

FW: [EXTERNAL] Animal Keeping Ordinance

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Thu 2/22/2024 9:25 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: Alice Bagley <alice.bagley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:11 AM
To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Animal Keeping Ordinance

I am writing to you today as a Detroit resident to encourage you to support the Animal Keeping Ordinance. I have been a part of many projects in Detroit that keep bees, chickens, and ducks. These animals nourish the people around them in mind, body and soul. All of these animals are much less dangerous and destructive than dogs- which are allowed by right on every Detroit property.

I hope that you will do all that you can to support this ordinance.

Alice Bagley
870 Gladstone

To whom it may concern,

My name is Amanda Brezzell and I am an active member of the community and urban farmer residing in District 6. For some time now, my farm has served to bridge the gaps to food sovereignty while providing free high quality produce to the community. It is my understanding that a vote will soon be held to determine the status of the Animal Keeping Ordinance. I am writing to you to express my STRONG support for this ordinance. Here are the reasons why:

First, there are already dozens of people keeping animals in nearly every part of the city. Animal Control receives only a few complaints per year regarding livestock. Current animal keepers have done a great job, using the proper tools and equipment to safely keep their livestock.

Second, animal keeping will contribute to the local food economy. Allowing residents to share or sell their eggs, meat, honey and beeswax will contribute to community food security and food sovereignty. Keeping chickens and ducks will help insulate the city's most vulnerable residents from the kind of shortages and inflation that result from supply chain breakdowns.

Third, this is a perfect opportunity for education. Neighborhood chickens show children where food comes from and how to care for animals. This also provides a space for farmers and growers like myself to engage the community on the farm, regarding food education and nutrition.

Fourth, most similar cities to Detroit allow animal keeping; and almost all the surrounding suburbs do as well. Detroit has been historically excluded from every form of community support, and allowing residents to participate in this is in line with the City's plan to revitalize neighborhoods, making Detroit a place where residents can grow and thrive.

And finally, city staff, animal keepers and residents have been working on this ordinance since the urban agriculture ordinance passed in 2013. The current version reflects more than two years of work from city staff and stakeholders. It is clear that this ordinance has received strong support over the last few years, and listening to residents will show that our work is not in vain, and that our city officials value our lives and our work to keep the city for the people.

I absolutely support this ordinance and would love to see this pass.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Amanda Brezzell

Lead Farmer: Fennigan's Farms

[EXTERNAL]

space kid <anameneses1421@gmail.com>

Wed 5/1/2024 11:08 PM

To:Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

05/01/2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council, I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As a supporter of urban agriculture, I believe that passing this ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of the community and the environment. This ordinance will provide an avenue for Detroiters to legally keep chickens, ducks, and bees in the city. I believe this will help contribute to the overall environmental and economic health of Detroit and its communities. Chickens and ducks not only offer a fresh source of eggs for eating or selling but also assist in weed management, natural pest control, and fertilization of soil. Additionally, beekeeping also promotes the pollination of plants and development of honey, which is key for maintaining biodiversity and supporting the local ecosystem/food system here in Detroit. Many residents have expressed interest in connecting deeper to Detroit's local food system. The allowable livestock identified in the ordinance is a step in the right direction in helping individuals to take control of their food sources in a responsible manner. In addition, many residents feel it is their cultural, economic, and or religious right to keep and cultivate appropriate livestock within the vicinity of their homes. Please consider the positive impact that legalizing this ordinance can have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, Detroit neighborhoods will only continue to grow and thrive. Thank you for consideration. I look forward to seeing Detroit thrive as a leader in urban agriculture.

Sincerely,
Ana Meneses

[EXTERNAL]

Mendez, Andrea <mendez20@msu.edu>

Wed 5/1/2024 11:06 PM

To:Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

May 1, 2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As a resident, I believe that passing this ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of our community and the environment.

This ordinance will provide an avenue for Detroiters to legally keep chickens, ducks, and bees in the city. I believe this will help contribute to the overall environmental and economic health of Detroit and its communities. Chickens and ducks not only offer a fresh source of eggs for eating or selling but also assist in weed management, natural pest control, and fertilization of soil. Additionally, beekeeping also promotes the pollination of plants and development of honey, which is key for maintaining biodiversity and supporting our local ecosystem/food system here in Detroit.

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Thank you for consideration. I look forward to seeing Detroit thrive as a leader in urban agriculture.

Sincerely,

Andrea Mendez

District 6

FW: [EXTERNAL] We love farm animals in our neighborhood!

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Thu 5/2/2024 9:27 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Arboretum Detroit <treetroit@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:47 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: April Worden <april@worden.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] We love farm animals in our neighborhood!

To Whom It May Concern:

I support my neighbors, April and James Worden, keeping domestic farm animals on their property for educational purposes.

April and James are creating a safe space for urban youth to experience the life-changing benefits of connecting with and caring for nature. They already open their yard to the children of the neighborhood, providing access to gardening, creative outdoor play and urban farming education.

The Wordens have the experience, resources, space and skills to create a beautiful place for both animals and people. April grew up on a Michigan dairy farm and worked for several years at summer camps for youth from urban environments. They have also secured a veterinarian who is willing and able to come to their home and give veterinary care to the animals.

Allowing children to care for animals has numerous benefits, including reducing anxiety, boosting self-confidence and compassion, positively impacting academic performance and strengthening work ethic. The youth of Detroit need more opportunities to experience what James and April are working to provide.

I live within 1000 feet of the Wordens' property and I support the educational benefits of having farm animals in my neighborhood.

Signed: Andrew "birch" Kemp

Date: May 1, 2024

City Council District: 5

February 22, 2024

Re: Animal Husbandry

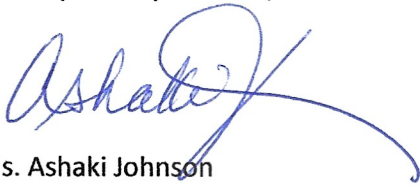
Dear City Council members and City Planning Commission:

Please accept this letter as a formal request that the Animal Husbandry ordinance is approved. Many parts of Detroit do not have access to fresh foods. Being able to raise our food legally in the city limits will help many families. This will also help the urban farmers within our community.

Many areas of Detroit land are still damaged from our industrial past which have caused lead and other chemicals in our soils. Urban farming and Animal husbandry both help restore the soil to make it healthy for all in the city. Passing the Animal Ordinance will restore soil health as duck and chicken manure creates healthier soils without the use of chemicals.

Bryden Central Block club is for the Animal Husbandry Ordinance.

Thank you for your time,



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Dear Detroit City Council and City Planning Commission members,

We, the undersigned, are writing to express support for the immediate passage of the city's proposed animal keeping ordinance.

There are multiple benefits to legalizing the keeping of farm animals in the city limits. Allowing residents to share or sell their eggs, meat, honey and beeswax will contribute to community food security and food sovereignty. It will boost the local food economy and help insulate the city's most vulnerable residents from the kind of shortages and inflation we saw when the food supply chain broke down during the pandemic. When eggs were in short supply and extremely costly, animal keepers stepped up and ensured their neighbors had local, fresh eggs available when many sources of protein were not. Even as the worst of the pandemic has passed, food access remains an issue in the city; this ordinance will provide locally raised meat, eggs and honey to people who may otherwise struggle to access nutritious food.

The time to pass this ordinance has come. Most peer cities to Detroit allow animal keeping, and almost all the surrounding suburbs do as well. City staff, animal keepers and other stakeholders have been working on this ordinance since the urban agriculture ordinance passed in 2013. This most recent iteration reflects more than two years of work from city staff and members of the community. It's extremely well thought out and represents cooperation and compromise from all sides. Months of research, discussion and planning has resulted in a carefully crafted proposed ordinance that balances the needs of all concerned.

Detroiters deserve the opportunity to keep animals responsibly, humanely and respectfully, as dozens of residents are already doing. Allowing a legal structure that clearly lays out the expectations of animal keepers protects them, their neighbors and the animals themselves. We urge you to pass this ordinance without delay.

Sincerely, (the following 555 Detroiters)

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provide a council district but
signed their names to the
letter as Detroit residents.*

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April 17, 2024

To the Detroit City Planning Commission and City Council:

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Please consider the positive impact that legalizing this ordinance will have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, our neighborhoods will continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your consideration. I am excited to see Detroit serve as a leading example in urban agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Carter", is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

Madelynn Carter

District 4, Cornerstone Village Resident

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Thu 5/2/2024 12:18 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Anna Gladstone <acedeuceanna@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:34 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Animal keeping ordinance

I do not keep animals in Detroit but for the food security of our city I wholeheartedly support this ordinance and hope you will pass it at today's meeting during other business. I am unable to attend the meeting due to the time I have to pick up my kids from school but wanted to express the importance of this ordinance.

