property

Anonymous

3/10/2020 08:38 PM

Chickens for eggs and fresh food should be allowed to subsidize Family food.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 09:09 PM

I don't think they should be allowed in the more urban areas - Georgetown, Acton. There is not enough room for them to live there.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 09:47 PM

None

Anonymous

3/10/2020 10:45 PM

Maybe on large areas that would not impact neighbours . But not feasible in many areas.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 10:49 PM

No backyard chickens

Anonymous

3/10/2020 11:49 PM

Too many rules and regulations getting in the way of peoples lives. You can have cannabis growing but not a few chickens. Pot does more harm then a few chickens.

Anonymous

3/10/2020 11:57 PM

I love this survey idea. Please provide more of these

Anonymous

3/11/2020 08:08 AM

this should not be allowed.

Anonymous

3/11/2020 08:54 AM

Chickens should not be permitted in densely populated residential areas for all the reasons checked above. I hope the Town will not consider changing the current by-law.

Anonymous

3/11/2020 09:27 AM

Georgetown south has a huge rat problem. I do not luce but know of it. I support backyard chickins but what is the plan for the town to cueb the rat population which will only grow if we implement it? What do we do with the poop and dirty bedding?

LSH22

3/11/2020 10:16 AM

Thank you for allowing broad input on this. I am a strong advocate for animal welfare, so my greatest concern is ensuring the welfare of the animals as well as humans. Before owning backyard chickens, some level of certified education on their needs and sociability needs to be understood and certified.

Anonymous

3/11/2020 10:34 AM

I see no problem with allowing this or at least performing a pilot program so the town can see what challenges it will have with any complaints and/or

Anonymous

3/11/2020 10:44 AM

inspections and regulations.

There are two foreseeable issues both which can easily be taken care of free by law and by law enforcement First would be no roosters, I love roosters myself a beautiful little creatures however they are way too loud to have within the town limits on a farm no worries no problem at all Secondary would be cleanliness of the coop not just for the animals health and safety but to respect your neighbours 3 chickens in an appropriately sized Coupe would need a good makeout once a week and the smell would be to an absolute minimum however if someone did not follow appropriate cleaning standards chickens can get smelly so there would have to be specific wording about coop cleanliness and some way for the town to actually enforce the cleanliness portion through bylaws or some other meat Surveys like this attempt to 'direct' results. Making me choose from your options. I resent ranking from 1-8 when they should all be 1 in my estimation. In NO WAY do I approve livestock in urban areas period!!!

Anonymous

3/11/2020 11:45 AM

Anonymous

3/11/2020 11:53 AM

no

Anonymous

3/11/2020 11:54 AM

Fire Mr. chaisson and ms. Killbride

Mark Poullos

3/11/2020 12:16 PM

Roosters may be OK in rural areas only

Anonymous

3/11/2020 12:06 PM

LET THER BE BACKYARD CHICKENS

Anonymous

3/11/2020 12:13 PM

The number of chickens and size of pen should depend on size of yard. Pen should not take up more than a certain percentage of yard, and shouldn't be overcrowded

Anonymous

3/11/2020 12:20 PM

Nahhh

Anonymous

3/11/2020 12:57 PM

If people live in a rural area where neighbours are far away, then as long as they apply for permits and are checked regularly by the city I can understand that. But in a residential area to have farm animals just creates so many issues it's just not worth it.

Anonymous

3/11/2020 01:03 PM

The cops / government shouldn't be able to take away chickens because of neighbours complaining unless animal abuse or chickens are let lose / set free in neighbourhood . You should be able to sell your chickens produce at markets and shops

Anonymous

3/11/2020 02:22 PM

We are very much interested in keeping Quails too.

Anonymous

3/11/2020 03:16 PM

Like the idea, but have been told already that I am not allowed

Anonymous

3/11/2020 03:28 PM

No sanitary and care

Anonymous

3/11/2020 04:00 PM

People don't understand that keeping chickens means WORK; not just collecting eggs but cleaning and maintenance too. Chickens need a water source outside of the coop, water that won't freeze in the winter (no inside water or hay/straw bales because they can lead to fatal molds). If they have heat, it must be backed up (generator); a sudden drop in temperature (power failure) will kill them. Heat lamps easily ignite feathers and cause fires. Don't feed suet, many chickens are now dying from obesity.

Anonymous

3/11/2020 10:58 PM

Rural only, not in subdivisions.

