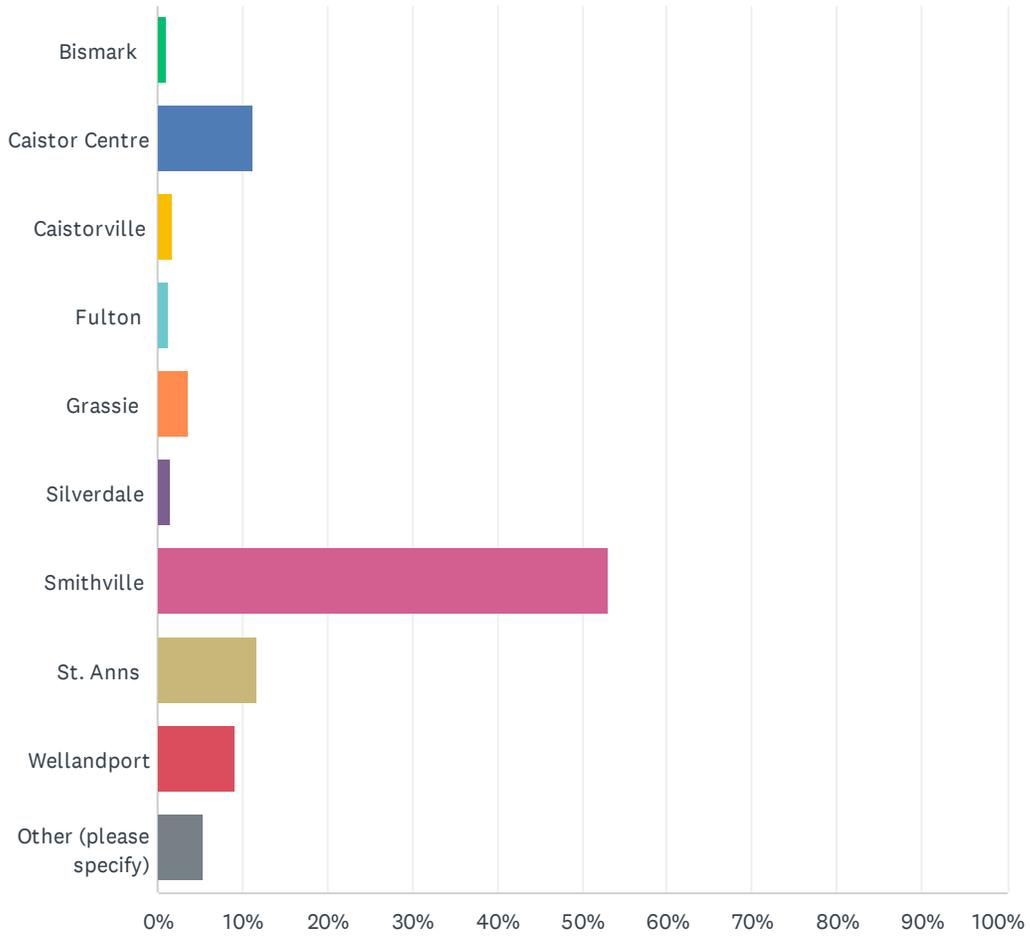


Q1 In which area of West Lincoln do you reside?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bismark	1.05%	7
Caistor Centre	11.30%	75
Caistorville	1.81%	12
Fulton	1.20%	8
Grassie	3.61%	24
Silverdale	1.51%	10
Smithville	53.16%	353
St. Anns	11.75%	78
Wellandport	9.19%	61
Other (please specify)	5.42%	36
TOTAL		664

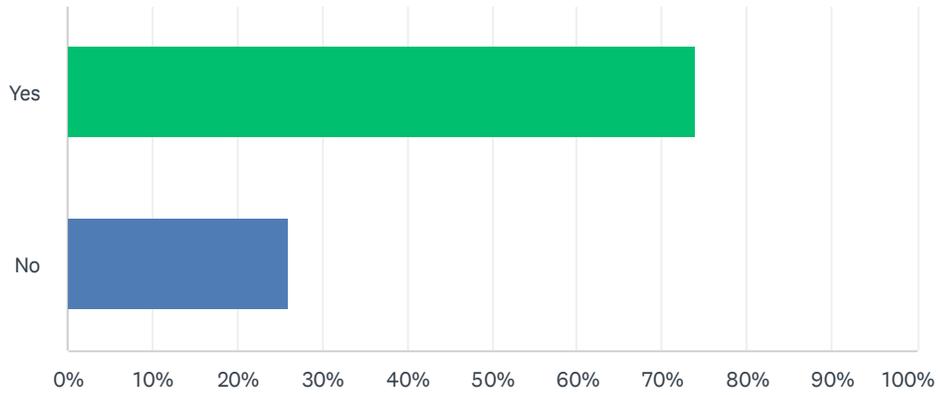
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1	Boyle	3/15/2024 11:53 AM
2	Vineland	3/15/2024 11:33 AM
3	Basingstoke	3/15/2024 10:13 AM
4	Beamsville	2/12/2024 7:45 PM
5	Attercliffe	2/9/2024 1:07 PM
6	Port Colborne	2/6/2024 4:15 PM
7	Grimsby	1/31/2024 10:25 AM
8	Grimsby	1/30/2024 11:29 AM
9	Beamsville	1/29/2024 7:41 AM
10	Beamsville	1/28/2024 3:07 PM
11	Vineland	1/18/2024 9:31 PM
12	Beamsville	1/17/2024 1:42 PM
13	Beamsville	1/17/2024 9:48 AM
14	Beamsville	1/16/2024 10:40 PM
15	Beamsville	1/16/2024 10:35 PM
16	Beamsville	1/16/2024 5:29 PM
17	Beamsville	1/14/2024 7:41 AM
18	Somewhere	1/13/2024 5:32 PM
19	Beamsville	1/12/2024 7:36 PM
20	Madawaska Valley Township	1/11/2024 9:24 AM
21	Wainfleet	1/11/2024 8:07 AM
22	Niagara Falls	1/11/2024 7:35 AM
23	Fenwick (Pay taxes to West Lincoln)	1/11/2024 6:37 AM

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24	Fenwick	1/10/2024 10:08 PM
25	Beamsville	1/10/2024 8:29 PM
26	Boyle	1/10/2024 8:13 PM
27	Jordan	1/10/2024 4:04 PM
28	Welland	1/10/2024 1:24 PM
29	Port Colborne	1/10/2024 8:19 AM
30	Kimbo	1/10/2024 7:50 AM
31	Vineland	1/10/2024 6:31 AM
32	Attercliffe	1/9/2024 6:24 PM
33	Niagara region	1/9/2024 5:49 PM
34	Abingdon	1/9/2024 4:37 PM
35	West lincoln	1/9/2024 1:58 PM
36	Attercliffe	1/9/2024 1:42 PM

Q2 Do you think backyard chickens should be permitted on residential lots in West Lincoln's urban centre (Smithville)?