There are already dozens of people keeping animals in nearly every part of the city. Animal Control receives only a few complaints per year regarding livestock while the problems of stray dogs still plague the city.

Allowing residents to share or sell their eggs, meat, honey and beeswax will contribute to community food security and food sovereignty in our great city.

Animal keeping will contribute to the local food economy and decrease carbon emissions by providing a hyper local option for sourcing these foods that doesn't require shipping.

Keeping chickens and ducks will help insulate the city's most vulnerable residents from the kind of shortages and inflation that result from supply chain breakdowns.

Neighborhood chickens show children where food comes from and how to care for animals, teaching our kids the value of food and nutrition will have a net positive impact throughout their whole lives.

Most similar cities to Detroit allow animal keeping; almost all the surrounding suburbs do as well.

City staff, animal keepers and residents have been working on this ordinance since the urban agriculture ordinance passed in 2013. The current version reflects more than two years of work from city staff and stakeholders.

Please support it fully.

Anna Gladstone, DO
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FW: [EXTERNAL] CPC Letter of Support

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From: Anthony Hatinger <hatingan@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:22 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] CPC Letter of Support

Hello. My name is Anthony Hatinger, and I am a Detroit resident and urban grower in support of the Animal Ordinance. Here are some reasons why:

- There are already dozens of people keeping animals in nearly every part of the city.
- Animal Control receives only a few complaints per year regarding livestock.
- Allowing residents to share or sell their eggs, meat, honey and beeswax will contribute to community food security and food sovereignty.
- Animal keeping will contribute to the local food economy.
- Keeping chickens and ducks will help insulate the city's most vulnerable residents from the kind of shortages and inflation that result from supply chain breakdowns.
- Neighborhood chickens show children where food comes from and how to care for animals.
- Most similar cities to Detroit allow animal keeping; almost all the surrounding suburbs do as well.
- City staff, animal keepers and residents have been working on this ordinance since the urban agriculture ordinance passed in 2013.
- The current version reflects more than two years of work from city staff and stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anthony S. Hatinger
CEO/Co-Founder
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Class of 2013

FW: [EXTERNAL] Support of domestic farm animals in Detroit for educational programs

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Thu 5/2/2024 12:18 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: April Worden <april@worden.org>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:31 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of domestic farm animals in Detroit for educational programs

My name is April Worden, I live in District 5 with my husband and 3 of our children.

We are in support of farm animals being kept in the city of Detroit.

I moved to Detroit 15 years ago in order to work with youth. I have been involved with schools, churches, residential foster homes and non-profits. My desire is to create a safe and quiet space in the city where people of all ages can engage with nature. Studies show that caring for nature benefits us physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and socially.

I experienced all those benefits, spending the first 18 years of my life on a Michigan dairy farm. Later, I worked at rural camps for youth from urban areas and saw beautiful changes happen in campers from their week in nature. Those are the benefits I want to make accessible to the youth of Detroit.

My husband and I have already made our property a space for neighborhood children to enjoy creative outdoor play, work in gardens and learn about agriculture. The children -- and their parents -- love what we are providing.

We want to include farm animals on our property in order to provide programs for youth to learn how to care for animals. Our neighbors are very excited and supportive of our plans.

I've seen first-hand how programs like these can change the trajectory of a life. I recently met a former camper who told me that the horses at camp changed her life. She's currently working at a nonprofit that provides extra-curricular opportunities for children in Detroit.

Please allow all children in Detroit access to farm animals. Caring for animals will lessen their anxiety and stress, boost their confidence and compassion, and positively impact their academic performance and work ethic ... and through that, we will ALL benefit from the animals.

FW: [EXTERNAL] Urban Ag Animal Ordinance - IN FAVOR

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Thu 2/22/2024 9:25 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: Beaverland Farms <beaverlandfarms@gmail.com>**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:14 AM**To:** CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urban Ag Animal Ordinance - IN FAVOR

Good morning City Planning Commission,

I just wanted to thank you for your continued openness to the urban agriculture animal ordinance. As a member of the urban agriculture community, it means a lot to hear that the city is willing to stand up for our livelihoods and for food access for the city.

I am a small farmer here in the city of Detroit so I wanted to reach out and voice my support for the passing of the ordinance that would allow for chickens, ducks, and bees in the city. As you know, many cities already allow these types of animals to be kept and have had great success by allowing them.

As a farmer, I provide fresh and nutritious food to my community, while also revitalizing vacant land in the city. Allowing residents like me to keep chickens and bees will contribute to the necessary growth and sustainability of Detroit's local food system.

To be frank, certain residents and farmers in my community already keep these animals in their gardens and backyards. The number of residents keeping these sorts of animals has only grown since the last introduction of a similar ordinance in 2018. Animal Control receives very few complaints and calls about these types of animals currently. By legalizing proper animal keeping, we can promote fair and equitable enforcement, and ensure that animals are kept in ways that are safe for the animals and for the neighbors.

As a Detroit farmer, I can assure you that there is a network of folks that already have the skills and knowledge around proper animal keeping and would happily share that within our communities.

I look forward to the City Planning Commission Meeting this evening.

Thank you,
Brittney Rooney
Beaverland Farms

FW: [EXTERNAL] Detroit animal keeping.

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Thu 5/2/2024 10:19 AM

To:Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>;Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: Rebekah Llusho <r.llusho@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:46 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Detroit animal keeping.

Help I'm hoping to voice my desire to make this happen. I home school and am always hoping to create spaces for my kids to learn how to be sustainable and take care of themselves and other living things.

Also, There are already dozens of people keeping animals in nearly every part of the city. Animal Control receives only a few complaints per year regarding livestock. Allowing residents to share or sell their eggs, meat, honey and beeswax will contribute to community food security and food sovereignty. Animal keeping will contribute to the local food economy. Keeping chickens and ducks will help insulate the city's most vulnerable residents from the kind of shortages and inflation that result from supply chain breakdowns. Neighborhood chickens show children where food comes from and how to care for animals. Most similar cities to Detroit allow animal keeping; almost all the surrounding suburbs do as well. City staff, animal keepers and residents have been working on this ordinance since the urban agriculture ordinance passed in 2013. The current version reflects more than two years of work from city staff and stakeholders.

Thank you,

Becky Llusho
Grandmont resident

5/1/2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As a resident and supporter of urban agriculture, I believe that passing this ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of our community and the environment.

This ordinance will provide an avenue for Detroiters to legally keep chickens, ducks, and bees in the city. I believe this will help contribute to the overall environmental and economic health of Detroit and its communities. Chickens and ducks not only offer a fresh source of eggs for eating or selling but also assist in weed management, natural pest control, and fertilization of soil. Additionally, beekeeping also promotes the pollination of plants and development of honey, which is key for maintaining biodiversity and supporting our local ecosystem/food system here in Detroit.

Many residents have expressed interest in connecting deeper to Detroit's local food system. The allowable livestock identified in the ordinance is a step in the right direction in helping individuals to take control of their food sources in a responsible manner. In addition, many residents feel it is their cultural, economic, and or religious right to keep and cultivate appropriate livestock within the vicinity of their homes.

Please consider the positive impact that legalizing this ordinance can have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, Detroit neighborhoods will only continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to seeing Detroit thrive as a leader in urban agriculture.

Sincerely,

Brian Polsgrove

City Council District 4

FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support: Livestock in Detroit

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Wed 5/1/2024 4:10 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Carly Sugar <carlybsugar@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:13 PM**To:** CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support: Livestock in Detroit

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Detroit resident of district 5, I am writing to voice my ardent support for the ordinance allowing livestock in Detroit. The myriad reasons for my support range from social and economic benefits, to the care with which I see residents keeping animals. While regulations will be important to ensure good conditions, I have witnessed many caring for animals with the utmost respect for the health and safety of the animals, land and other Detroit residents.

Detroit has been a center for urban agriculture in the nation, drawing media attention, agrotourists from all over the world, and millions of dollars in funding to support community-led food access programs, including programs where residents produce food for ourselves. Please allow Detroit to remain an exceptional example for what's possible in American cities.

Thanks for your consideration,
Carly

Carly Sugar

*"What time is it on the clock of the world?"
- Grace Lee Boggs*

FW: [EXTERNAL] Detroit Livestock Ordinance

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Thu 5/2/2024 9:27 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Carolyn Leadley <c.m.leadley@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:46 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: April Worden <april@worden.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Detroit Livestock Ordinance

To Whom It May Concern:

I support my neighbors, April and James Worden, keeping domestic farm animals on their property for educational purposes.