Anonymous

3/12/2020 05:23 AM

If there is no rooster involved, you will need for the stability of the chickens mental health at least 4-5 hens. Roosters are frankly used to not breed hens but rather as a bonding partner since that is something most birds need if you wish to not have a hands on experience with your birds. Sexing birds as chicks is also rather difficult so you may be forcing people, while love their chickens the way they are, to give them up if they become roosters. Most roosters, also, are just as loud as a barking dog and frankly there have been no police calls or dogs being taken away for barking at like 3AM in my area so I see no reason why roosters would be prohibited. Also, the average townhouse backyard size fits the minimum space requirement for most chicken sizes, as they don't frequently need to be removed from their pen other than to look for fresh insects in grass. Finally, chickens can be harnessed trained and taught to wear bird diapers for those who are concerned about their chickens being in their house during colder seasons and just need to be changed regularly. Chickens are quite sanitary animals (more so than most dogs and cats) and just have this bias around them of being dirty due to being livestock. Which frankly just isn't true.

Anonymous

3/12/2020 08:30 AM

I had technical problems with question #6. I was not able to see the full scale 1 to 8. There should be a limit to the number of chickens in the relation to the size of the yard.

Anonymous

3/12/2020 09:17 AM

This is just plain ridiculous. If you want chickens, move to the country. If you want certain kinds of eggs, support your local farmer.

Anonymous

3/12/2020 10:11 AM

Stupid idea. No need for chickens as they and their eggs are readily available. Irresponsible people keeping them virtually as pets is going to create a lot of problems, which is also unfair to the chickens.

Anonymous

3/12/2020 10:33 AM

Absolutely NO roosters! Having lived on a farm with chickens and a rooster I can say that under no circumstances do roosters belong in an urban area!

Anonymous

3/12/2020 10:52 AM

It's a great idea for folks to have their own eggs and meat Would appreciate farmers more and meat would be organic

Anonymous

3/12/2020 11:30 AM

No.

Anonymous

3/12/2020 07:34 PM

I really think if you allow chickens there must be a minimum distance from a property line and they should only be permitted on a certain lot size . Their care needs to be monitored (i.e. waste management, health, corps removal, housing). Hens only should be allowed. They must be kept in a fenced off

- Anonymous
3/12/2020 08:56 PM
area for their protection and the protection of others. Personally, I am against the keeping of chickens in urban areas.
I suggest you give permission to 10 or so people with poor to good resources and see how it all works after a 2 year trial run.
- Anonymous
3/12/2020 09:08 PM
suggest mirroring other municipalities with urban centers policies and permits
- Anonymous
3/12/2020 09:09 PM
About time people can be allowed to have backyard chicken. Not the government role to tell people what do do on their own properties.
- Anonymous
3/12/2020 11:14 PM
You mentioned Chickens only-no rooster. Why? Is it because of noise/disturbance? If its noise from crowing, what about Dogs. 2 Or 3 dogs per household. Much barking at times and yes day and night sometimes. Dogs are more noisier than roosters. just saying
- Linda Herbert
3/13/2020 06:15 AM
Coyotes and foxes will be attracted to the chickens. Residents must be diligent and take necessary precautions....
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 06:38 AM
It is ridiculous in a residential area to even consider this.
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 09:54 AM
The leadership of Halton Hills to address sustainability and climate change should extend to allowing chickens in urban areas.
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 10:03 AM
A return to some of the practices of the past should become part of a modern, sustainable lifestyle. Keep a vegetable garden. Raise chickens. Dry clothing on a line outside. Get to know your neighbours. Fewer rules, regulations and prohibitions.
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 10:08 AM
People should be allowed to choose. Some would like to keep chickens, including me, and this should not be prohibited. I would not like to see cattle and sheep in an urban setting but chickens would be fine. And without the unnecessary cost of regulations and inspections.
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 11:20 AM
Worst possible idea ever: in an urban setting? Preposterous.
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 12:12 PM
Not a fan of urban chickens. Outside of noise and nuisance factors they attract vermin.
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 12:30 PM
This will turn into a 'fad' bylaw. Unless you plan on manpower to CLOSELY monitor this bylaw (if it passes), it will be difficult to control. Like all "pets" people don't understand the care required. (This coming from a farm background with multiple livestock). Maybe OK for anyone who owns an acre or more this shouldn't even be considered for land size less than that.
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 02:34 PM
Let people have chickens. Put on free courses on best methods for raising them, and for egg production. No need for much in the way of strict rules - just check up on any real complaints, defaulting to the right for people to have chickens for food production and self sufficiency.
- Anonymous
3/13/2020 03:23 PM
If you want to be a farmer, buy a farm.

