

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Stephanie Phelps <stephanie.phelps@purezza.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 6:23 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Back Yard Chickens for Concord NH - from a Concord NH Resident and Chicken Owner

To Whom it May Concern.

My name is Stephanie Phelps, I have been a Concord, NH resident for the last 6 years and I am proud to say that I have 5 family members that are also chickens.

Originally, the chickens were supposed to be a pet for our daughter, but as they grew, they became a family pet to us all.

Our ladies are Millie, Lola, Big Betty, Suzie and Sandy. These beautiful backyard chickens are Rhode Island Reds and they are the sweetest birds.

They have a beautiful coop and have loved living in Concord with us for the last 6 years, though a recent hawk, last year's bears, and an occasional loose dog in the neighborhood have scared them and they mainly stay in their main coop and run.



The Benefits and Reasons to raise backyard chickens include:

- Daily fresh organic eggs
- Our birds get all of our food scraps so less food is ending up in the trash
- They run to me when I come visit so that I can pick up and pet them – they are excellent pets
- They help reduce the tic population in our yard
- They create excellent fertilizer
- The neighborhood kids love them
- They sing a sweet song at night when it is time to roost
- They are easy to care for

This is Lola she is at the top of the pecking order.

She takes care of her family and we take care of her.

Please approve the ordinance to reduce the distance from 30ft to 5ft so that other Concord, NH residents may experience the joy of raising chickens for themselves.

If you need any additional details, please do not hesitate to contact me, my contact details are listed below.

Sincerely,

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From: Maura Willing <maura.willing@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:04 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Backyard Chickens

To: Mayor and City Council
Re: Backyard chicken boundaries

I am a resident of Concord and it has come to my attention that you are considering changing buffer zones to allow more residents within Concord to have backyard chickens. I think this is a terrific idea as allowing more residents to have chickens satisfies many issues I support: reducing ticks and pests naturally, reducing household food wastes and allowing residents to become more self-sustaining. There are other advantages as well but in general I think it will be worthwhile to allow more residents to have chickens. Thank you so much for your consideration of this proposal.

Maura Willing
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From: Kay Braeburn <kay.braeburn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 8:42 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: In support of backyard pet chickens

Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kay Braeburn and I live at 34 High Street in Penacook. I am writing in support of reducing the property line buffer to keep pet chickens from the current 30 feet to the proposed 5 feet when the Counsel votes on October 15th.

I own a home in Penacook and while I grew up keeping chickens (including one who lived to be 10 years old) there isn't quite enough space on our 1/3 acre lot at the current 30-foot buffer rules to keep a small coop of laying hens.

Chickens aren't only great for fresh eggs and their cute personalities:

- They're amazing at reducing the number of pests like ticks, mosquitoes, slugs, and small mice.
- They reduce household waste by eating table scraps and lawn clippings.
- Their droppings can be composted (unlike my dog's waste) and can be turned into some of the best garden fertilizer around.

Plus, chickens are quieter than most people think. A hen at her loudest is about the same decibel level as human conversation. They're certainly quieter than barking dogs.

I am asking you to vote yes on October 15th to give Concord residents the chance to get the benefits of owning backyard chickens.

Thank you for your time,

Kay Braeburn
34 High Street, Penacook
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From: Stacey Brown <staceyfm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 7:13 AM
To: * City Clerk
Cc: staceyfm@gmail.com Brown; Wade Brown
Subject: Keeping Chickens as Pets
Attachments: image1.jpeg; Fran rocking her chicken.pdf; Fran runs with chicken.pdf; kids & chickens in front of small run.pdf; Fran entering new run, ours and Alwyn's backyard.pdf; Fran inside new run near Alwyn's backyard.pdf; Fran sharing her chicken.pdf; Me & Fran in backyard by Alwyn's.pdf

Good Morning, Janice!

I'd like to have these photos included in the packet for the Mayor and City Council.

These pictures emphasize the relationship between Francesca and the chickens - they were her beloved pets. The pictures show her rocking them in her playhouse, talking to them, showing them off to a friend, hanging out with them in the new run along the fence between ours and the Alwyn's backyard and relaxing outside the pen. The pictures also show what our chicken run looked like at first and after we extended it to the fence we share with the Alwyn's. I'm sure the Alwyn's enjoyed fewer bugs in their backyard because of the proximity of the chickens to it. The Brochus property is not visible in any of these pictures. Perhaps if our chickens were closer, they could have helped them with their rodent problem.

