

CHARTER AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee met 9/26/17 to discuss creating a new domestic fowl ordinance. Members of committee present were Aldermen Donahue, Humphries, Larson and Etori. Others present were Bob Tanner, Sharon Davis, Tara Kelly, Rebecca Mattis, Lisa Ryan, and city Attorney Matt Bloomer. Matt gave us a copy of S. Burlington "Backyard Chicken Ordinance" to give us ideas for improving our own. On top of banning roosters it also requires the registration of all fowl with a fee attached.

The Chair feels and stated that this is an enforcement issue, not lack of adequate laws. Our present ordinance states that, "No fowl shall be kept within such place or manner as to be offensive or cause a nuisance to persons residing in the vicinity.....". The Chair felt there was nothing ambiguous about this statement and changing the wording will not solve the lack of enforcement problem.

It was decided that we would ask Attorney Bloomer, using the the S. Burlington document as a guide, to adapt our own version of this ordinance.

For information only.

The meeting started at 5:30 and ended at 5:59.

Gary Donahue 9/29/17