Anonymous

3/13/2020 04:40 PM

Roosters may not be the best idea in a densely populated subdivision.
Number of chickens should be commensurate with the size of backyard.

Anonymous

3/13/2020 05:47 PM

Meeting lot size per animal and sanitary restrictions is good governance

Anonymous

3/13/2020 06:28 PM

While chickens are an interesting debate I think the town should look at backyard fires. They pose a greater risk to our community in areas where the houses are so close together- neither Burlington or Oakville allow backyard fires and I don't understand how Halton hills can be so far behind in their thinking that this practice is remotely safe in densely packed suburban housing areas.

Anonymous

3/13/2020 07:20 PM

Please don't allow backyard chickens they are nuisance, nosy and makes good neighbours into bad neighbours.

Anonymous

3/13/2020 08:43 PM

People who want to have chickens should live in the country!! It should not be allowed in town!!

Anonymous

3/14/2020 07:56 AM

Please folks...with all the viruses from animals these days,is this really nessassary? I think not.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 08:44 AM

No to chickens period!!!

Anonymous

3/14/2020 10:32 AM

Urban living was designed to eliminate problems associated with farm animals.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 10:42 AM

Micro farming is happening all around us. Halton hills is missing the boat and restricting people from providing pesticide local produce.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 10:42 AM

Urban living is designed for human living conditions, not farm animals. Fresh eggs are readily available at various vendors and local farms.

Dan D

3/14/2020 12:15 PM

It is probably a good thing to require permits for a back yard coop. (Maintenance agreement; "finite" guidelines) But the devil is in the details. - The cost of the permit could be made prohibitive? - Standards may be too stringent? (Could a permit be restricted because of minimum distances or lot size? Building standards? Permitting processes that are complex and costly will negate the initiative.) If the Town do not want backyard coops, then say so and don't allow. But don't make it prohibitive to build and operate. Going through the exercise, frustrating homeowners and then the Town says - well we tried. PLEASE MONITOR AND "REPORT ON" WHAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES HAVE EXPERIENCED.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 01:54 PM

Why not give it a try, there will need to be rules and definitely care instruction that need to be met as there are for house hold pets.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 02:59 PM

Allowing backyard chickens is a really great move, the trick is to make it fool proof without it being a taxpayer money pit.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 03:16 PM

If Roosters are allowed, they will crow at 5am and neighbours will be upset...

Anonymous

3/14/2020 03:51 PM

There needs to be a minimum lot size of 1 acre before anyone is given consideration for a permit. There needs to be 100 % approval from all adjoining property owners before approval. Some level of cleanliness written into the bylaw with enforcement that the coop is removed at home owners cost if not maintained properly.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 04:15 PM

Chickens need feed, feed attracts rats. People are dirty rats.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 05:06 PM

great idea. People should be monitored to make sure the animals are properly cared for.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 06:31 PM

Any questions/input please contact myself. Ray 905 864 2550 95 Poplar Ave, Acton NO NEED for a license/permit/etc should be required.

Anonymous

3/14/2020 09:36 PM

Please also consider that if people wish to raise their own chickens from eggs, then it would be necessary to allow roosters to a certain age (i.e. before they begin demonstrating mating behaviors - i.e. crowing). When considering the number of chickens allowed, limiting to 2 may seem appropriate, but is a potential animal welfare issue. 2 chickens roosting together will not be able to generate sufficient heat to be comfortable in a small coop throughout winter. 5-6 hens would be more appropriate, although depending on the breed and setup may still require supplemental heating. There are many benefits of having chickens, and not many bad things about them.

Anonymous

3/15/2020 03:49 PM

If you have chickens there will be rats in town!

Anonymous

3/15/2020 04:27 PM

Anonymous

3/15/2020 05:04 PM

This is the best idea I've heard for years! I hope it will be permitted and am very excited about it. Thumbs up for whoever gave this idea! Thanks a lot!

Anonymous

3/15/2020 10:22 PM

I personally would not have backyard chickens where I currently live, as my lot is much too small.

Anonymous

3/16/2020 02:22 PM

Can we implement the same guideline to growing marijuana within town. During growing season I can't even sit in my backyard without smelling the strong smell. At that point I would prefer chickens.

Anonymous

3/16/2020 05:08 PM

I think keeping back yard chickens is a good idea but there needs to be rules in place.