April and James are creating a safe space for urban youth to experience the life-changing benefits of connecting with and caring for nature. They already open their yard to the children of the neighborhood, providing access to gardening, creative outdoor play and urban farming education.

The Wordens have the experience, resources, space and skills to create a beautiful place for both animals and people. April grew up on a Michigan dairy farm and worked for several years at summer camps for youth from urban environments. They have also secured a veterinarian who is willing and able to come to their home and give veterinary care to the animals.

Allowing children to care for animals has numerous benefits, including reducing anxiety, boosting self-confidence and compassion, positively impacting academic performance and strengthening work ethic. The youth of Detroit need more opportunities to experience what James and April are working to provide.

I live within 1000 feet of the Wordens' property and I support the educational benefits of having farm animals in my neighborhood.

Signed: Carolyn Leadley

Date: 5/1/24

City Council District: 5

4/12/2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As a Wayne County resident and overall supporter of urban agriculture, I believe that passing this ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of our community and the environment.

This ordinance will provide an avenue for Detroiters to legally keep chickens, ducks, and bees in the city. I believe this will help contribute to the overall environmental and economic health of Detroit and its communities. Chickens and ducks not only offer a fresh source of eggs for eating or selling but also assist in weed management, natural pest control, and fertilization of soil.

Additionally, beekeeping also promotes the pollination of plants and development of honey, which is key for maintaining biodiversity and supporting our local ecosystem/food system here in Detroit.

Many residents have expressed interest in connecting deeper to Detroit's local food system. The allowable livestock identified in the ordinance is a step in the right direction in helping individuals to take control of their food sources in a responsible manner. In addition, many residents feel it is their cultural, economic, and or religious right to keep and cultivate appropriate livestock within the vicinity of their homes.

Please consider the positive impact that legalizing this ordinance can have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, our neighborhoods will only continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to seeing Detroit thrive as a leader in urban agriculture.

Sincerely,

Christian Perales



04/10/2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

On behalf of the Core City Strong District 6 Block Club, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance in the City of Detroit. As an organization dedicated to making our community safe, equitable, healthy, and prosperous, we believe that passing this ordinance will benefit both the residents and the environment here in Detroit.

This ordinance presents an opportunity for residents and nonprofits to legally engage in urban agriculture by keeping chickens, ducks, and bees within city limits. Core city Strong believes that this initiative will not only enhance the environmental health of our city but also contribute to its economic development.

Many of our residents and businesses in Core City have expressed an interest in deepening their connection to Detroit's local food system and helping create a better environment in our neighborhood. By allowing these forms of livestock, the ordinance aligns with the aspirations of our community members to take charge of their food sources responsibly. Additionally, it recognizes the cultural, economic, and religious significance for many residents to engage in the cultivation of appropriate livestock near their homes.

Please consider the positive impact that the legalization of this ordinance can have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, Detroit's neighborhoods will continue to flourish and serve as a model for sustainable urban development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa Serna", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Vanessa Serna

Lead Organizer

Core City Strong



Cadillac Urban Gardens
Letter of Support
4/3/2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I am writing to express Cadillac Urban Garden's full support for the proposed animal keeping ordinance in Detroit; which aims to legalize the keeping of ducks, chickens, and bees within city limits. As a representative of Cadillac Urban Gardens, my team and I wholeheartedly endorse this initiative and believe it will bring about numerous benefits to our community and environment.

Urban agriculture plays a vital role in fostering sustainable food systems, enhancing food security, and promoting a healthier lifestyle for residents. Allowing the keeping of ducks, chickens, and bees aligns perfectly with these goals, providing Detroit residents with an opportunity to engage in responsible animal husbandry practices while contributing positively to our local ecosystems.

As Detroit's largest raised bed urban garden our team understands the need to support and promote food security across Detroit, specifically to our residents in Southwest Detroit where our farm resides.

Allowing residents to keep ducks and chickens enables them to produce their own fresh eggs and poultry, increasing their access to nutritious, locally sourced food. This is especially crucial in underserved neighborhoods, like ours where access to fresh produce may be limited and expensive.

Urban agriculture initiatives have the power to bring communities together, fostering connections among neighbors and promoting social cohesion. The shared experience of tending to animals and cultivating gardens strengthens community bonds and creates a sense of pride in our local food system.

As a whole we believe that approving this ordinance is needed within our community and fits the city's goals of promoting sustainability, community resilience, and economic empowerment. We urge you to support this ordinance.

Thank you for considering our input on this matter,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clark'.

Sarah Clark
Co-Director
Cadillac Urban Gardens
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(248) 756 - 8078

FW: [EXTERNAL] Animal keeping ord

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Thu 2/22/2024 12:10 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: Dan Jones <danjones.srs@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 11:10 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Animal keeping ord

Good morning,

I understand that there is an animal keeping ord up for debate. I am a resident of district 5 in Detroit. I would like this ordinance to pass. Please advocate accordingly.

Best,

04-15-2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As a resident I believe that passing this ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of the community and the environment.

This ordinance will provide an avenue for Detroiters to legally keep chickens, ducks, and bees in the city. I believe this will help contribute to the overall environmental and economic health of Detroit and its communities. Chickens and ducks not only offer a fresh source of eggs for eating or selling but also assist in weed management, natural pest control, and fertilization of soil. Additionally, beekeeping also promotes the pollination of plants and development of honey, which is key for maintaining biodiversity and supporting our local ecosystem/food system here in Detroit.

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Please consider the positive impact that legalizing this ordinance can have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, our neighborhoods will only continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you for consideration. I look forward to seeing Detroit thrive as a leader in urban agriculture.

Sincerely,

Danielle Houston

District 6

FW: [EXTERNAL] Urban Livestock in Detroit

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Thu 5/2/2024 9:28 AM

To: Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>; Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: David Minerva <davidminervaclover@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:29 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urban Livestock in Detroit

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to register my wholehearted approval and support for the keeping of domestic farm animals, or livestock, in the city of Detroit.

Detroit is a beautiful and vibrant city with a rich and storied past, and for several decades now it has been a hub for urban farming. The urban farming movement has been an incredible boon to the city, creating beautiful gardens in spaces that had been destroyed and abandoned by corporate greed, allowing more city residents access to fresh food, and providing educational opportunities for people young and old. And if we are being perfectly honest, some farm animals have always been a part of that movement.

Animals offer so many benefits, from the educational benefit of working with animals, mental health benefits, and increasing our compassion for other living things. Many young people in our beautiful city can benefit from experience with animals, and they shouldn't have to travel out to the countryside to do it when we have the space and the farmers right here.

Continuing to outlaw domestic farm animals in Detroit only creates a culture of worry and fear. Crackdowns against farm animal ownership have been haphazard, sporadic, and tend to go after individuals with the least amount of privilege and clout. It only serves as one more way to make the city less fair and equitable.

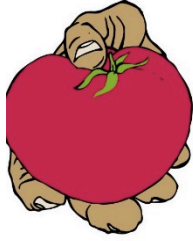
Some may have concerns about the safety of domestic farm animals. To that I will only say that dogs and cars also can be kept both safely and responsibly, as well as unsafely and irresponsibly. In my Detroit neighborhood, many people have kept animals classified as livestock over the years. It has only served to improve the charm of the neighborhood.

I support Detroiters' rights to responsibly own domestic farm animals.

David Clover

5/1/2024

City Council District 5



KEEP GROWING DETROIT

1445 Adelaide, Detroit, MI 48208 * 313-656-4769 * www.keepingrowingdetroit.org

4/25/2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

On behalf of Keep Growing Detroit, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance in the City of Detroit. Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) is a non-profit organization based in Detroit with a mission to promote a food sovereign city where the majority of fruits and vegetables consumed by Detroiters are grown by residents within the city's limits. To these ends, KGD operates a number of nationally recognized programs including the Garden Resource Program (GRP), which supports a network of more than 2,300 urban gardens and farms in the city and Grown in Detroit (GID), which provides urban growers with low-barrier opportunities to sell their produce and farm products at local market outlets. KGD also operates a 1.38-acre urban farm and teaching facility located in Detroit's historic Eastern Market District.

