

# CITY OF ORLANDO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**For Meeting of:**

April 8, 2013

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**Subject:**

A Temporary Use Permit Amendment to the Urban Chicken Pilot Program Allowing an Additional Fifty (50) Residences.

**Summary:**

Approving an amendment to the previously authorized Urban Chicken Pilot Program. The pilot program would extend the program to 50 additional residences within Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is proposed that the Planning Official review and approve applicants utilizing the Planning Official Determination process, where applicants are selected based on completing an educational seminar and meeting the original criteria of the Temporary Use Permit approved May 7, 2012. See attached memo for more details.

**Fiscal & Efficiency Data:**

N/A

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize the Planning Official to issue up to 50 additional determinations for the pilot program authorizing urban chickens, subject to the conditions of the original pilot program requirements, and the following modifications:

- Increasing the allowed amount of hens from three to four per household, including previously approved households.
- Adding District 6 to the Urban Chicken Pilot Program (Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6 participating).
- The Planning Official may revoke a Planning Official's determination for a specific site via written notice to the property owner when the City finds, at its sole discretion, that any of the requirements of the pilot are not met.
- Reinstate the normal \$50 Planning Official Determination fee for Single Family Residences for new applicants applying to the pilot program.
- Planning and Code Enforcement staff will work with individual Council Districts to ensure compliance with the pilot program, encouraging compliance with the program from rogue backyard chickens.

Agenda Item attachment(s) on file in the City Clerks Office.

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**Contact:** Jason Burton (407.246.3389)

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**Approved By:**

**Department**

Budget Outside Routing Approval  
City Clerk

**Date and Time**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Temporary Use Permit Amendment - Urban Chickens Pilot.pdf - Temporary Use Permit Amendment

Backup Material

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 8, 2013 City Council Meeting

TO: Mayor Dyer and City Commissioners

FROM: Jason Burton, AICP, Chief Planner, Community Planning Studio

SUBJECT: Temporary Use Permit Amendment - LDC2012-00133  
Urban Chickens Pilot Program

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**Request.** The City Council authorized a temporary use permit that allowed an Urban Chicken Pilot Program in Districts 3, 4 and 5 in May 2012. Based on the discussion at a City Council workshop reviewing the program's progress to date, the Mayor requested that the staff bring back an amendment to the temporary use permit for the Council to consider. The proposed amendment entails:

- *Number of Chickens.* Increasing the amount of allowed backyard hens in the pilot from three to four.
- *Participating Districts.* At the request of Commissioner Ings, adding District 6 to the pilot program.
- *Number of Households.* Increase the amount of possible households in the pilot program by 50, for a total of 75. Also authorize city employees residing within the City of Orlando to participate in the program, so they do not sub-tract from the number of potential citizens eligible to participate.

**Summary.** From time to time, the City Planning staff has received requests from citizens to allow chickens in backyard coops. These requests are part of a nationwide trend to allow chickens in urban areas for the purpose of fresh eggs; chicken keepers are typically concerned about the amount of time and energy it takes to get eggs to the end consumer, want eggs free of certain farm chemicals and pesticides, or just simply enjoy the taste of fresh eggs and chicken keeping as part of a more active lifestyle.

To date, the City has 25 citizen participants in the program, with an additional three city employees. There is a waiting list of 27 additional households, and about a dozen more resident households that dropped off the list since they could not participate at the time, but may be willing to participate in the future. Adding 50 more households to the program can be managed by the Orange County Extension educational component of the pilot program, with Planning Official Determinations approved for individual households without over burdening staff.

All of the previous elements of the program remain in effect (no roosters, coops limited in size and tied down with augers for wind resistance, education component required prior to entering the program, etc.). However, in order to allow participants to stagger their flock as explained by Commissioner Sheehan in the workshop, it is proposed that the amount of allowable hens be increased from three to four. Staff believes that this is still a manageable amount of hens that could be sustained without causing adverse effects to neighbors, given the experience of the program to date. Commissioner Ings also "opted-in" to the pilot program by expressing his interest at the March 25, 2013 City Council workshop on the Urban Chicken Program.

**Application.** Up to 50 additional households in single family dwellings within the City of Orlando may apply for a Planning Official Determination by submitting an application, site plan, photos of the proposed coop and fence area, verification of a completed chicken keeping seminar and preliminary plans for the covered coop. The City Planning Division will review the application and interview the applicant prior to Planning Official approval. While City Planning has kept a waiting list for those interested in entering into the program, those households completing these requirements first will be accepted into the pilot.

**Recommended Action and Conditions.** Authorize the Planning Official to issue up to 50 additional determinations for a pilot program authorizing urban chickens, subject to the conditions of the original pilot program requirements, and the following modifications:

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