

Allowing Chickens as Pets in Residential Neighborhoods

Council Item of Special Interest

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Glendale's Current Position on Allowing Chickens as Pets in Residential Districts

- Glendale's Zoning Ordinance was created with public input and City Council action
 - Chickens are permitted in A-1, RR-90, RR-45, SR-30, SR-17 and SR-12 districts
 - Zoning Administrators interpretations have been consistent
 - No appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decision
 - Enforcement has been consistent

Pros and Cons

(Depends on where you sit on the issue)

Pros

- Property Rights
- Other Cities/Towns allow chickens
- Chickens make good pets
- Chickens support healthful living
- Chickens are quiet pets

Cons

- Property Rights
- Other Cities/Towns limit chickens
- Chickens are farm animals
- Chickens are unsanitary
- Chickens are noisy

How Others Address Chickens in Residential Neighborhoods

Chandler	Chickens (no roosters) are permitted to be raised in AG-1 and SF-33 zoning districts.	Zoning Ordinance
Gilbert	Rodents and/or chickens are allowed on residential lots 6,000 square feet and larger	Zoning Ordinance
Glendale	Chickens allowed to be raised in A-1, RR-90, RR-45, SR-30, SR-17 & SR-12 districts	Zoning Ordinance
Mesa	Up to ten (10) rodents and/or chickens are allowed on the first one-half acre or less	City Code
Peoria	Chickens are allowed as long as they are maintained and do not create a nuisance.	City Code
Phoenix	Up to 20 chickens may be kept on the first one-half acre or less of property	City Code
Scottsdale	Chickens are allowed as long as they are maintained and do not create a nuisance.	City Code
Tempe	No more than five (5) <i>small animals</i> collectively are allowed in all residential districts with a single family dwelling.	Zoning Ordinance

Guidance Needed from City Council

- Should staff proceed with initiating a process to allow the raising and keeping of chickens as pets in Glendale's residentially zoned districts?

Questions?