We believe that passing this ordinance will benefit both the residents and the environment here in Detroit. This ordinance presents an opportunity for residents and nonprofits to legally engage in urban agriculture by keeping chickens, ducks, and bees within city limits. Keep Growing Detroit believes that this initiative will not only enhance the environmental health of our city but also contribute to its economic development. Many residents have expressed an interest in deepening their connection to Detroit's local food system. Of the 2,300 gardens and farms that participated in our programming last year, 1,477 Detroit residents expressed interest in learning about keeping bees, chickens and ducks. Since 2017, 119 Detroit residents have attended our 'Chicken Keeping 101' class. By allowing these forms of livestock, the ordinance aligns with the aspirations of our community members to take charge of their food sources responsibly. Additionally, it recognizes the cultural, economic, and religious significance for many residents to engage in the cultivation of appropriate livestock near their homes. KGD also believes that the practice of beekeeping plays a vital role in pollinating crops cultivated in urban gardens and farms across Detroit. To support new beekeepers, KGD facilitates the [Sweet on Detroit \(SOD\) Beekeeper Training Program](#). Over the last decade, this program has successfully trained more than 250 Detroit residents in responsible and sustainable beekeeping techniques. We also facilitate the SOD Beekeeper Club. With an annual membership exceeding 50 individuals, the Club convenes monthly to enhance beekeeping skills, address pertinent issues, and offer mutual support in the management and upkeep of beehives throughout the city. Moreover, it serves as a platform for local beekeeping entrepreneurs to market honey, wax, pollen, and other hive products, thereby contributing to the local food ecosystem. Notably, in the past decade, no beekeepers affiliated with our programs have faced citations from the city for any nuisance or complaints. While the precise number of beekeepers in Detroit remains untracked, we

estimate their count to range between 100 and 200, encompassing SOD program participants and our collaborative partners within the beekeeping community. Together, this network oversees approximately 200-300 beehives throughout the city.

Please consider the positive impact that the legalization of this ordinance can have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, Detroit's neighborhoods will continue to flourish and serve as a model for sustainable urban development.

Sincerely,

Kido Pielack

Beekeeping Program Coordinator / Farmer Infrastructure and Technical Assistance Manager
Keep Growing Detroit



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Office of the Detroit City Planning Commission
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 208
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Council President Sheffield, President Pro Tem Tate, and members of the Detroit City Council and Detroit City Planning Commission:

We represent Detroit's community of growers, who have brought the city recognition nationally and internationally as a hub of urban agriculture. We urge you to pass the amendments to the zoning and animal control ordinances that would allow us to keep chickens, ducks and bees on our farms and at our homes.

As farmers, we help supply fresh, local, sustainably grown food to the community, as well as providing an example of how to revitalize vacant land and a hands-on demonstration of what it takes to get food from a seed to the plate. During the pandemic, while the national food supply chain broke down, our local growers ensured Detroiters had access to fruits and vegetables. Many farmers share their excess produce with the community at no charge. In a city where 69 percent of people experience food insecurity, local growers have a significant impact on Detroiters' access to quality food. Allowing chickens and ducks, as well as bees, will contribute to the localization of Detroit's food system and allow our farms and gardens to be more viable. Allowing chickens, ducks and bees within the city limits will have significant environmental benefits as well. Chickens eat bugs that would otherwise become garden pests and their manure is a highly effective fertilizer. This will reduce the need for pesticides and artificial fertilizers and improve overall soil health. Bee populations are dwindling; allowing farmers to keep bees will improve the resiliency of those populations locally. Producing meat, eggs, and honey right in the city will reduce the carbon footprint of Detroiters' food choices, as well. Finally, passing the amendments to the zoning and animal control ordinances would allow farmers already keeping animals to comply with city regulations. It would also allow for fair and equitable enforcement of those regulations and not rely on neighbor relationships to avoid disputes. Detroit's farmers already have skills and knowledge about proper animal keeping. The agricultural community stand willing to be leaders and mentors for new animal keepers and are ready to take an active role in making animal keeping an asset for the community. We have been waiting for 10 years since the passage of the urban agriculture ordinance in 2013 to expand it to allow animals. We urge you to pass these amendments without delay.

Sincerely,

Name	Farm Name	City Council District
Patrice Brown	Lamar Family Gardens	3
Jordan Queen	Lamar Family Gardens	3
Aaron Lamar	Lamar Family Gardens	3
Lindsay Hamby	Wonder Farm	5

Mark Covington	GSCC Urban Farm	3	
Lorraine Covington	GSCC Urban Farm	3	
Nate & Kristen Egger	Sown in Peace Farm	4	
Myles Hamby	Wonder Farm	5	
Cody Michael		5	
Jøn Kent	Sanctuary Farms	4	
Rukiya Colvin		4	
Danielle Daguio	GROWceries	5	
Jocynen Fox	N/A	7	
Kyle Dunn		7	
Rebekah Galang	808 Atkinson	5	
Emily VanWormer	home grower	5	
Rosemarie Aldridge	Crary/St.Mary Garden	6	
Vincent Ziols		5	
Josie Silver	Josie, Honey! Apiary	5	
Pamela Ronson	Seedfolx Farm	1	
Meghan McGowan	A&M	5	
Hannah Miller	Harwall Fam Farm	7	
Elsa Pang	SHUKR Farm	1	
Kido Keith Pielack	Avery St Garden	6	
Amirah Jackson Barrett	Barrett Family Farm	2	
Kyle Kentala	Beets, Thymes & Life	2	
Brittany Bradd	Greydale Farms	1	
Aba Ifeoma	D-Town Farm	2	
Elizabeth Phillips	Iroquois Ave Farm	3	
Bill and Billie Hickey	Lamphere Comm.Garden	1	
Lurdes Arambula	Knaggs Creek Garden	6	
Dr. Ashanti Israel	Sheer Ability Housing Comm. Garden	5	5
Renee Fussello	McCauley Family Farms LLC	6	
Gaston Nogues	Cornwall corridor	4	
Dennis Connors	QueerSeed Gardens	7	
Jessica Mark			
Breann Forkapa	Homestead Farm	4	
Tiffany Pilson	Red Flower Growers	1	
Sr. Lauren Adderly	Holy Redeemer Sch. Garden	6	
Kenny Rose	Home Garden	6	
Angela Lugo-Thomas	Boricua Garden/ Palmer Park Community Garden	2	
Kelsey Maas	Shipherd Greens Comm. Garden	5	
Bhubanjyoti Bhattacharya	N/A	4	
Chloe Lundine	Regina Trospers Memorial Garden	5	
Carla M McClure	Berg-Lahser Community Garden	1	
Cynthia Heenan	Harbor Island community garden	4	
Robbie Moore	New Suns	5	
Sara Weertz	Back 40	5	



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Pete Weertz	Back 40	5
Erin Busk-Sutton	Busk-Sutton Backyard	2
Eric Jones	Home garden	6
Shannon O'Brien	Parkside Family Farm	2
Birch Snogles	Lyndon St.	1
Colleen McInerney	Family garden	1
Debra Cooper-Coleman	Garden of Angels	
Latrina Conaway	Treetop Grows	3
Mrs. C. Phipps		2
Roanna E. Cooper		6
Beverly Loudon	Loudon/Warn	1
Glen Warn	Loudon/Warn	1



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Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Animal Keeping at ECAC Meeting

Roshaun Harris <rharris@ecn-detroit.org>

Thu 5/2/2024 3:15 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

Good Morning Kimani,

Below you will find our official statement:

"Eastside Community Network, alongside our Eastside Climate Action Coalition, stands in support of the proposed Animal Ordinance set to go before the City Planning Commission on Thursday, May 2, 2024. We encourage the City to work with organizations like ours moving forward to give community members the support they need to understand the ordinance and how it works for their respective communities and individual lots. We've worked hand-in-hand with members of Council Pro Tem James Tate's office to engage community members as well as members of the City Planning office leading up to Thursday's proceedings. We were hoping to see a more comprehensive policy but we do endorse the policy as is with hopes of strengthening relationships between the City and the community. This allows for a continued dialogue that facilitates the type of growth and sustainability we espouse for our neighbors, local community, and city as a whole. We support the efforts the City is making to envision what sustainable neighborhood growth can look like as long as community members are engaged throughout the process. We hope the city moves forward with this ordinance with our Organization's full support."

Best Regards,

Roshaun Harris

(He/Him)

Eastside Community Network

Power Building & Advocacy Organizing Manager

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rharris@ecn-detroit.org

On Wed, May 1, 2024 at 10:15 AM Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

That's perfect Roshaun, thanks sir!

Best,

Kimani Jeffrey, City Planner-Historic

Detroit City Council

Legislative Policy Division/

FW: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for the Record

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Thu 2/22/2024 2:56 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: Erin Stanley <estanley@ecn-detroit.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:39 PM
To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for the Record

Hello,

I would like to submit the following public comment to the record for tonight's Planning Commission meeting (February 22 at 5pm).

My name is Erin Stanley and I am a resident of District 6 and work as the Director of Climate Equity at Eastside Community Network in District 4. We work with urban gardeners and farmers, some of which do keep animals and others who are interested in adding this service to their programming. We have heard of the social, emotional, and physical benefits that come from interacting with animals and nature in an urban environment, of taking care of plants and animals, and of enjoying the honey and eggs that they produce. I am in support of this ordinance and I think it is important for our City to prioritize sustainability, biodiversity, and climate resilience, which responsible animal keeping help does. Humans and nature are interdependent, and policy should work to strengthen this connection, not undermine it. I appreciate all of the work and collaboration over the years that has gone into crafting this ordinance and strongly urge the commission to help move it forward to the City Council.