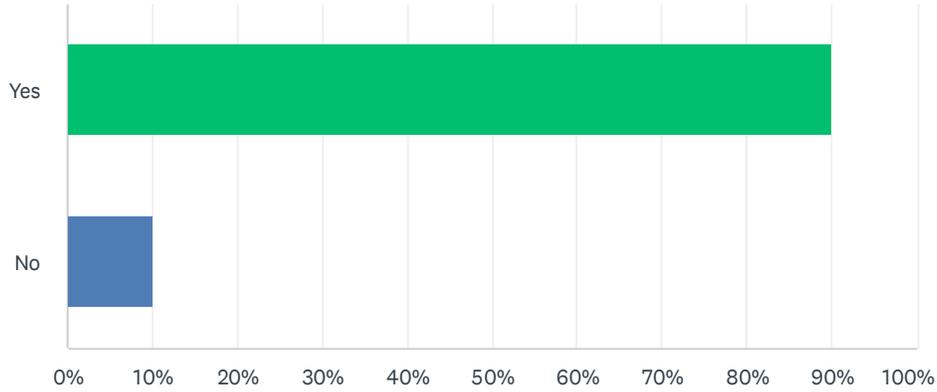
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.89%	498
No	26.11%	176
TOTAL		674

Q3 Do you think backyard chickens should be permitted on residential lots in West Lincoln's rural hamlets (Bismark, Caistor Centre, Caistorville, Fulton, Grassie, Silverdale, St. Anns, Wellandport)?

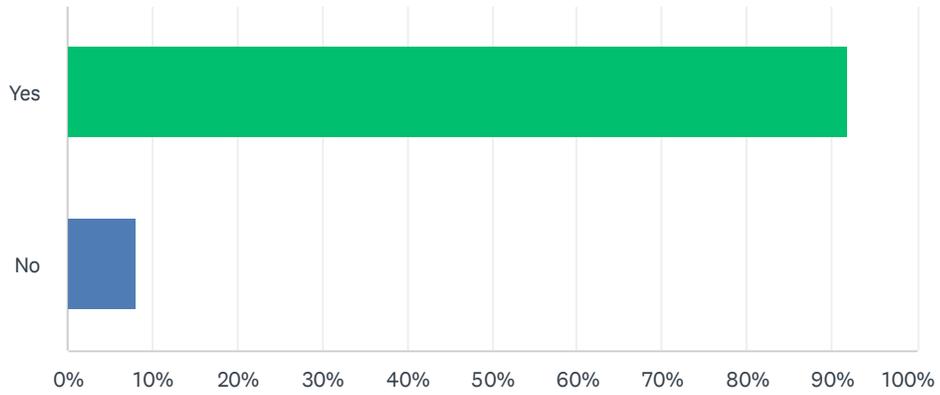
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.06%	607
No	9.94%	67
TOTAL		674

Q4 Do you think backyard chickens should be permitted on residential lots in the agricultural area of West Lincoln?

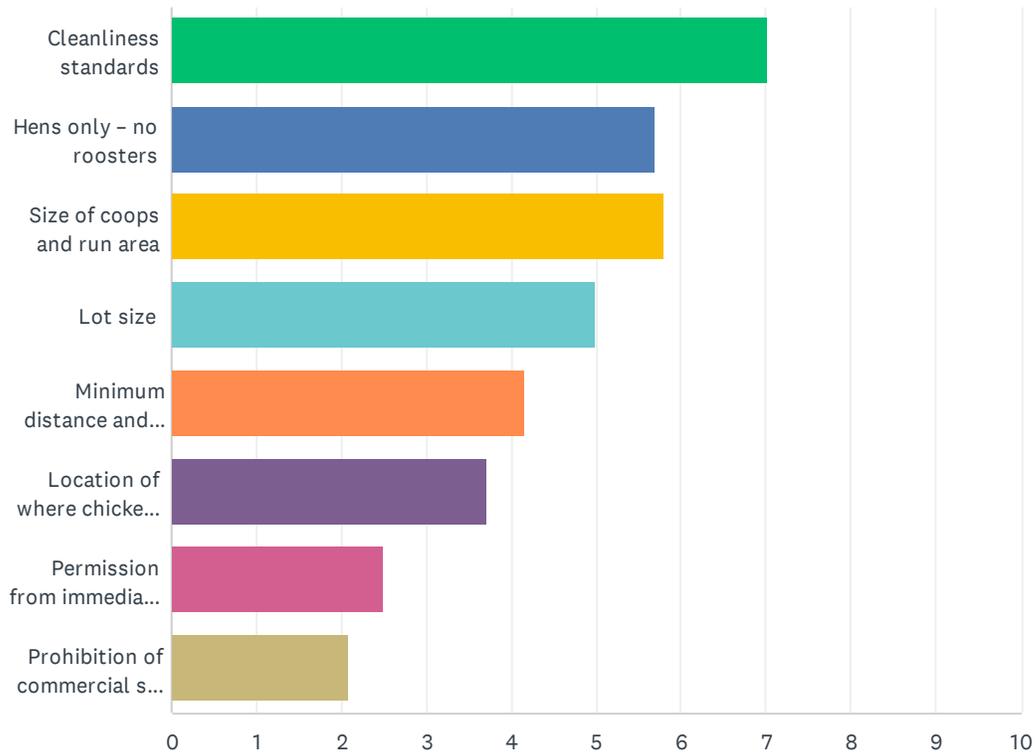
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.84%	619
No	8.16%	55
TOTAL		674

Q5 If guidelines are written to allow backyard chickens in West Lincoln, what considerations do you think are important? Please rank the following restrictions/considerations in order of importance 1 (highest) to 8 (lowest).

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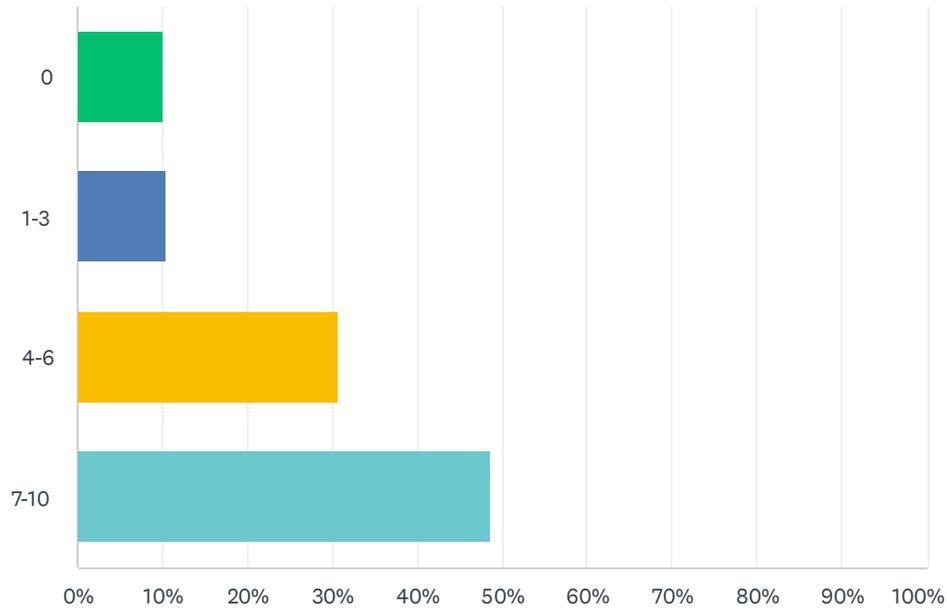