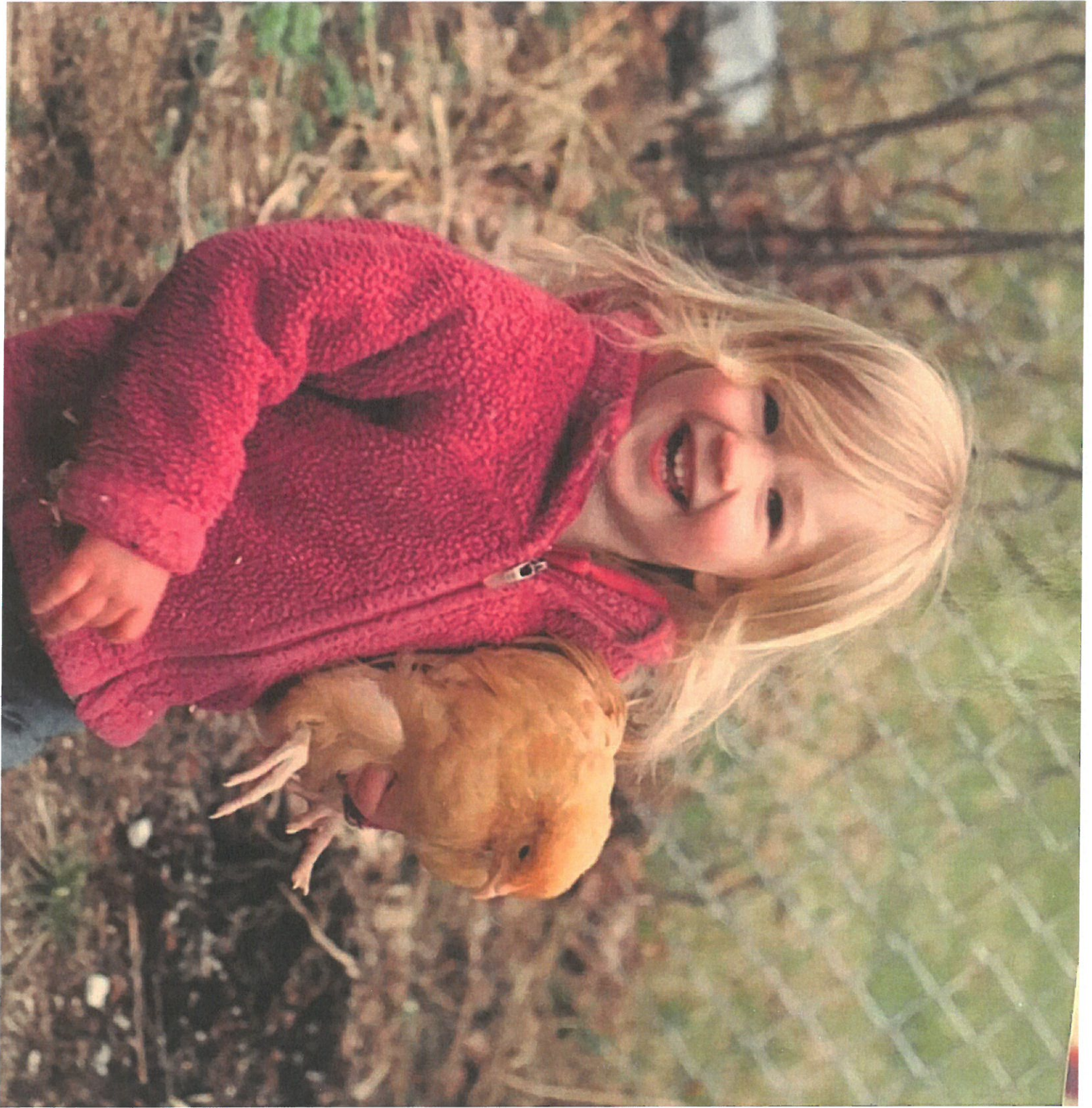














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From: Casey Boduch <casey.boduch@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 7:31 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Mayor and City Council

Greetings,

I am writing in support of reducing the property line buffer so that more residents can legally keep chickens as pets. Laying hens are not disruptive (as opposed to roosters), and any motion that help improve food security and local food production is important to me.

Casey Boduch
34 Monroe Street, Concord NH

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