Thank you,

Erin

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Erin Stanley, MSW
Director of Climate Equity

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FW: [EXTERNAL] Support Animal Keeping Ordinance

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Thu 2/22/2024 12:10 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Phillips <muinighinn@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 11:09 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: Scott Benson <bensons@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Animal Keeping Ordinance

Hello,

I am a resident of District 3 and I am in support of the Animal Keeping Ordinance. Please vote yes.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Phillips

6818 Iroquois

Detroit, MI 48213

FW: [EXTERNAL] in enthusiastic support of farm animals in Detroit!

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Thu 5/2/2024 9:28 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Emmy Bright <emmy.bright@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:13 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: April Worden <april@worden.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] in enthusiastic support of farm animals in Detroit!

To Whom It May Concern:

I enthusiastically support my neighbors, April and James Worden, keeping domestic farm animals on their property for educational purposes.

April and James are creating a safe space for urban youth to experience the life-changing benefits of connecting with and caring for nature. They already open their yard to the children of the neighborhood, providing access to gardening, creative outdoor play and urban farming education. The animals are quiet, gently and all very kind in my experience!

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Additionally, the animals add charm and value to my experience living in this neighborhood. I moved here for the Bird park and pleasant walks and abundance of trees. How delightful it is, when i am walking my dogs, to go visit the other neighborhood animals!

I live within 1000 feet of the Wordens' property and I support the educational and enrichment benefits of having farm animals in my neighborhood. I only wish we had more!

Yours Truly,

**Emmy Bright
5222 Moran st.
Detroit, MI 48211
May 1, 2024
City Council District: 5**

Sent from Ephone

Monday, April 15 2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As a resident of district 6 in Detroit and an avid supporter of urban agriculture, I believe that passing this ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of my community and the environment.

This ordinance will provide an avenue for Detroiters to legally keep chickens, ducks, and bees in the city. I believe this will help contribute to the overall environmental and economic health of Detroit and its communities in addition to its communities cultural expression. Chickens and ducks not only offer a fresh source of eggs for eating or selling but also assist in weed management, natural pest control, and fertilization of soil. In top of these benefits keeping chickens and ducks is part of Mexican people's cultural heritage which is a large portion of district 6's population. Additionally, beekeeping also promotes the pollination of plants and development of honey, which is key for maintaining biodiversity and supporting our local ecosystem/food system here in Detroit, especially those in and around local urban gardens.

Many residents have expressed interest in connecting deeper to Detroit's local food system. The allowable livestock identified in the ordinance is a step in the right direction in helping individuals to take control of their food sources in a responsible manner. In addition, many residents feel it is their cultural, economic, and or religious right to keep and cultivate appropriate livestock within the vicinity of their homes.

Please consider the positive impact that legalizing this ordinance can have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, our neighborhoods will only continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to seeing Detroit thrive as a leader in urban agriculture.

Sincerely,

Eric Vincenté Perales

District 6

April 27th, 2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As a Detroit resident, gardener and supporter of urban agriculture, I believe that passing this ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of our community and the environment.

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Sincerely,

Francis Barber

M. Francis Barber

District 5

2/22/2024

Hello!

My name is Amanda Brezzell and I am an Urban Farmer in District 5. Currently, my farm services the community with free produce. I am writing to encourage you to pass this Animal Ordinance. As a farmer, I am keyed into the ecological needs of our community. As a community worker, I am also keyed into the needs of the people who live in my neighborhood, and we need sustainable access to fresh food. Passing this ordinance will help to make this ecosystem thrive.

Here are a few more reasons why I support this ordinance:

1. Allowing residents to share or sell their eggs, meat, honey and beeswax will contribute to community food security and food sovereignty.
2. Animal keeping will contribute to the local food economy and will help insulate the city's most vulnerable residents from the kind of shortages and inflation we saw when the food supply chain broke down during the pandemic.
3. Food access remains an issue in the city; this will provide locally raised meat, eggs and honey to people who may otherwise struggle to access nutritious food.
4. Neighborhood chickens teach children where food comes from.
5. Most peer cities to Detroit allow animal keeping; almost all the surrounding suburbs do as well.
6. City staff, animal keepers and residents have been working on this ordinance since the urban agriculture ordinance passed in 2013. This most recent iteration reflects more than two years of work from city staff and stakeholders. It's extremely well thought out and represents a lot of cooperation and compromise from all sides.

Detroit deserves to have access to the same beautiful resources that other communities have, and we as farmers have been working on the ground, literally, to create this. Please support the work we are doing to feed the community by passing this ordinance.

Best Regards,
Amanda Brezell
Co-Founder/Lead Farmer
Fennigan's Farms

April 9, 2024

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Sincerely,

Idamis Gutierrez

FW: [EXTERNAL] Animal husbandry

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Thu 5/2/2024 9:26 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: James Worden <james@worden.org>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:22 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: April Worden <april@worden.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Animal husbandry

City Planning Commission,

The development of early city planning regulations and ordinances restricting animal husbandry served to compound hardship and further disenfranchise urban poor. Although health and sanitation concerns at the time (pre-1930) were legitimate factors in densely populated cities, our sanitation technologies have advanced sufficiently to render those concerns impotent. Additionally, much of 21st Century Detroit is not as densely populated as to have the same concerns. Therefore, it is incumbent upon modern legislators to reform city ordinances in light of the classist red-lining of previous generations, as well as the current realities of advances in sanitation and animal husbandry practices.

Please continue to strive for developing ordinances that encourage so-called "farm animals" to be embraced as a normal part of Detroit life. Let's create a city with large sections of "vacant land" converted to homesteads with pasture land for horses, cows, sheep and goats. I'm thinking primarily of neighborhoods like Poletown East and Brightmor.

Although there are smattering of dissenting voices (well-meaning citizens who have rights) , I believe their attitudes could be changed if they understand the historical context of leveraging "nuisance" regulations to disenfranchise the urban poor.

Here is a helpful article on the subject:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4256670/>

Quote:

The ultimate effect of removing animal agriculture from cities was to dismantle urban food systems in which animals and their tenders among the urban poor previously played pivotal roles in cities' food production, processing, and waste management. The destruction of this system redefined the economic geography and opportunities of the city, especially for the poor; and debates over animal industries reveal tension between different business and class interests. Pushing animal husbandry and processing out of cities removed many livelihoods and some of the food supply from poor neighborhoods, contributing to the need for food aid programs. This is an important part of the history of planning's impacts on urban ecosystems and social equity.

Sincerely,
James Worden
james@worden.org
(313) 597-2214

April 9, 2024

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Thank you for consideration. I look forward to seeing Detroit thrive as a leader in urban agriculture.

Sincerely,

Julissa Gutierrez

FW: [EXTERNAL] Support for farm animal ordinance

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Thu 5/2/2024 10:20 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Justine Lauer <justine.lauer@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:07 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: April Worden <april@worden.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for farm animal ordinance

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Signed: Justine Lauer

Date: May 2, 2024

City Council District: 5

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Sincerely,

Juvencio Gutierrez

May 1, 2024

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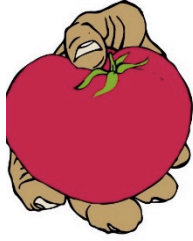
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Sincerely,

Katherine Glandon

City Council District 5



KEEP GROWING DETROIT

1445 Adelaide, Detroit, MI 48208 * 313-656-4769 * www.keepingrowingdetroit.org

City Planning Commission
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 208
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Detroit Animal Husbandry Ordinance Recommendations pertaining to Beekeeping

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) is a non-profit organization based in Detroit with a mission to promote a food sovereign city where the majority of fruits and vegetables consumed by Detroiters are grown by residents within the city's limits. To these ends, KGD operates a number of nationally recognized programs including the Garden Resource Program (GRP), which supports a network of more than 2,300 urban gardens and farms in the city and Grown in Detroit (GID), which provides urban growers with low-barrier opportunities to sell their produce and farm products at local market outlets. KGD also operates a 1.38-acre urban farm and teaching facility located in Detroit's historic Eastern Market District.