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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Cleanliness standards	48.22% 325	27.89% 188	11.87% 80	5.34% 36	3.71% 25	2.37% 16	0.45% 3	0.15% 1	674	7.02
Hens only – no roosters	24.18% 163	23.15% 156	11.72% 79	12.91% 87	9.35% 63	9.05% 61	5.79% 39	3.86% 26	674	5.70
Size of coops and run area	9.20% 62	22.26% 150	37.54% 253	14.84% 100	7.57% 51	4.75% 32	2.97% 20	0.89% 6	674	5.80
Lot size	7.72% 52	10.09% 68	18.25% 123	32.49% 219	13.80% 93	8.46% 57	5.79% 39	3.41% 23	674	5.00
Minimum distance and visibility from other houses	1.93% 13	6.53% 44	7.42% 50	16.91% 114	35.91% 242	21.22% 143	8.16% 55	1.93% 13	674	4.16
Location of where chickens are contained within the yard area	1.19% 8	3.41% 23	8.16% 55	11.28% 76	21.66% 146	39.91% 269	12.61% 85	1.78% 12	674	3.72
Permission from immediate and/or abutting neighbours	5.19% 35	4.15% 28	2.82% 19	2.97% 20	3.86% 26	7.12% 48	37.24% 251	36.65% 247	674	2.50
Prohibition of commercial sale of eggs and chickens	2.37% 16	2.52% 17	2.23% 15	3.26% 22	4.15% 28	7.12% 48	27.00% 182	51.34% 346	674	2.10

Q6 What is the maximum number of chickens that should be allowed per property?

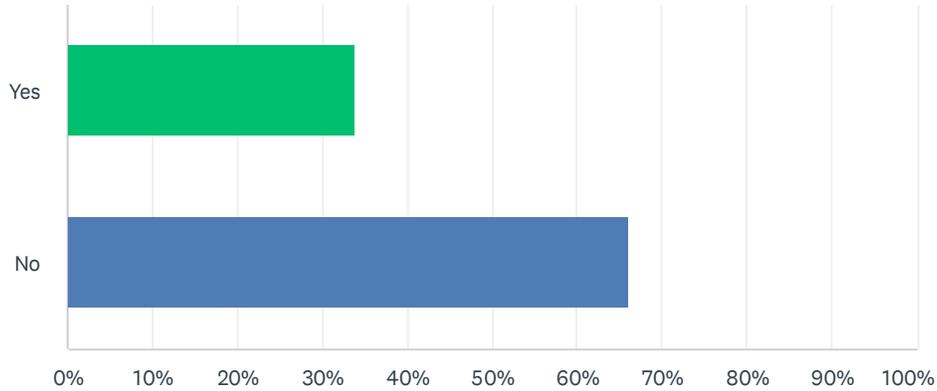
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	10.09%	68
1-3	10.53%	71
4-6	30.71%	207
7-10	48.66%	328
TOTAL		674

Q7 If backyard chickens were to be permitted in West Lincoln, should people wishing to keep backyard chickens have to apply for a special permit or license so that the conditions can be monitored through the Township's By-law Enforcement Services?

Answered: 674 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	33.83% 228
No	66.17% 446
TOTAL	674

Q8 Please provide any other feedback you may have regarding backyard chickens.

Answered: 291 Skipped: 383

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If people want chickens they should be allowed to have chickens.	3/15/2024 11:53 AM
2	It's not up to the government. Let people live their lives and have fresh eggs and meat	3/15/2024 11:33 AM
3	Get the government out of the way! Let the people live their lives and have fresh eggs + meat if desired.	3/15/2024 11:33 AM
4	Everyone should have this right, as many other major cities allow this	3/15/2024 11:27 AM
5	Where would they put the manure from the chickens and it should be on concrete as it could get into the water ways in the ground moe should be involved if so	3/15/2024 10:44 AM
6	Chickens are a great way to control certain pests, reduce food waste, provide food for a family in times of high food cost and cost of living, as well as fostering a relationship with the natural world.	3/15/2024 10:25 AM
7	There should be no limits. The government has no right to dictate if people should be allowed to have their own chickens to have fresh eggs. That fact that it is even being talked about shows how far this have overstepped already.	3/15/2024 10:17 AM
8	There should be different flock size limits applied to urban areas/lot sizes. Someone in town should be limited to 5 birds, while someone outside town with an acre+ lot should be permitted to have more.	3/15/2024 10:13 AM
9	There would need to be STRICT RULES and a feasible way to enforce them to prevent disease and risks farmers crops.	3/15/2024 9:54 AM
10	In town I believe it's something you can discuss with neighbours. In the rural setting there should be more flexibility.	3/15/2024 9:53 AM
11	I think urban area makes sense to not have chickens	3/15/2024 9:18 AM
12	All this will do is create neighborhood problems and force people to move who are not happy because of chickens in an already over priced housing market	3/15/2024 9:11 AM
13	I do not feel this survey was well constructed. Question 5 implies that all the considerations listed are of at least some import to the individual being surveyed and that they believe they should all be considered, even if to varying degrees. Question #6 indicates that decisions have already been made regarding the number of chickens allowed, with a maximum of 10 listed. It also fails to allow for the fact that an individual may think restrictions should be placed in the urban boundary of Smithville, but should not be present in other areas. In this regard, I will note that I indicated in question 6 that there should be a maximum of 7-10 chickens allowed. I do not believe this, but am required to indicate some answer in order to complete the survey.	3/13/2024 7:38 PM
14	This proposal is going to cause nothing but problems with neighbors If you want chickens move to a farm	3/13/2024 1:12 PM
15	There a way to learn more and help provide food There helpful with mental health	3/13/2024 12:20 PM
16	chickens reduce carbon footprint by providing natural fertilizer. they also eat bugs and grubs which means I dont have to buy pesticide. the eggs are fresh and I dont have to pay for a big truck spewing diesel exhaust to bring them to the store	3/12/2024 2:36 PM
17	Chickens are natural. Home chicken coops and runs contribute to a reduced carbon footprint in the community. The natural fertilizer produced helps maximize soil fertility in home gardens. Chickens also reduce pest insects and soil grubs, thus improving soil fertility.	3/10/2024 7:52 PM
18	The yard in which the chickens live should be fenced to help contain the chickens in their own	3/10/2024 7:13 PM