Anonymous

3/17/2020 12:17 PM

It should be public knowledge if someone has chickens. A permit should be posted in front of property.

Anonymous

3/17/2020 03:47 PM

We have enough raccoons and skunks in the Honeyfield development thanks to the wood. Have even heard the odd coyote at night. I will move if this is allowed. Chickens are farm animals not pets!

Anonymous

3/18/2020 11:25 AM

This doesn't have to be difficult. This doesn't have to be monitored and controlled. People can be trusted to maintain proper coops and relationships with neighbours. I've been in touch with Guelph's SPCA to see how much of an impact their bylaw allowing backyard chickens has had on their system,

- and they couldn't even give me a number-- it's had no impact on them. *IF* such a case arose that required intervening, that could be handled on a case-specific basis...I also know other municipalities have hired whole sectors to monitor and enforce or contracted that out to their local SPCA, but that's complete over-kill. This does not need to be complicated. Thanks for taking the first step by even considering it and looking for feedback! :)
- This is a great way for people to make their own food.
- Anonymous**
3/18/2020 02:00 PM
- Anonymous**
3/18/2020 03:27 PM
- My neighbours (and the whole community) never ask for permission from their neighbours to keep dogs even though they run in the backyard and bark, so I wonder why the noise of a rooster should be considered more of a disturbance when it crows. (I have great neighbours, by the way. I'm not complaining about their dog.) With situations such as the corona virus, I think it is important that people can be independent of the grocery-store food chain to whatever degree is possible. The town should also consider educational programmes about vegetable gardening in front and backyards too, not just a discussion about the possibility of chickens in the yard.
- allowing people to have chickens in a backyard with homes so close to each other would be a big mistake. There is really no good reason to allow this. It would attract more trouble than benefit.
- If People want chickens they can go live in rural areas We Don't want the noise or mess
- Do your research and investigate chickens and various flus we have had Sars, Bird Flu, H5N1, H1N1 and spread to people
- Its a beautiful experience... with times like these we should be more able to provide for ourselves.. this would be a wonderful step towards that... 🐔
- Try it for at least a year and see how it goes. If no issues than people can apply for a permit to continue.
- My son built the portable coop that is big enough for 6 hens. It is a classy looking structure. Alternatively, there are commercial coops available to buy.
- If we were allowed to have backyard chickens, we would have them.
- They still belong on a farm
- Instructables.com urban farming website suggests 10-15 square feet per chicken. Our yard would allow only few chickens but that would provide more than enough eggs for us per week. I'm looking forward to hearing the results of this survey. Thank you Town of Halton Hills for considering the possibility of backyard chickens.
- In question 5 about guidelines, the last question about permission from neighbors, a glitch would only allow me the #3 as a rating. This would not have been my choice. Permission from neighbors would be a 6 for me.

Anonymous

3/25/2020 12:35 PM

Thanks.

I used to live on a farm and have raised chickens for many years. Chickens are not pets. Chickens (both hens and roosters) can be violent towards people, other animals and other chickens. They are dirty, noisy and it takes a huge amount of effort, time and money to raise healthy birds. Just to clean their bedding you have to wear a mask or you will become ill. Most people can't even take care of a cat or dog and now these people think that they can raise chickens without proper knowledge. They think that they will save a few dollars on "organic" eggs. Do the math it will cost much more. These people who want chickens should just buy their eggs or chickens from the store or from the professionals FARMERS.

Anonymous

3/25/2020 12:54 PM

This is a great initiative and when we factor the risk of COVID-19 + sustainability, it makes perfect sense. I don't agree with licensing as it may discourage many from owning chickens and that defeats the purpose. Instead focus on education and maybe some benefits.

Adriantrangmar

3/25/2020 02:16 PM

It seems very draconian not to allow chickens in the first place . I think allowing chickens is an excellent idea especially during these difficult times . It would be nice to see this accelerated so we can enjoy having chickens while we are all stuck at home!

Anonymous

3/26/2020 10:58 AM

Please don't allow this

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:06 AM

N/a

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:26 AM

The concern is that it will be a gateway to other farm animals, ie: goats, which will require a whole new set of regulations and odour concerns.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:32 AM

No more avian flu

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:42 AM

Not in my back yard

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:57 AM

I would want health dept to provide guidelines/ regular inspections to ensure that people with chickens follow proper procedures. Influenza is an illness that can mutate and jump from birds (particularly chickens) to humans (ie. avian flu). Don't want that in our community and have another epidemic/pandemic on our hands.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 01:00 PM

farming animals should not be allowed on small lots in suburbia. Virus and disease can jump the species barrier if animals, and livestock are not properly cared for. People who wish to raise livestock should buy agricultural property. My neighbours already don't clean up or look after their domestic animals and there is no animal control to contact if they are free, destroying their neighbours property. Who will be there to contact if someone's chickens are loose or not cared for.

