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Dear Detroit City Council:

Please accept this letter as a formal request that the animal husbandry ordinance is approved. Raising chickens, ducks, and bees in urban areas offers several benefits:

1. Fresh Food Source

- Eggs: Chickens and ducks provide fresh eggs reducing reliance on storebought products
- Honey: Bees produce honey, a natural sweetener, and can enhance local food production.

2. Sustainability

- Waste Reduction: Chickens and ducks can eat kitchen scraps, helping to reduce food waste.
- Pollination: Bees play a crucial role in pollinating plants, contributing to healthier urban gardens and local ecosystems.

3. Education and Engagement

- Learning Opportunities: Keeping animals can teach children and adults about food systems, biology, and responsibility.
- Community Involvement: Urban farming fosters community engagement and can encourage local initiatives and collaborations.

4. Environmental Benefits

- Soil Health: Chicken and duck manure can enrich soil, promoting healthier gardens.
- Biodiversity: Keeping diverse species contributes to urban biodiversity, which is essential for resilient ecosystems.

5. Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Stress Relief: Caring for animals can provide therapeutic benefits and reduce stress.
- Connection to Nature: Engaging with animals fosters a deeper connection to the environment and local food sources.

6. Economic Benefits

- Cost Savings: Home-raised food can lower grocery bills.

7. Resilience and Food Security

- Local Food Production: Increases food security by providing a reliable source of food within urban settings.
- Emergency Preparedness: In times of crisis, having a personal food source can be invaluable.

Overall, urban farming with chickens, ducks, and bees promotes sustainability, community, and personal wellbeing, making cities greener and more resilient. As an urban area we owe this to our residents to become more self-sufficient. We live in unfamiliar times and the City of Detroit residents need to be ready for whatever comes our way. I am asking that you pass the Animal keeping ordinance.

Thank you for your time,



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