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	backyards even if there is a coop	
19	Must stay on their own property	3/6/2024 6:00 AM
20	I feel chickens should be contained to farm and open land. We don't need coyotes and or other animals coming into the residential areas near childrens parks/splash pads, community center and backyards.	3/4/2024 6:57 PM
21	If you live in town 1-3 chickens,hens only and you must keep clean. Feed must be put in the coop to keep down on attracting other animals.	3/4/2024 6:19 PM
22	Chickens help keep the bugs away and they make wonderful pets	3/4/2024 6:19 PM
23	I personally feel the risk outweighs the benefits in tgis situation. We are a farming community and without very strict guidelines and follow through we put many farmers crops at risk of disease.	3/4/2024 10:21 AM
24	I love this idea! Not only would everyone have access to high quality eggs, but there would be no need for a compost system if the chickens just ate the food scraps	2/23/2024 7:58 PM
25	I don't believe this should even be considered.	2/22/2024 5:39 PM
26	Just going to create problems with neighbors	2/22/2024 2:10 PM
27	If you want chickens then buy a farm.	2/22/2024 12:17 PM
28	Chickens attract rats especially their food and eggs. If food is not kept well contained	2/17/2024 10:23 PM
29	Being able to have backyard chickens has financial benefits, health benefits, and helps control tick population which is supposed to be bad this year.	2/16/2024 12:01 PM
30	Benefits of backyard chickens: Home-grown eggs Knowing that your food comes from happy, healthy hens Saving money Fertiliser, aka black gold Garden pest and insect control (TICKS) A natural kitchen and garden waste disposal system Turning food scraps into eggs	2/15/2024 6:59 AM
31	Being able to have backyard chickens has financial benefits, health benefits, and helps control tick population which is supposed to be bad this year.	2/14/2024 10:11 PM
32	Being able to have backyard chickens has financial benefits, health benefits, and helps control tick population which is supposed to be bad this year.	2/14/2024 3:09 PM
33	In city chickens will promote coyotes more in our neighborhood. Outside in rural areas are best as raising chickens as this is more of a fad than anything else	2/14/2024 11:25 AM
34	i think there should be 25 to 50 chickens allowed	2/14/2024 9:02 AM
35	Should ensure chickens have proper separate appropriate shelter, care, watered, feed etc Perhaps require a license like a dog license. Cats should also be licensed!	2/14/2024 12:18 AM
36	They smell, attract prey, they belong on a farm. Not in begging a town house.	2/13/2024 8:20 PM
37	West Lincoln is the chicken capital,of Ontario for commercial birds. Avian flu usually appears first in bank yard flocks and then to producers. Is the town ready to be held accountable when avian flu strikes producers in west Lincoln.	2/13/2024 4:00 PM
38	Shouldn't be allowed in residential areas such as surveys.	2/13/2024 2:15 PM
39	I don't see an issue with country properties having chickens as long as they're properly detained and roaming all over the place. However, in town it's been proven already that people are too irresponsible to contain their pets and clean up after them. Just go for a 5 minute walk and see how many times you see dog poo left oo/near the sidewalk, how many dog poo bags you see tossed in the ditch. We constantly see loose dogs, cats all over town. I feel adding chickens is just going to be a hassle for everyone as too many people will get them with good intentions and then realize later that they are work.	2/13/2024 1:19 PM
40	There is absolutely no good reason to not allow people to have their own chickens, ESPECIALLY in country areas!	2/13/2024 12:47 PM
41	Rural and urban districts must have different criteria for ownership in line with neighbouring considerations accounting for density. Keeping hens and maintaining cleanliness ought be prioritised and allowable for food security, animal education and childhood development. Any conflict with abutting neighbours need be addressed through mediation and resolution to return	2/13/2024 12:10 PM

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to peace. This can be accomplished by 3rd party resident involvement akin to your jury duty system. We have better solutions than we use. There are enough restrictions, penalties, rules, regulations and fees paid by the residents of West Lincoln. Let us live! Complaints regarding cleanliness can be addressed through the current SPCA investigation system. If we want to direct \$ to that effort, I'd support it.

42	People complain about foxes and coyotes, this will attract. There are many diseases that could be spread. The odour and cleanliness is a concern because you cannot pick up chicken waste as you can dog waste. Their feed attracts rodents. Who is going to police it and at what cost?	2/13/2024 11:24 AM
43	I feel there would need to be many rules and regulations in place aswell as a way to follow up with these rules and make sure they're being followed to protect our farming community	2/13/2024 9:57 AM
44	A permit should not be needed. Enforcement of standards can be complaint based.	2/12/2024 11:40 PM
45	I lived beside a neighbour who had chickens for almost 2 years before they moved away. They were diligent about maintaining cleanliness and did not have a rooster, but the chickens were often attacked at night by predators that might otherwise have not been near my backyard. As with any activity if this kind, a lot depends on how much effort is put into mitigating impact on your neighbours.	2/12/2024 11:31 PM
46	I don't have chicken or want chickens. Doesn't bother me if someone else wants them have at it. Less governing rules for something like this is all I ask for.	2/12/2024 11:31 PM
47	Suggest number of chickens allowed could be increased based on lot size and location (ie. Rural lots)	2/12/2024 10:58 PM
48	Let people have pets, a food source and do what they want on their own property. Gross that I can drive by endless chicken death mills, but can't have a pet chicken to lay some eggs if I want for me and my kids.	2/12/2024 10:27 PM
49	Chickens bring more rats and mice to the area also coyotes. With that it increases the amount of possible diseases (rabies)	2/12/2024 10:04 PM
50	It should be a right	2/12/2024 9:16 PM
51	We should let people use their property to feed themselves. We should not prevent this. I don't have chickens, but my neighbours do - they don't bother me at all...	2/12/2024 9:06 PM
52	With thr cost of living so expensive chickens are the way to go,	2/12/2024 9:03 PM
53	Allowable but well regulated for humane conditions.	2/12/2024 8:43 PM
54	Smithville is considered rural. Even in residential neighbourhoods. I don't even think this should be a discussion, if it is not harming anyone, I don't see anything wrong.	2/12/2024 8:42 PM
55	As long as there are no complaints about rodents due to chickens with owners not doing anything to control the issue I don't feel any monitoring should be done! The monitoring would just end up costing taxpayers more money in taxes. If there are complaints from neighbours then Bylaw can get involved to deal with the situation. Backyard hens are not only a great inexpensive food source in this time of super high grocery prices but they also can be pets for people dealing with loneliness or mental health issues that can't afford to have a dog or a cat.	2/12/2024 8:40 PM
56	chicken poop is not liquid ...and with 6 chickens and using shavings u can composte with no smell	2/12/2024 8:36 PM
57	Should complains come through too much they need to be removed	2/12/2024 7:58 PM
58	Our neighbours had them a few years ago on West St. It created an issue with rats which we found out our neighbors were poisoning and in return the rats were coming to our property for water from birdbaths. Our dog was killing said rats which in turn was causing our dog to become ill. I am against urban chickens. The country is the place for these animals	2/12/2024 7:53 PM
59	If you want chickens move to a farm	2/12/2024 7:40 PM
60	This is one of the oldest forms of harvesting food for families. It should be allowed and not hindered. Food safety is the utmost importance in today's society.	2/12/2024 7:01 PM
61	How the feed is kept, as it attracts rats. Chickens should not be allowed to roam on yard as they go on the road. Chickens are agricultural animals and should be kept in areas that are	2/12/2024 7:00 PM

