



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Barton, Chief of Police

Date: December 9, 2025

Reference: Follow-up Discussion Related to Chickens in Coppel

2040: Sustainable Government

Introduction:

Staff is seeking guidance pertaining to the ownership of chickens within the City of Coppel

Background:

Council member Walker expressed interest for the Council to discuss a potential ordinance change to allow the raising of chickens within city limits. Current zoning use regulations under “SF-ED” Single Family Residential- Estate District “expressly prohibit” chickens.

Staff will be providing information related to considerations for licensing and permitting requirements and fees, set back requirements, coop requirements, sanitation requirements, onsite inspections, possession quantities, gender of chickens, noise, Animal Services facility improvements, special use equipment needs.

Staff will also provide information related to health and safety concerns, including the likelihood of increased wildlife encounters and the transfer of communicable diseases among household members, community members and household pets.

Benefit to the Community:

N/A

Legal Review:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

There are no recommendations currently as staff is seeking further guidance.