Anonymous

3/26/2020 01:14 PM

My family had a small chicken coup when we lived in Hornby on 1 acre. They are great to have in that setting but it is too much noise/mess/smell for a small backyard subdivision. I would not appreciate if my neighbors had

Anonymous 3/26/2020 01:28 PM	chickens in their backyard. Allowing our citizens to be able to feed them selves with healthy home grown food is important
Anonymous 3/26/2020 01:40 PM	They could add a significant cost savings to a family as well as providing educational enjoyment. This is very much allowed in the UK and I don't see why we couldn't implement this here. Cleanliness of their containment area would be the most critical.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 01:54 PM	Wholly oppose. Do not pass this.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 02:25 PM	Everyone has the right to sustainable and affordable eggs on their own property
Anonymous 3/26/2020 03:30 PM	It should not be allowed, buy a farm if you want chickens, this will bring mice and disease to our neighbourhoods, this is a ridiculous idea
Anonymous 3/26/2020 03:56 PM	I think it would be an excellent educational experience for children to learn how to provide food, it's a healthy way for families to eat their own eggs, I own a kennel and give my dogs eggs all the time for their health.. I strongly think this would be beneficial for everyone.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 04:14 PM	I think its a good idea. As Long as some rules are followed.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 04:27 PM	I think this would be a wonderful thing for people to be able to have as part of their homes!
Anonymous 3/26/2020 04:48 PM	They poop a lot. If the chickens wander onto neighbours property there may be problems.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 04:59 PM	Leave animals alone.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 05:10 PM	Chickens should NOT be allowed to be raised in residential areas.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 05:49 PM	What happens to these chickens when they don't lay anymore? This is wrong in so many ways!!!
Anonymous 3/26/2020 05:59 PM	Be Vegan and stop the spread of infectious diseases that are caused by animal abuse
Anonymous 3/26/2020 09:49 PM	Thank you for asking. Friends in Gueloh enjoy their backyard chickens.
Anonymous 3/26/2020 10:05 PM	No roosters! Too loud!
Anonymous 3/26/2020 10:27 PM	I think this is an important option for people. Educational for families and sustainable during tough economic times. Fresh eggs trump anything purchased at the grocery store if you have ever had farm fresh. The fact that they would be contained within a coop shouldn't be an issue when cat

Anonymous

3/26/2020 11:17 PM

owners allow their pets to roam neighbourhoods freely with little to no regard. I think chickens should be kept on rural areas and farming. It will attract rodents and other animals imposing danger on our children and pets.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 12:24 AM

Not only do I think this is a bad idea, I think it is also very bad timing for it. But perhaps that's the point of offering it now.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 05:44 AM

I had chickens before and my eggs were way better than any store bought chickens. No roosters, they are noisy. Easy to keep and are good pets. Thank you for considering it. We get mice already with no chickens so no difference.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 07:44 AM

With the high price of organic eggs and unnecessary and large amount of packaging that goes with buying eggs, allowing people to have their own chickens to lay eggs is great for the environment and for the people eating the eggs.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 07:56 AM

keep chickens out of residential subdivisions.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 08:10 AM

I would love to keep 4 or 5 hens. My children enjoyed looking after them and learned all about hens and chicks and where eggs come from. The hens all had personalities and would run to me for food in the morning. It was a great experience. Got to share eggs with my neighbour's and watch the hens antics during the day

Anonymous

3/27/2020 08:26 AM

NO NO NO NO backyard chickens!

Anonymous

3/27/2020 08:44 AM

A neighbour a few doors down have them. We love going for walks to see them

Anonymous

3/27/2020 09:41 AM

This is a great idea to live more sustainably

Anonymous

3/27/2020 10:00 AM

the postal code area will not allow me to type my postal code so I choose the closest one mine is L7G0n6

Anonymous

3/27/2020 10:19 AM

no

Anonymous

3/27/2020 11:32 AM

This should be allowed based on yard size and that they have room and yard is fenced

Anonymous

3/27/2020 02:58 PM

No backyard chickens.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 04:39 PM

Enough exploiting animals, let them be, and stop breeding them for people's own self-centredness. We had a new neighbour move in who tried this, he had a rooster that crowed day and night, until the rest of the neighbourhood complained and reported him to the city. We say no to backyard chickens. We say no to animals being held against their will to be used.