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	deemed agricultural.	
62	I have worked at a slaughterhouse for poultry. There is a reason they are call foul.	2/12/2024 6:59 PM
63	The number of chickens kept should be determined by the size of the lot and the distance from the urban centre	2/12/2024 6:59 PM
64	We need all the real food we can get at this point	2/12/2024 6:54 PM
65	My biggest concerns are odors and annoying neighbors. Larger rural communities are better suited to farm animals then the actual towns subdivisions and neighborhoods.	2/12/2024 2:19 PM
66	Not allowing residents to own chickens is discriminatory for the following reasons: Dogs and cats are not banned, yet allowing ownership results in the following: Dogs can be a nuisance ie barking, bad pet owners not cleaing up pet waste on sidewalks. Dog bites: over 2 million children are bitten by dogs in north america each year. Children are more at risk of being bitten on the face, head and neck. Some owners let their cats out, and as a result they roam other properties, doing damage to gardens, and possibly interacting with children. Chickens can easily be restrained to a property with fencing, wing clipping, or providing a run. Chickens eat fleas and ticks which can transmit disease. Cats and dogs harbour fleas and ticks, and bring them into pet owner's homes. There was a case of bubonic plague recently - the source was believed to be fleas transmitted by a pet cat.	2/12/2024 1:03 PM
67	Chickens should definitely not be allowed in the urban center of Smithville, but should be allowed in the rural areas.	2/12/2024 12:27 PM
68	There are property and animal husbandry bylaws in place that control most people's concerns. People in general are the problem and not the type of animal they're keeping. So please allow people who would enjoy a couple chickens, the same rights to enjoy their property as someone who is able to keep 3 dogs.	2/10/2024 6:02 PM
69	Chickens are for farms and not meant to be in a residential area. They smell, are noisy and their food would attract rodents. If you want chickens, move to a farm area.	2/10/2024 5:10 PM
70	Backyard chickens should not be permitted whatsoever, as they pose a major biosecurity risk to local poultry operations. A disease outbreak as a result of backyard flock owners (who are not subjected to the food safety and animal welfare regulations that producers are), will have serious negative impacts on local businesses, the supply chain, and animal welfare.	2/9/2024 2:50 PM
71	Backyard poultry is very risky to the vast number of poultry farmers in West Lincoln	2/9/2024 1:54 PM
72	Food security is a major issue facing the citizens of West Lincoln, and grocery prices are skyrocketing. I am a father of three, and am the sole provider of income for our family. It is imperative that I be able to augment our food supply by growing, hunting, fishing, and raising food for ourselves.	2/9/2024 12:07 PM
73	You propose 6% tax hike and then this missuse of tax payer money to police chickens Ridiculous	2/8/2024 11:35 AM
74	With all the expansion/new housing being built on much smaller lot sizes it seems ridiculous to allow chickens. To enforce any associated rules will cost the township too much money. Chances are enforcement will be insufficient.	2/8/2024 12:09 AM
75	If kept cleanly housed and with proper care, hens are able to be kept in town. Cleanliness eliminayes issues with flies and disease. and there is no smell if they maintained well. Their noise is less than that of a barking dog.	2/7/2024 12:26 AM
76	If we are going to manage peoples chickens then dogs cats and rabbits should also be by-lawed	2/6/2024 10:07 PM
77	This is a rural community. Children keep chickens to learn about animals and earn \$. Not to mention the cost of living and food - that chicken also help with. Leave our rural roots alone. In town perhaps they should require a pen or coop. In the country free range should be an option. Enough of the by-laws and cash grabs for permits. Keep it simple! Hens only? Why so you don't have to hear a rooster crow? Come on.	2/6/2024 1:27 PM
78	Rats,odours	2/6/2024 10:17 AM
79	I am totally against any chickens in the residential ares of Smithville. I have sent Emails to all Councilors why I'm against.	1/31/2024 4:35 PM

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80	Raising chickens is a great way to feed your family, recycle compost and teach kids the value of chores.	1/31/2024 2:57 PM
81	We do not have backyard chickens, but have many friends that do. The benefits of them are great and I think anyone who wishes to undertake the care and maintenance of them in order to reap these benefits should be able to regardless of where they live. There should be requirements that are met to ensure the animals are kept in a humane environment and that they are not a disruption to neighbours.	1/31/2024 2:20 PM
82	Please do not regulate to the point of exhaustion. Permits are an example of extreme over regulation. It makes good sense to consider regulations for urban areas, but not rural. So many existing back yard chickens are about kids experiencing animal husbandry and in many cases the chickens are pets. For others chickens meet basic food subsistence requirements when food is beyond expensive. If licensing chickens is important likewise licensing the peas, carrots, lettuce and corn planted in our gardens must also be. We purchase all our eggs from local "backyard" operations, and they all involve children or early teens learning from the experience. Large scale chicken operations need not fear spread of disease. If so you may as well kill off any form of wild birds that grace our skies that can also be potential disease carriers.	1/30/2024 4:59 PM
83	Wondering if the township is prepared for avian flu when that hits because of back yard flocks. Will the township be insured for claims of avian flu hitting farms because of back yard flocks	1/30/2024 12:44 PM
84	Roosters in urban areas should require neighbors permission.	1/30/2024 11:29 AM
85	Something like this will damage relationships with neighbors	1/30/2024 9:15 AM
86	Encourage eco friendly and sustainable living by allowing hens in west Lincoln !	1/30/2024 9:08 AM
87	I feel that the maximum number of chickens permitted per resident should be determined by the amount of property the citizen has. Sale of free range chicken eggs should be permitted to all resident owners of poultry, no matter the amount of chickens.	1/30/2024 12:11 AM
88	This is a baseless and biased consultation. Smithville has a history of regional food security that was created by small flock farmers. This ridiculous attack on farms in rural areas is uncalled for. I hope that this legislation will not be passed however if it does it will hurt the local food system in uncounted ways. Young people will no longer have any way to start farming as a career; and all people in West Lincoln will no longer be able to eat healthy eggs or meat, but be forced to eat sub par factory raised food.	1/29/2024 1:44 PM
89	They should absolutely be allowed! It is good to be considerate of Neighbour's though also so maybe some minor guidelines could be applied	1/29/2024 12:51 PM
90	If backyard chickens were allowed, I'd like to know how the town is going to patrol to make sure proper care is being taken to prevent the spread of disease in our farming community. Us farmers have gone through training and have heavy protocols to follow so it seems absurd that any joe blow can have free range chickens that could potentially spread disease and cause families to lose everything they've worked for.	1/27/2024 7:50 PM
91	I think that a decision of allowing chickens in residential backyards will only open a can of worms to the amount of chickens, and other barnyard animals we potentially could have in our neighborhood. The smell, the sound, the increase that would most definitely happen with mice, rats, and coyotes. This would impact me and my family, because we live only two doors down from this residence. Myself and my family, as well as many neighbours that I know of are opposed to this byelaw change. Not to mention the decrease in our property values. Thank you	1/23/2024 7:10 PM
92	This is a slippery slope. If you allow even one backyard chicken in a residential area, which by its very name means non-agricultural, then what is to prevent chickens in every residential home. I personally find the odour emanating from chicken excrement repulsive and I didn't purchase a home in a strictly residential community to be exposed to that. Additionally, I would be concerned about an increase in coyotes resulting from the presence of chickens, near residential properties and legitimate smaller pets.	1/23/2024 6:53 PM
93	Chickens have been in West Lincoln well over 200 hundred years without any real concerns in urban and rural areas . I do not believe we need to spend tax payers \$ or enforcement or bylaws on this issue. We are already regulated dead. Thank you very much.	1/21/2024 10:22 AM
94	I do not like the options on this survey - obviously a more rural location could have more than	1/20/2024 11:40 AM