KGD believes that the practice of beekeeping plays a vital role in pollinating crops cultivated in urban gardens and farms across Detroit. To support new beekeepers, KGD facilitates the [Sweet on Detroit \(SOD\) Beekeeper Training Program](#). Over the last decade, this program has successfully trained more than 250 Detroit residents in responsible and sustainable beekeeping techniques. We also facilitate the SOD Beekeeper Club. With an annual membership exceeding 50 individuals, the Club convenes monthly to enhance beekeeping skills, address pertinent issues, and offer mutual support in the management and upkeep of beehives throughout the city. Moreover, it serves as a platform for local beekeeping entrepreneurs to market honey, wax, pollen, and other hive products, thereby contributing to the local food ecosystem. Notably, in the past decade, no beekeepers affiliated with our programs have faced citations from the city for any nuisance or complaints. While the precise number of beekeepers in Detroit remains untracked, we estimate their count to range between 100 and 200, encompassing SOD program participants and our collaborative partners within the beekeeping community. Together, this network oversees approximately 200-300 beehives throughout the city.

In February 2024, representatives from the City of Detroit Office of Urban Agriculture, BSEED, Planning and Development, Representative from Pro-Tem Tate's Office and Animal Control met with KGD and representatives from the Sweet on Detroit Beekeeping Club to hear concerns

regarding the proposed ordinance. As a result of this discussion, our collective recommendation is that the City:

- Remove beekeeping from Chapter 6 of the Detroit City Code amendments and rely on the State GAAMPS for keeping and maintaining honey bee hives outlined in the [Michigan Apiary Act of 1976](#), [Care of Farm Animals GAAMPS 2024](#) and the [Michigan Right to Farm Act](#).
- Retain language regarding beekeeping in the proposed Chapter 50 amendments of the Detroit City Code regarding set-backs, accessory land use, and special allowances for educational non-profits.

The following is a summary of the feedback and recommendations related to Chapter 6 and Chapter 50 presented at the meeting:

- **Number of Hives (Chapter 6):** The proposed limit of 2 hives for residential and 4 for Urban Farms and Gardens is too low.
 - Most beekeepers maintain at least 3 - 6 hives over the course of the season, which is a generally accepted practice to support the health and reproduction of sustainable hive management.
 - **Recommendation is to follow Michigan GAAMPS, which allows for up to 6 hives on less than an acre. Remove beekeeping from Chapter 6**
 - An alternate recommendation could be to establish a backyard limit of 6 hives and an additional provision which could allow for more hives in larger areas (based on square footage).
 - Example:
 - Six hives for properties with a lot area greater than 22,000 square feet but not greater than 43,450 square feet in area.

Eight hives for properties with a lot area greater than 43,450 square feet (one acre) in area.
 - One additional hive is allowed for each additional acre of land.
- **Hive Care and Tagging (Chapter 6):** Tagging hives would be too difficult to effectively manage. Hives are manipulated constantly and boxes are often exchanged at one site and/or moved to other sites.
 - **Recommendation to remove beekeeping from chapter 6 and require beekeepers follow State GAAMPS**
 - Alternative recommendation would be to require signage that indicates hives are present in lieu of tags.
- **License and Annual Fee (Chapter 6):** An annual fee of \$50 per hive would be cost prohibitive for most beekeepers. This would mean a yard with 4 hives would need to pay \$200 a year. One of our members has over 50 hives divided amongst several sites, which would incur an exorbitant \$2,500 in annual fees.
 - **Recommendation to remove beekeeping from chapter 6 and require beekeepers follow State GAAMPS**
 - Alternative recommendation would be to charge a one time fee per site no more than \$10 to register a “bee yard”

- Beekeeping as accessory land use (Chapter 50): Some members of the club have been maintaining hives at several properties (mowing grass, beautification) with beekeeping as the principal land use.
 - **Recommendation to retain current language for beekeeping as an accessory land use, but consider special cases, as described below.**
 - Recommendation to grandfather in or support change of use for special cases.
- Special allowances for 4H and Educational non-profits (Chapter 50):
 - **Recommendation to retain current language regarding special allowance for 4H and Educational non-profits pursuant of a special land use hearing.**
- Setbacks (Chapter 50): Hives must be set back 25 feet from a neighbors residence OR have a 6' flyway fence around hives that are within 6' of neighboring property.
 - **This is acceptable.**

Sincerely,

Kido Pielack

Beekeeping Program Coordinator / Farmer Infrastructure and Technical Assistance Manager

Keep Growing Detroit

FW: [EXTERNAL] Urban Livestock Ordinance

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Wed 5/1/2024 1:12 PM

To:Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>;Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: Kyle Kentala <kylekentala@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:14 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urban Livestock Ordinance

Hello all! I am a 20 year resident of Detroit and an 8 year urban farmer and gardener in the Grixdale Farms neighborhood. I teach the children in my neighborhood to grow food and care for bees. Bees are so important to the health of our food chain and population! Animal control has had very few to no complaints yearly in regards to bees and other farm animals on Detroit property. Most cities similar to Detroit and other suburbs allow animal keeping. It is also helpful for a vibrant healthy neighborhood to have food sources and food sovereignty. Selling eggs, meet, honey and bees wax can help a neighborhood thrive. Please pass this ordinance for the continued success of Detroit's farms & gardens and also drop the charges against Leandra King for having animals on her cider mill.

Thank you,
Kyle Kentala / DJ SkeeZ
313.207.1276

Mixes & Events : <https://linktr.ee/djskeez313>

  : @djskeez313

5/1/2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As a West Village resident and strong supporter of urban agriculture, I believe that passing this ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of our community and the environment. As an architect at 1+1+, many of my neighbors and also clients engage in agricultural practices as a key way of supporting their communities and neighborhoods.

The Animal Keeping Ordinance will provide an avenue for Detroiters to legally keep chickens, ducks, and bees in the city! I believe this will help contribute to the overall environmental and economic health of Detroit and its communities. Chickens and ducks not only offer a fresh source of eggs for eating or selling but also assist in weed management, natural pest control, and fertilization of soil. Additionally, beekeeping also promotes the pollination of plants and development of honey, which is key for maintaining biodiversity and supporting our local ecosystem/food system here in Detroit.

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Sincerely,

Laura Marie Peterson, West Village, District 5

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura M Peterson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

To: Detroit Planning Commission
From: Matthew Hargis (resident 2669 Garfield St. 48207)
RE: Urban Animal Ordinance

Esteemed commissioners I write to you in in strong support of the proposed changes to the City of Detroit's zoning ordinance to end the prohibition of chickens, honeybees, and ducks within the city. The proposed rules are the culmination of a decade of effort by stakeholders to see this change, following the historic passage of the urban agriculture ordinance in 2013. With respect to the position of detractors, this proposal is well thought out and is a strong compromise that carefully balances the rights and wishes of all Detroiters. Allowing this proposed change in ordinance will contribute to greater food sovereignty, community self-determination, and a stronger understanding of where food comes from for our youth. In a world increasingly beset by misinformation and divorce of citizens from the food system, it is imperative that these connections are preserved and fostered. I have been a resident and homeowner in the city for a decade and have seen the city at its low point in its bankruptcy. Urban agriculture and animal husbandry serve as a necessary vehicle for reimagining what sustainable city life can be. My neighborhood is especially vacant and is composed of new-comers seeking a different city experience, as well as long-time residents. There is no great ideological divide in my community, new and old ideas largely live harmoniously with several neighbors engaging in animal keeping already. Animal keepers have been responsibly caring for animals in the city and many others across the country for many years, even at the risk of legal jeopardy. To say that large cities are incapable of safely and responsibly keeping animals is itself irresponsible with many major urban centers like New York City already paving the way and showing leadership on this issue. In summation, I implore you to advance food sovereignty and food system equity in our city with your support and advancement of this proposal before you.

Thank you,

Matthew Hargis

University of Michigan Sustainable Food Program

May 1, 2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

On behalf of University of Michigan Sustainable Food Program, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance in the City of Detroit. As an organization dedicated to sustainability and food justice in Southeast Michigan, we believe that passing this ordinance will benefit both the residents and the environment here in Detroit.

This ordinance presents an opportunity for residents and nonprofits to legally engage in urban agriculture by keeping chickens, ducks, and bees within city limits. UM Sustainable Food Program's Leadership Team believes that this initiative will not only enhance the environmental health of our region but also contribute to its economic development.

Many UM students have expressed an interest in deepening their connection to Detroit's local food system. By allowing these forms of livestock, the ordinance aligns with the aspirations of our community members to take charge of their food sources responsibly. Additionally, it recognizes the cultural, economic, and religious significance for many residents of Southeast Michigan to engage in the cultivation of appropriate livestock near their homes. As UM students and staff members, we are proud to be able to learn from and with Detroiters about the city's innovative community-led food system and believe that this ordinance could set a powerful precedent for similarly-sized cities in the US.