Anonymous

3/27/2020 05:37 PM

Please do not allow backyard chickens. It is cruel and harmful for the chickens, sanctuaries are full and this only creates more problems.

Anonymous

3/28/2020 01:26 AM

Chickens are dirty and will bring more rats and mice to Georgetown. We do not need more mice and rats please don't do this so such a great town like Georgetown.

Anonymous

3/28/2020 01:01 PM

We should do everything we can to make this happen as quickly as possible.

Anonymous

3/28/2020 03:28 PM

Will goats or sheep be next? Less noisy to keep the lawn cut

Anonymous

3/28/2020 03:42 PM

I think the main issue would be the density of housing/lot size. In a densely populated/small yard area of the town, it could be disruptive to neighbours. But Halton Hills has huge areas that are rural or bordering on rural (ie Glen Williams in outlying areas), so I cant see any reason why they wouldn't be able to have chickens. What applies to "in town" should be entirely different to people who have a half acre or more!! Thank you :-)

Anonymous

3/29/2020 08:50 PM

Government already had way too much control over people's lives. Interfering with their ability to reasonably grow their food, or produce their own energy, etc is not in the service of the community.

Anonymous

3/29/2020 11:11 PM

Opening up the prospect of keeping backyard chickens will undoubtedly cause tension between neighbours. I'm also very concerned about the risk of disease: "Zoonotic diseases that backyard poultry may spread to humans include salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis, and avian influenza viruses. Since the 1990s, numerous widespread outbreaks of human Salmonella spp infections linked to contact with backyard chickens have been documented in the United States. Some humans—including children younger than 5 years, humans with weakened immune systems, humans 65 years of age or older, and pregnant women are at higher risk for serious illness from poultry-borne zoonotic diseases". (Do Backyard Chickens Pose Any Health Risks to Humans? Article written by Casey Barton Behravesh, MS, DVM, DrPH, DACVPM, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Atlanta, Georgia)

Anonymous

3/30/2020 05:47 AM

There is no economic savings. What they pay in feed & sweat, i.e. cleanup they could easily afford eggs.

Anonymous

3/30/2020 07:58 AM

This is a slippery slope. Once chickens then other types of fowl. After that , with the infrastructure built, all types of animals will be raised

Anonymous

3/30/2020 05:02 PM

My kids just want 3 chickens in the back for food and something to do and eating local

Anonymous

3/30/2020 06:07 PM

Amount of chickens should apply to lot size AND coup size to be sure the hens have enough space. I strongly agree that people living in Halton should be allowed to have chickens. There are many municipalities that have allowed this with little to no blow back and great success among residents. It is a great idea to push this forward.

Anonymous

3/31/2020 10:23 PM

Please let us have backyard chickens

Anonymous

Fresh eggs are always nice

4/01/2020 05:02 PM

Anonymous

4/02/2020 02:39 PM

This is an update from previous submissions and comments. March 31, 2020 - We are staying at home and self-isolating from covid-19 as PM Trudeau and Premier Ford have told us to do. April 1, 2020 - PM Trudeau informs us that we will continue self-isolating until June 30th or into July 2020. In view of the fact we are all self-isolating because of COVID-19 WHICH COMES FROM AN ANIMAL, THIS TOPIC OF RAISING CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS SHOULD NOT EVEN BE CONSIDERED. Covid-19 is a ZOO NOTIC DISEASE (THIS MEANS THAT THE GERMS/VIRUS SPREAD FROM ANIMALS TO HUMANS). Other zoonotic diseases include SARS, MERS, H1N1, bird flu, Zika, West Nile and Ebola. CHICKENS ARE BIRDS AND CAN SPREAD DISEASE. We do not need another disease to self-isolate from.

Cat V

4/05/2020 09:03 AM

As per some of the questions above. Lot Size, Sanitation, and Number of Chickens important. Also, use of chickens for eating must be watched, as we don't need people killing their chickens and allowing them to bleed out on the ground. Back to sanitation.