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10 chickens. All governments, including this municipal one, need to stop micromanaging its citizens and their wellbeing.

95	Why do we need this at all It will create more problems for neighbors with complaints We have enough divisiveness in the country	1/19/2024 1:22 PM
96	Chickens help control the ticks and other bugs. They would be a welcome addition if kept contained and clean. Plus they eat a lot of scraps and compost items.	1/19/2024 8:54 AM
97	They r great for mental health	1/18/2024 9:31 PM
98	Backyard chickens are more important now than they have ever been. With the skyrocketing costs of food I feel that residents have the right to use their property in a responsible manner as they see fit to feed their families.	1/18/2024 3:06 PM
99	I support the bylaw change to permit residential backyard chickens. While I agree that roosters can be an unwelcome noise concern, hens are not noisy. Chickens can decrease food waste due to their diet of kitchen scraps and provide enrichment to the soil for the home gardener. We need more self sufficiency, and sustainability, not less. Those who do not know how or do not want to care for chickens will not get them are would not be forced to. Those who do, should be permitted to have them.	1/17/2024 6:09 PM
100	Pro backyard chicken	1/17/2024 3:06 PM
101	If West Lincoln allows back yard chickens they SHOULD NOT allow roosters!!	1/17/2024 2:55 PM
102	They eat ticks and grubs and provide fertilizer for flower beds and gardens. They produce less waste than dogs and they eat most compost. We also use all eggs for family use	1/17/2024 2:38 PM
103	Chickens have many benefits not only from fresh daily eggs. They need to be cared for and treated well like any other animal. Having permits to allow residents to have hens only for eggs is a great idea. I have owned my house in Beamsville for 10 years and I would love to have max. 3 hens in my yard for the grub maintenance and fresh eggs for my family.	1/17/2024 9:48 AM
104	This is a rural farm town, I came here knowing this and happy to accept what comes with that. Tell the folks that can't deal with it that they can go back to Toronto (they won't have to listen to the trains from there either).	1/17/2024 12:43 AM
105	Backyard chickens in my opinion is like having a garden. You tend to them care for them and reap the rewards. You share your bounty with the neighbors, your friends and family. The eggs taste so much better when they are a labor of love. I do believe back yard chickens in town should have some considerations, but the hamlets in our rural hamlets are (in my opinion) in the country. They should be permitted to live that country lifestyle and have a few chickens without being hassled with applying for permits and getting monitored to do so. Again - just my opinion, but I 100 percent support small scale farming. They are not in it to run a business. It is a lifestyle choice. Let them have their chickens! Let's not complicate it.	1/17/2024 12:24 AM
106	Insuring the chickens are unable to wander into neighbours properties	1/16/2024 11:22 PM
107	People can have pets like snakes, rats (rats are a problem of being overpasses populated)etc but not chickens? Chickens provide eggs I'm a society where we are starving, they actually are very social and make great pets. They go to bed and dusk on their own. And worse case if a family is striving they can eat the chickens. We tend to appease people with out looking at actual life and what we need. Do people really complain about chicken noise. Cause trains, cars, planes, TV, radio etc are all noises in abundance and we would never get rid of those things!! Animals were here before us.	1/16/2024 10:40 PM
108	It is helpful to the mental health to have grounding hobbies.	1/16/2024 7:34 PM
109	Chickens are easily manageable in a yard. As long as cleanliness is maintained there shouldn't be a bunch or ridiculous rules. Classify them as pets. Because that's what a backyard chicken is in a smaller backyard.	1/16/2024 7:08 PM
110	People pay taxes they should be able to do what they want on their own property. It is a free country. While it's suppose to be	1/16/2024 6:55 PM
111	This is a good thing. Lazy people will realize chickens are a daily chore to keep & take care of, it's tough. But people who want to experience supplying their own food this is a good thing.	1/16/2024 6:50 PM
112	People can't even keep their dogs and cats contained and now chickens?! No thanks!	1/16/2024 6:19 PM

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113	Ask g as they are kept clean and minimum numbers, why not.	1/16/2024 5:29 PM
114	May bring in more coyote/problems relating to coyotes. Proper coops and backyard protection should be required - to protect not only the birds but the community as well.	1/16/2024 4:41 PM
115	Lot size determines number of chickens. Neighbors must be on board Permit or license to hold people accountable	1/16/2024 4:40 PM
116	Chickens belong on farms where they can be raised properly.	1/16/2024 3:48 PM
117	I don't think it's fair to put our local farmers at a higher risk of bird flu and other diseases which could be devastating to their farms and livlyhood. If you don't live on a farm you shouldn't have farm animals.	1/16/2024 1:37 PM
118	Food Crisis Imminent/Food Banks inadequate. Need to allow people to come up with their own solutions.	1/16/2024 9:08 AM
119	Who will pay for pest control and rodent infestation	1/15/2024 6:54 PM
120	I think the fact that this is up for debate is absolutely WILD. We live in a rural area with a reason ? If people don't like chickens go back to the city ?????	1/14/2024 8:17 PM
121	N/a	1/14/2024 1:25 PM
122	no limit on numbers in rural or hamlets. NONE ALLOWED IN SMITHVILLE LIMITS.	1/14/2024 12:12 PM
123	Smithville is a rural town and backyard chickens should definitely be allowed. If the property is being kept clean, and the chickens are kept safe, no roosters, and there is a limit on how many can be had, there isn't really an issue here	1/14/2024 7:43 AM
124	This is just stupid and another way to get money. Pathetic!!!!!! It's a chicken for God sake. People will complain about anything	1/14/2024 7:41 AM
125	It's been proven every single day when I go for a walk and there's dog shit left all over the sidewalk, parks, lawns etc. that people in this town are irresponsible pet owners. There are people in town who have chickens now and we've seen them on the loose on rock street during our walks aswell as running all over the road and fields on the corner of west street and south Grimsby rd... diseases being spread by irresponsible "pet owners" can ruin a farmers livlyhood. It's just not worth it in my opinion.	1/13/2024 9:00 PM
126	We should have the right to raise our own chickens. They are fantastic at keeping ticks to a minimum in the yard as well	1/13/2024 8:48 PM
127	I do think it's important they the amount of chickens is kept low and enforced - we had a previous neighbour who had chickens and they had quite a few - we could smell them and saw rats on a couple occasions...	1/13/2024 5:56 PM
128	People who own their property should be allowed to do what they choose with it	1/13/2024 5:24 PM
129	Let the people have their chickens!!! Without a limit! If they're the type to care for animals then it's unlikely they'll provide inadequate living conditions. Let the people have their chickens. As many as they can safely care for.	1/13/2024 4:48 PM
130	Considering the rising cost of food, people should be allowed to produce their own food how they wish. As long as the animals are well kept and clean it should be allowed. People should also be aware that mice and rats love chicken environments.	1/13/2024 4:31 PM
131	Last I checked this was supposed to be a free country. If you own your property and pay your tax you have every God given right to own a chicken. Especially if they help peoples mental health and financial stability	1/13/2024 3:14 PM
132	I don't feel this should in anyway have an affect on caistor centre as it is already a farming community. I don't think roosters are a good idea for the town of Smithville because they are loud and can start crowing as early as 4-5am. People should be able to sell eggs if they wish. They are much better in taste & fresher then the ones in the store. I also think applying for a permit is ridiculous. If people have a proper size coop that is cleaned out often and a fenced in run it should not be a problem.	1/13/2024 1:54 PM
133	Within the urban boundary, I don't think it should be allowed. IF it is allowed, there should be rules in place, as well as a small fee for people applying, to make the barrier of entry less than	1/13/2024 1:21 PM