Please consider the positive impact that the legalization of this ordinance can have on Detroit. By supporting the Animal Keeping Ordinance, Detroit's neighborhoods will continue to flourish and serve as a model for sustainable urban development for all of the state of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Leyna Doerr & Yumna Dagher

Co-directors

UM Sustainable Food Program

FW: [EXTERNAL] In support of the Worden farm animals

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Thu 5/2/2024 12:18 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Madeline Bohl <bohlmadeline@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:36 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the Worden farm animals

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Signed: Madeline Bohl

Date: April 2, 2024

City Council District: 5

FW: [EXTERNAL]

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Thu 5/2/2024 12:18 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Madeline Ciofu <madciofu@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:25 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: april@worden.org

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

To Whom It May Concern:

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I live within 1000 feet of the Wordens' property and I support the educational benefits of having farm animals in my neighborhood. There is no notable smell and no noise disruption from having these animals in our neighborhood. I love being able to interact with them and the children in our neighborhood derive huge amounts of joy from it. Please do not restrict their ability to keep livestock.

Signed: Madeline Ciofu

Date: 05/02/2024

City Council District: 5

FW: [EXTERNAL] Domestic farm animals

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Thu 5/2/2024 9:27 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: molly motor <mollymotor65@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:50 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: April Worden <april@worden.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Domestic farm animals

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**Marian (Molly) Steggerda
3379 Farnsworth
Detroit, Mi 48211**

April 9, 2024

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Sincerely,

Mariana Gutierrez

FW: Livestock Ordinance SUPPORT

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Tue 2/20/2024 4:08 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: Mary Wilbur <hashesta@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 3:33 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Please pass the ordinance to allow for chickens, bees and ducks in Detroit. This can be very helpful to our environment as well as fighting hunger. Thank you, Mary Wilbur



**NORTH
CORKTOWN**
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

✉ brewilliamson@northcorktown.org
📍 30005 Rosa Parks Blvd. Detroit, MI 48216

May 1st, 2024

To:

City of Detroit Planning Commission

2 Woodward Ave # 208
Detroit, MI
48226

Re: Downzoning in Core City

To whom it may concern,

I, Bre Williamson a representative from the North Corktown Neighborhood Association, am in favor of downzoning the "M4 Intensive Industrial" lots in the Core City neighborhood of Detroit to "SD2 Special Development District–Mixed-Use".

We want to make sure there will be no new toxic project proposals beside the residents, businesses, and community organizations in Core City. Instead, we want to see zoning that's fully compatible with the neighborhood that will safeguard the community from potential future bad actors and attract more people to become neighbors in their beautiful part of Detroit.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bre Williamson".

Bre Williamson
Board President

Northend Christian CDC
9354 Oakland Avenue
Detroit, MI 48211
313-903-0049
313- 731-7760 fax
www.northend-cdc.org
www.oaklandurbanfarm.org



Date:2/22/24

Dear Kimani and the members of City Council,

We want to submit to you our letter of support for the Animal Care Ordinance.

We believe that offering a legal way for residents to keep chickens and ducks at their home or garden is how we will maintain good relationships between these gardeners and their neighbors. It is also the best way to make sure Detroiters keep their animals in a manner that is safe, sanitary, and humane.

So long as animal keeping is left in the legal darkness we will have Detroiters that feel it is their cultural, religious, or economic right to fight the law and keep animals anyway. By bringing the practice into the light through law we can be sure those that would otherwise keep animals without our guidance have the freedom to operate but must do so in a way that does makes sure the animals they keep are kept in clean shelters that are appropriately sized and distanced enough not to bother any neighbors or affects property values.

We know how hard James Tate and his team have worked on these rules in partnership with Kathryn Underwood and the city's legal team to carve a path that makes all Detroiters happy and protected. We believe this ordinance will provide opportunity for many while protecting those that do not want to see or smell anything near their property.

We also believe that programs like 4H prove how important it is for the children of Detroit to have access to the same agricultural educational resources that their peers

have in the surrounding metro area. By allowing this ordinance to provide a means for nonprofit-educational sites to connect with our youth and offer programs to connect them with farm animals, we believe our children will be healthier and happier.

Please vote in support of this ordinance that will offer safe, sanitary, and humane animal practices, in support of our gardeners that do so much to build community around them, and for our Detroit Youth who deserve every economic and educational advantage given to those in the rest of the state.

Sincerely,

Jason Lindy
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King Street Block Club

Jerry Ann Hebron

Jerry Ann Hebron
Executive Director

May 1st, 2024

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Sincerely,

Nina Martinez

Zip code 48216

April 12, 2024,

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Odalís Perales

City Council District 6



PIQUE EARTH

Products for the well-being of Earth, ecosystems, and humanity

May 1, 2024

Attn: City Planning Commission

2 Woodward Ave., Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, MI 48226

RE: ANIMAL KEEPING ORDINANCE

Dear City Planning Commission members:

Pique Earth is a woman owned food manufacturing company whose mission is to develop products for the well-being of Earth, ecosystems, and humanity.

We are in full support of the City's proposed animal ordinance that will legalize keeping farm animals in the city limits.

If you ask anyone in Detroit if their grocery bills are high and you will get a resounding "Yes!" You will hear people saying that before COVID, cartons of eggs were only .99 cents, now a carton of eggs is \$2.50 to \$5.00.

With natural disasters, wars, power outages, supply chain interruptions, inflation, labor wage and cost of fuel increases the cost of food will continue to escalate benefiting corporate profits - not the citizens of Detroit who struggle to access nutritious food.

Your support in allowing urban farms to keep small animals, such as fowl, goats, bees, fish, and rabbits in a safe manner will allow residents to share or sell their eggs, meat, honey and beeswax to contribute to the local food economy and to the community food security and food sovereignty.

We are in full support of the passage of the City's proposed animal keeping ordinance.

Regards,

Laura Howard, Founder

May 1, 2024

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Sincerely,

Cameron Wilson

843 Pingree St

Detroit, MI 48202

District 5

May 1, 2024

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Joe Wojtowicz

686 Selden St

Detroit, MI 48201

District 6

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Sincerely,

Molly McGuire

706 Helen St

Detroit, MI 48207

District 5

April 26, 2024

Dear City Planning Commission and City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Animal Keeping Ordinance here in the City of Detroit. As Detroit resident (District 1), food systems worker, and an avid gardener/supporter of urban agriculture, I believe that passing this livestock ordinance will contribute to the overall well-being of our community and the environment.

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Clara Gamalski

18250 Redfern

Detroit, MI 48219

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Dan Klein

City Council District 5

4/17/2024

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Dolores E. Sarasin

District 6 resident

May 1, 2024

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Eleanor Gamalski

18633 Prairie St

Detroit, MI 48221

District 2

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Francisco Barela

District 6 resident

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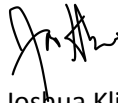
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Paricia Perales

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Hernan Don-Salazar

FW: [EXTERNAL] Farm animal ordinance

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Fri 2/23/2024 10:19 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>

From: Riet Schumack <rschumack@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:49 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Farm animal ordinance

Hello,

I was not able to stay in the zoom mtg until the end, so missed the public comments. I would like to voice my support for the animal ordinance bill.

Thank you,

Riet Schumack

[EXTERNAL] Letter for the chickens

Rigoberto Morales <rigoberto.m2019@gmail.com>

Tue 4/30/2024 11:51 AM

To:Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

4/30/24

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Rigoberto Morales

4/11/24

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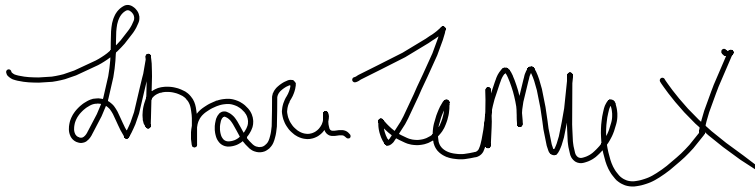
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Sincerely,

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Sharon LeMieux

District 1 Resident for 32 years

North Rosedale Park

FW: [EXTERNAL] City Zoning Ordinance for Animal and Bee Keepers in the City of Detroit

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Thu 5/2/2024 9:27 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

Jamie J. Murphy, City Planner

Legislative Policy Division

City Planning Commission

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center

2 Woodward Ave., Ste. 208

Detroit, Michigan 48226

313-224-6225

From: Kristen Egger <kristen.egger@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:58 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Zoning Ordinance for Animal and Bee Keepers in the City of Detroit

Thank you for taking the time to read this note of concern.

My family is in full support of the proposed city zoning ordinance permitting animal- and bee-keepers to raise their animals/bees within city limits, particularly in areas that have agriculture and space around the lots to safely raise these.