Sheilajm

4/06/2020 09:03 PM

Size of back yards is the most important issue and how close the neighbours are

Anonymous

4/07/2020 05:29 PM

I think small enclosed areas are good safe in small yards But if its small yard then respect your neighbour and take care of what is your responsibility. I didn't see my area Moffat on the list I would love chickens in my yard But would need to protect them as coyotes racoons are nightly visitors
Allowing chickens is asking for trouble in the suburbs.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:16 AM

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:18 AM

People would need to make sure they take care of them and there will be little to no issues

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:32 AM

Again, so long as the residents who wish to have them are properly caring for their chickens and being respectful members of the community, I don't see the harm in allowing them.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:34 AM

The humane conditions for the chickens is a big topic that needs to be accounted for. Inspections for these animals is necessary

Anonymous

4/08/2020 11:56 AM

Farm fresh eggs and urban farming should interest all who care about sustainability. In the current times sustainable food sources are vital in day to day life.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 12:17 PM

Not a good idea. It will create neighbour hood fights and a very difficult bi-law to enforce.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 12:19 PM

Bring on the fresh eggs

Anonymous

4/08/2020 12:39 PM

Cleanliness of prime importance.

Anonymous

Bylaw enforcement is critical.

4/08/2020 01:02 PM

Anonymous

4/08/2020 04:15 PM

I think that this will just add to the potential issues that may arise between neighbours. Bi laws are generally weak and difficult to enforce and rely on one neighbour having to "tattle" on another which can lead to a difficult relationship. We live in closer quarters then ever and I believe that less activities should be permitted rather then more to keep the peace and enjoyment for all.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 04:37 PM

please don't allow backyard chickens since it attracts vermin. that should be allowed on farms only

Anonymous

4/08/2020 05:08 PM

Chicken Farmers of Ontario has regulations in place to limit the number of chickens non-quota holders can have to 300 or less per calendar year. CFIA has a great little pamphlet about preventing disease in Backyard Flocks and Pet Birds (e.g Avian Influenza). OMAFRA will have some factsheets available about how to raise backyard flocks. Poultry Industry Council has many resources available about raising backyard flocks as well. All these organizations have good websites with this information available.

Anonymous

4/08/2020 09:56 PM

People in Gtown already have chickens obviously they aren't supposed to if this is a survey to allow them.

Anonymous

4/09/2020 04:44 AM

question 5 doesn't allow for good answering.

Anonymous

4/09/2020 10:46 AM

I like this idea but not sure the town can monitor it properly. What do we do with waste? What is effect of chickens on local environment?

Anonymous

4/09/2020 05:27 PM

I'm a country girl born and raised. NEVER should there be chickens kept in a suburban residential area. Have you ever been to a chicken farm? Smelled it? The smell off an employees clothes will destroy the inside of the family vehicle they use to commute to work in. Their feces is highly unsanitary. There is nowhere in town to safely dispose of it. It can't just wash down the sidewalk grates. People with severe allergies to birds and feathers will not be able to use their backyards, front yards, or community sidewalks, for fear of suddenly loosing their ability to breathe. Feathers of upset chickens fly in large quantities - far and wide & well beyond their yard or their neighbours yards. Coyote and loose dogs will hunt them. WILL. More feathers will fly. Even more feathers will fly if they catch the chicken... A chicken farm is a calmer and therefore less feathered place than a backyard... and they aren't featherless themselves. Unsanitary salmonella spreaders. The stench the stench the stench. And the noise. Have you ever been under a bridge where birds roost at night? Under the Gardiner? Under the Ambassador Bridge? Have you ever lived downwind from them? What are neighbourhood residents supposed to do when feathers and feces and stench of bird poop start taking over their yards? They will. At a distance and rate greater than leaves off a tree. Even if it is just one chicken... the stale smell of bird poop will soak into neighbours bricks. Enter through their heating and cooling systems into their houses. And saturate everything within. Neighbours could never open their windows for fresh air. Stench and feathers permeate. Pigs

Anonymous

4/09/2020 07:24 PM

are cleaner and smell better. And their poop is easier and more likely to be picked up. But, I don't think they should be kept in the suburbs either. In rural areas only with large lots and under town regulations.

Anonymous

4/09/2020 08:20 PM

sustainability

Anonymous

4/09/2020 08:48 PM

People who wish to have farm animals should move to a farm outside of town.

Anonymous

4/09/2020 08:58 PM

Pleas do not allow chickens in backyards within communities. Rural areas are different

Anonymous

4/09/2020 09:06 PM

Yes. Many more people should be raising chickens as we all get back to a more basic and simple lifestyle. Also just because a neighbour doesn't like the idea of another neighbour having chickens should not be a reason. Other people don't like having a dog who barks all the time next door or a cat that constantly wanders through their yard etc.