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zero. This will prevent people who have not fully considered the maintenance, and care necessary when having a chicken, hen, etc.

134	As long as they're kept clean I think it's a great idea to allow a small coup with up to 6 chickens and it should be up to the owner's discretion not the townships if they want to sell eggs or chickens	1/13/2024 11:32 AM
135	Let people farm and live off the land they own.	1/13/2024 1:06 AM
136	*7 is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. Our township is too slow to process permits as it is now. Bylaw enforcement can easily be done through complaints. People with organic gardens use chickens for pest control and for various mulch purposes. With governments pushing for more "green" options, chickens are a good option for people. OMFRA has lots of information that the township can post for people wanting chickens and to keep them in proper conditions.	1/12/2024 7:58 PM
137	People should be able to, if they have the space, have birds for eggs or meat. They should take great care to keep it clean. People should have the freedom to do it	1/12/2024 7:15 PM
138	Urban residents in St. Catharines are permitted to have backyard chickens. I was shocked when I found out that Smithville, of all places, does not permit this. It's a no-brainer. Allow people to raise backyard chickens and provide food for themselves and others if they wish!	1/12/2024 7:02 PM
139	There should be no restrictions on the amount of chickens that someone wants to have	1/12/2024 4:08 PM
140	Food waste will be eliminated Chickens are therapy People can feed themselves Teaches children chores, work ethic, gives family time, makes elderly have something to do.	1/12/2024 11:50 AM
141	Getting a license is another money grab from a township that is already overtaxed and controlled. I was hopeful until I read this question. Just another reason to take more money. Keeping chickens has proven to be highly beneficial for many families I have chatted with for chores (kids), mental issues (motivation), health issues (fresh eggs) and entertainment.	1/12/2024 9:58 AM
142	-motivation to go outside -great experience for children -responsible -grow your own food -live sustainably -eliminate scraps -produce a natural fertilizer - get rid of garden pests -assist with composting -living green -provide fresh, free-range eggs!	1/12/2024 9:28 AM
143	Please move to a farm	1/12/2024 9:22 AM
144	Leave backyard chicken farmers alone.	1/12/2024 8:23 AM
145	3 is the minimum you should have, they can't be alone. Also they provide such great benefits such as reduced waste	1/11/2024 10:18 PM
146	I think there's are simple ways to teach kids responsibility and give them a chance learn about nature.	1/11/2024 10:07 PM
147	Love em	1/11/2024 8:45 PM
148	If you have enough land it should be no one's concern what chickens you have. I understand in high density subdivisions, but rural areas should be free to do as they wish since realistically they will not impact neighbors.	1/11/2024 7:20 PM
149	Township will need to hire staff to monitor. I worry about rats	1/11/2024 6:47 PM
150	Less policy would be best. This leading questionaire is a bit upsetting.	1/11/2024 6:24 PM
151	It's everybody's right to be able to provide for themselves. This whole proposal is a waste of taxpayers money. This is a rural community. Stop being silly.	1/11/2024 6:19 PM
152	Proper disposal of dead stock and poultry litter	1/11/2024 6:16 PM
153	Proper disposal of dead stock and poultry litter	1/11/2024 6:09 PM
154	Chickens belong on farms!	1/11/2024 4:06 PM
155	Backyard chickens should be allowed. This is just another example of Government over reach.	1/11/2024 12:35 PM
156	I could see restricting the number of birds and restricting roosters too, possibly, on an urban lot. I have 10 acres in Caistor Centre. My neighbours are distant. I rely on my chickens for eggs and for eating ticks. I am happy that the eggs I eat come from free ranging birds that are leading a healthy, happy life. I also want to raise meat birds in a positive way. I am not happy about animals being farmed in meat farms.	1/11/2024 12:03 PM