Our city is blessed to be home to many urban farms, which adds ecological and nutritional value to a space that has in recent history become a "food desert". My family owns/tends one of the urban farms on the East side of Detroit. Through this farm, we have developed wonderful relationships with our neighbors, adding beauty, care, employment, and an educational platform for neighbors and neighboring schools/organizations. We feel that chickens, bees, and other animals are an integral part of the agricultural system, providing nutrients for the soil, and pollinators for the crops, to name a couple of benefits.

One beautiful opportunity I believe farms like ours have provided the community is access to education about food, environmental responsibility, and sustainability. My children attend a public school in our neighborhood and another small school within the city, and we have been able to share educational material and experiences with students from both schools, many of whom have never had experience with gardening, or the concept of raising your own food. This is a value of Michigan's Common Core curriculum, as well as a moral responsibility of our society to teach these values to the younger generation. We are proud to be stepping into this educational space, and cannot do this well without being able to share the experience of a well-balanced farm, with pollinators, and livestock.

Detroit is perhaps even more particularly suited for rearing livestock because it hosts a lot of space in many of its residential areas where blight has been removed, or vacant lots are located, which can be utilized by urban farmers to produce ecological balance, food, beauty and employment opportunities. What an important balance we can strike in a city that also prides itself for innovation and industry!

Please consider this very important aspect of farming for many families and individuals in our city. This goes far beyond the needs/desires of the farmers, but also for the beauty, balance, and future generations of our beautiful city.

With gratitude,

Kristen Egger
Sown In Peace Farm
3869 Garland Street
Detroit, MI 48214

04/10/2024

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Sincerely,

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Steven Serna

District 6

April 24, 2024

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Sincerely,

Tania Barba

District 6

FW: [EXTERNAL] Support of domestic farm animals

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Thu 5/2/2024 9:27 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: tim guthrie <timguthrie@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:37 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Cc: april@worden.org

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of domestic farm animals

To Whom It May Concern:

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Timothy B Guthrie

May 2, 2024

City Council District: 5

04/10/2024

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Vanessa Serna

District 6

Good Evening City Planning Commission,

I live and own my home in District 7. I am also the co-organizer and current President of the Grand River Community Block Club. I am reaching out to admonish this Commission to approve the safe and responsible legalization of animal husbandry in Detroit.

Animal husbandry gives families the ability to have food sovereignty as well as economics and creativity opportunities.

The benefits of urban chickens include:

- Fresh eggs (healthier and more accessible)
- Natural pest and weed control
- Organic fertilizer

Chickens also provide hands on educational experiences for urban children who otherwise may not have the opportunity for agricultural and animal sciences in an experiential manner. It also gives them an opportunity to learn responsibility and focus on something positive rather than some of the negative influences available in the streets.

Although chickens are not pets, for comparison, from my experience raising both, chickens are easier to care for than dogs. They are also safer than dogs if they escape their enclosures. How often are children mauled by chickens or ducks?

If there is a question about the humane treatment of urban chickens and ducks, consider the conditions under which commercially raised chickens are housed. Mass producers who supply companies like KFC keep their chickens in the most confined, infested, and degrading conditions. Those who want to continue to consume chicken raised in those conditions can proceed. However, for those of us who prefer the option of consuming chicken raised under more humane conditions should have that option. People who engage in small scale husbandry would have more care that large scale because they are raising food for themselves and people they know. I met a large scale cow farmer some years ago who admitted that he treats the cows he raises for his family to eat better than the cows he raises to sell for the public.

As for bees, pollinators are so vital to sustain the beautification of our neighborhoods by pollinating native flowers and vegetable gardens. These are not the aggressive yellowjackets that tend to congregate around trash cans and food waste. True bees are docile and are interested in moving from flower to flower. I've literally approached my native flower beds with 10-20 bees pollinating at one time and watched and taken pictures of them up close. I have never been attacked.

In addition, honey has many health benefits. In a community suffering from health disparities, access to this alternative to sugar is important. It is very expensive and inaccessible to many. Local honey production would make this valuable food product more accessible to those who otherwise wouldn't have access.

I ask the Commission to do some research on the current municipal and state laws around beekeeping. Please do not further restrict beekeeping in Detroit if there is already a provision in place. If this ordinance will create greater restrictions, please amend accordingly.

Please approve the safe and responsible legalization of animal husbandry in Detroit.

Respectfully,

Victoria Shah, District 7

Grand River Community Block Club - President

Wildflower Association of Michigan - Member

National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT)

Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician (WEMT)

FW: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Animal Ordinance

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Thu 5/2/2024 9:28 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Bill Hickey <whickey623@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:30 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Animal Ordinance

Dear City Planning Commission Members,

We're writing in support of the proposed Animal Ordinance for Detroit. We currently keep two hives of honey bees, and have never had any complaints from our neighbors. We used to keep 5-6 chickens, and had only support from egg-loving neighbors. There are already dozens of people keeping animals in nearly every part of the city, and Animal Control gets very few complaints.

Keeping animals in the city is a great way to show our kids where their food comes from, as well as help them learn how to care for animals.

City staff, animal keepers, and residents have been working on this ordinance since 2013. It's time to honor the hard work by city staff and animal-keeping stakeholders, and move this ordinance on to consideration by the City Council.

Please vote yes on the animal husbandry ordinance for Detroit.

William and Billie Hickey
14910 Lamphere St.
Detroit, MI 48223
(313) 472-5295

FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Animal Keeping Ordinance

CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Wed 5/1/2024 11:20 AM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

From: Zoe Cutler <zcutlerf@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:48 AM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Animal Keeping Ordinance

To the City Planning Commission:

My name is Zoe Cutler and I am a resident of District 5 in Detroit, MI. I am a homeowner at the cross-streets of Warren and Mt. Elliot. I am writing to express my support for passing the Animal Keeping Ordinance.

Every year that I have lived in Detroit, I have joined a CSA or Farmshare program from farmers that grow in the city. Local food is very important to me, because it is more fresh and reduces waste. Detroit is particularly vulnerable to supply chain challenges, and local food has a positive impact on residents when grocery stores are low on stock.

I have friends in various neighborhoods who already keep animals, and I know there are lots of farmers and animal keepers who are already respectfully enhancing the city with local food. Animal control receives only a small number of complaints per year about livestock in the city, and I believe animals almost always create a positive impact on neighborhoods.

I know that people have been working hard on this ordinance for the past couple of years, and I hope we can align ourselves with other similar cities and nearby suburbs by allowing residents to keep animals.

Thank you for your time,
Zoe Cutler

FW: [EXTERNAL] animal keeping in Detroit

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Thu 5/2/2024 6:46 PM

To: Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>; Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Timarie Szwed <Timarie.Szwed@detroitmi.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Louella Pizzuti <louellapizzuti@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:45 PM

To: CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] animal keeping in Detroit

Hello,

I'm writing in vigorous support of the animal keeping ordinance. I believe this lengthy process has sculpted an ordinance that protects neighbors from nuisances and provides food security for animal keepers. (Not to mention pals and a deeper understanding of where food comes from for kids.)

The objections I've heard are generally based on a lack of understanding of what the ordinance allows. Or a reaction to the idea of animals rather than the reality.

This ordinance is well thought out and has been shaped by the voices of supporters and objectors. Please go forward and make it legal for our most vulnerable to have of their food supply.

Thank you,
Louella Pizzuti
District 1

[EXTERNAL] Animal keeping ordinance

Oscar <oscardj.3130@gmail.com>

Tue 6/25/2024 9:38 PM

To:Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

I am a District 6 resident writing this email in support of animal keeping ordinance. I have kept chickens before and they acclimated well to the City.

FW: [EXTERNAL] Support for farm animals in Detroit

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Thu 5/2/2024 6:46 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>; Timarie Szwed <Timarie.Szwed@detroitmi.gov>

From: Rachel M. McGrath <rachelm.mcgrath@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:32 PM

To: April Worden <april@worden.org>; CPC Mailbox <CPC@detroitmi.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for farm animals in Detroit

To Whom It May Concern:

Having livestock as neighbors and access to community garden space in my urban backyard is why I live in Detroit and covet my Farnsworth Street community. People like April and James contribute to the betterment of our community and although I do not have children I enjoy the benefit of living where they feel safe and loved because of the contributions made by April and James. All of the neighborhood children are welcome to play with their toys and experience the joy of safe childhood. Having animals to learn about has made that more educational than ever.

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Shayla Zimmerman

City Council District 5

[EXTERNAL] We Demand Change

Zamudio, Salvador <zamudios@msu.edu>

Thu 5/23/2024 11:40 PM

To: Kimani Jeffrey <jeffreyk@detroitmi.gov>; Dolores Perales <Dolores.Perales@detroitmi.gov>

05/23/2024

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Sincerely,

Salvador Zamudio

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