Anonymous

4/09/2020 09:23 PM

This is a terrible idea. Chickens need room to roam not in residential subdivision back yard.

Anonymous

4/09/2020 10:42 PM

People cannot clean up after their dogs, have you seem the dog poop along the trails and boulevards? Chickens are for farms, not Georgetown neighborhoods. This is not going to make good neighbours. And will decrease property values. Our backyards are not big enough.

Anonymous

4/10/2020 07:25 AM

Do not allow backyard chickens in Georgetown!!

Anonymous

4/10/2020 12:18 PM

Keeping poultry is fun as chickens and or ducks make great pets and all have individual personalities that are entertaining and enjoyable.

Anonymous

4/10/2020 12:30 PM

Make this happen!

Anonymous

4/10/2020 10:13 PM

No

Anonymous

4/12/2020 08:54 AM

It's good for those that have the space where it doesn't bother neighbours. Most importantly there needs to be high standards on cleanliness and sanitary conditions of the coops.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 09:19 AM

Could lower property values. Noise concerns. Health concerns especially in light of Covid 19. Next it will be sheep and cows. Let's keep food animals on farms.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 09:23 AM

Let's keep our yards nice. There are people that don't take care of their yards now can't imagine them with chickens! Noise, smell unsanitary! Lower property values.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 10:41 AM

No

Anonymous

Maybe make it seasonal. Only summer time chickens.

4/12/2020 11:16 AM

Anonymous

4/12/2020 12:08 PM

Store current supply a great supply of safe and properly price food, why would we need to do this?

Anonymous

4/12/2020 12:11 PM

Georgetown already has a problem controlling rats, mice and coyotes. Why would we amplify that problem? Does the Town really have the resources to monitor associated bylaws? As a resident and parent, I can think of many competing bylaws and activities that should be prioritized. Grocery stores and local farms now offer lots of free range and organic egg options. Town has not been able to effectively influence reduced aircraft noise; why add to noise? I think this consideration is outrageous.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 12:27 PM

Please, no! Lots are too small, houses too close together, and sanitary concerns are too great to even consider allowing this.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 12:27 PM

Would hate to see this become the norm in Georgetown!

Anonymous

4/12/2020 12:35 PM

This is very concerning. Some residents cant even manage to cut their lawns or clean up their dog waste. These could be the same people to manage chickens in a sanitary fashion. I think not.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 12:47 PM

I would like to think that if you are keeping chickens, every care is take , and strict rules should apply.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 08:49 PM

This is absurd. Absolutely in no circumstances should this be allowed.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 10:08 PM

Please don't allow chickens in residential areas. Chickens aren't meant for farms

Anonymous

4/12/2020 10:54 PM

Chickens improve sustainability.

Anonymous

4/12/2020 10:56 PM

Everything done in moderation, considering neighbours, well cared for flock should be permitted

Anonymous

4/13/2020 08:26 AM

I don't think that people living in an urban setting should be allowed to keep chickens on their property. I think that the novelty of owning chickens will wear off and then the people will be stuck with those chickens they Don't want anymore and who's to say that ones they don't want them they aren't just going to let them go. We will run in to bigger problems if people start doing that with chickens getting hit by car, cats who are let out now have an opportunity to get a chicken and also dogs who are out on walks it's not fair to them. I think it should be a law for anyone who wants to keep chicken if this goes though that the chickens have to wear a band with a number that is associated with the owner of the chickens so if any are found out of their property they are fined. You need to clean chickens runs and pens out to keep the smell down and the cleanliness up and there is everyone going to start putting the shaving when they start cleaning up the pans. In the summer time the chickens need to stay cool as they can over heat and it becomes a

healthy problem, Then the opposite can be said in the winter they can freeze in the snow and speaking from experience chickens will not go out of the shelter in the winter. What are people going to do to put effort in to make sure the chickens are ok in all of Ontario's crazy seasons are people going to go out in 2 feet of snow to water and feed the chickens In minus -20 weather.

Anonymous

4/13/2020 08:32 AM

Lot size and proximity to others needs to be a big consideration.... like if someone wants 3 chickens in their backyard in the south-NO! If you live in rural 8th line north, then go ahead

Anonymous

4/13/2020 09:44 PM

I think it could be a good idea with lots of guidance from the town on setting up and keeping chickens.

Anonymous

4/14/2020 12:12 PM

I think there should be laws that protect the chickens well being and standard of care. Also laws that the owners can be charged for damage that the chickens cause if getting loose from their yard.