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157	In this day and age with food being difficult for some to buy, this is a food source for a family that is almost guaranteed every single day. Chickens provide food.	1/11/2024 11:24 AM
158	Stop trying to block people from being self sufficient. This is ridiculous	1/11/2024 11:07 AM
159	This is a joke right? You are a town known for its chicken industry and you are debating whether or not people can have backyard chickens? There are people struggling right now to put basic food on the table for their families. Chickens do absolutely no harm to anyone or anything. I think the decision here is clear.	1/11/2024 10:37 AM
160	It shouldn't matter if people want to have chickens for their own families.	1/11/2024 10:21 AM
161	Backyard chickens are typically fairly quiet and do not cause unpleasant smells or sounds. So long as they are kept in a confined backyard or appropriate sized pen and require very minimal space and even consume food waste. they are a good way to allow residents to cut down on increasing food costs in today's turbulent life.	1/11/2024 10:19 AM
162	It is a common myth that chickens attract rodents. Most chickens actually EAT rodents as well as other bugs and pests including snakes, and ticks. They provide excellent natural fertilizer for grass lawns, are friendly, and are excellent at controlling the tick population.	1/11/2024 9:53 AM
163	Must be ok by neighbors though	1/11/2024 9:25 AM
164	Cleanliness and care of the chickens of importance.	1/11/2024 9:24 AM
165	I live in a rural area. We had horses, we should be allowed to have chickens. Cost of food is rising and people need ways to curb the costs at the grocery stores so unless you are willing to fight those issues leave what we do on our own property alone.	1/11/2024 9:16 AM
166	with the rising cost of food it is important to provide this freedom to "grow" our own	1/11/2024 8:47 AM
167	The benefits out way the negative.	1/11/2024 8:37 AM
168	I can see chickens being regulated in urban areas, but not rural. Many people including myself have moved to rural areas so we have the freedom for self substance.	1/11/2024 8:29 AM
169	This is a farming community not toronto	1/11/2024 8:26 AM
170	Life is expensive enough having a couple chickens to offset the cost should not be taken away. backyard chickens are not dirty if properly cared for. It is also good for mental health to get out and take care of something as well as teaching kids responsibilities! It should also be non of townships business if people have a couple chickens.	1/11/2024 8:09 AM
171	They are a wonderful addition to any household and provide healthy eggs for families already struggling with rising grocery costs. They also reduce the amount of compost by eating alot of it. They are general very quiet and friendly.	1/11/2024 8:05 AM
172	The appeal to smithville as always been a agriculture/poultry township. Wellfair of the animals always matters first and foremost - there is no reason that backyard chickens bshouldn't be allowed as long as they are being taken care of. The same can be said of a cat or dog when it comes to noise, odor and cleanliness.	1/11/2024 8:02 AM
173	Everyone should have the right to own 2-5 chickens.	1/11/2024 7:35 AM
174	Doesn't need to be another money grab to get a permit to own chickens. The people who already own chickens are doing it to benefit their own health, the chickens have more room to run around than most chicken barns and chickens are fairly quiet not disturbing anyone.	1/11/2024 7:07 AM
175	I think, if chickens can be conscientiously placed and cared for, that people should be free to have them and their benefits for themselves, especially in the Chicken Capital of Canada. I can agree with scrutiny applied in the downtown area, but do not believe that necessary in the surrounding areas. Be very careful of government overreach.	1/11/2024 7:04 AM
176	If chickens are going to be permitted it needs to be done properly and monitored to ensure healthy chickens, cleanliness and there needs to be a one warning and then fine for not abiding by the rules and regulations. Complaints need to be taken seriously as well.	1/11/2024 6:08 AM
177	Land owners have the right to be healthy and self sufficient, free of government intervention. This is not a debate.	1/11/2024 5:28 AM

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178	Don't like them don't want them anywhere near me or property. Just more targets for coyotes and foxes (we have both living in our immediate area).	1/11/2024 2:20 AM
179	Yes to backyard hens!! Before Council votes "no" to backyard hens, PLEASE consider Serama hens! Their smaller size is perfect for smaller, urban spaces. Their poop is less, easier to keep clean and slightly less volume to their vocalizations. Even Serama Roosters are surprisingly not that loud! They lay cute, usable eggs that would help people be more sustainable. I know that chicken farmers are perhaps one of the biggest opponents to "backyard hens". If it is any assurance to them, ban the sale of eggs, making them for personal use only. That way farmers do not have to worry about it affecting their business sales. For Avian flu, I have done immense research. I have found no studies proving that backyard hens are a significant risk to the spread of the flu. In fact, the facts suggest that backyard hens are unlikely to spread the disease. I will be submitting my pages of referenced research. If council is going to vote "no" because of Avian flu, please show us the research suggesting, properly housed backyard hens are a significant risk! If mid to small scale chicken farmers are worried, why do I see flocks out free ranging?	1/11/2024 1:23 AM
180	Stop trying to regulate people's means to survive	1/11/2024 12:20 AM
181	I am not really educated on the issue. Our neighbour has chickens. Rural residential hamlet. It's their right as the property owner in my eyes. That being said the rooster can be loud! If I was in town I would be upset. The hens seem to have free range. I think if you want chickens don't move to urban centre and if you do a permit is wise for fair treatment of animals and animals. Too many people get in to things uneducated so a little work is not a bad thing.	1/10/2024 11:53 PM
182	Everyone should be allowed to have chickens and be able to share or sell their eggs without government oversight as it is their property.	1/10/2024 11:17 PM
183	Number of chickens should depend on the size of the yard. Roosters are the biggest issue. Roosters should not be permitted in Smithville for certain and depending on distance between houses in other areas	1/10/2024 9:18 PM
184	Poultry should be treated like,other pets. No restrictions unless cruelty is observed.	1/10/2024 8:55 PM
185	With today's rising food costs and the additives that are given to our food sources, raising chickens should be allowed. I would have a procedure for complaints rather than a permit required. West Lincoln properties vary greatly in size and that is a major consideration, maybe a minimum size as it would not be appropriate in a town house.	1/10/2024 8:47 PM
186	Chickens are cared for- only restriction necessary	1/10/2024 8:36 PM
187	Our neighbours have about 20 hens and 4 roosters. Their property back right up to ours with the coop next to our property. It is a big nuisance for us as these roosters make noise all day. I contacted a bylaw officer lady dummer about this and nothing was done.	1/10/2024 8:13 PM
188	Owning chickens is good for mental health and good for the earth. Studies have shown that when populations own chickens, the amount of garbage that city workers have to pick up decreases. Households should be able to own however many chickens they feel they can manage, with no stipulations and no permits.	1/10/2024 7:48 PM
189	West Lincoln has always been a chicken municipality. Poultry Fest was our big thing for many years. If people want to provide themselves with good healthy food no one should try take that away.	1/10/2024 7:04 PM
190	Backyard chickens feed families.	1/10/2024 7:03 PM
191	There are many Large residential lots in urban areas so I think this should be kept in mind and larger lots that can allow for it should be allowed to have more chickens and possibly even roosters. I think allowing neighbors to have input / give permission is a mistake as it can become a bargaining chip in neighbor disputes and is difficult if neighbour's move. I think allowing backyard chickens will allow people affordable protein sources, get kids engaged with food and is a great way to use up food scraps.	1/10/2024 6:21 PM
192	It is important to keep the governance over this as simple as possible. Also how many chickens per property would depend on the size of property, with a minimum yard size requirement because you wouldn't chickens in something like tiny condo backyards.	1/10/2024 5:32 PM
193	Let people have there chickens. Only asses on a complaint based system.	1/10/2024 4:56 PM

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194	People have the right to have chickens and so all they can to provide for themselves without the overbearing micromanaging and interference of municipal governments.	1/10/2024 4:22 PM
195	Backyard chickens are no bother to those around them if they are properly taken care of. The fact that in a country such as Canada, we can't have something as simple as chickens in our backyard is shameful. Cities like Toronto allow chickens in their backyard yet places like a West, Lincoln and LINCOLN do not. The inconsistencies do not make sense.	1/10/2024 4:04 PM
196	Chickens are farm animals not pets	1/10/2024 4:03 PM
197	I live in Smithville and in my area, coyotes are becoming more common. I am worried that backyard chickens would attract the coyotes more. A lot of people walk/walk their dogs where I live and I wouldn't want people or their pets to be in danger.	1/10/2024 4:01 PM
198	Chickens in the back yard are an awesome family project and bring so much value to the family. Would the waste be put into the green bin for recycle? The by-law enforcement officer has more than enough to do already, there is no need to burden them with this. I did have chickens when I first moved here and was disappointingly told that I could not have them. This made no sense. I had a beautiful set up for them.	1/10/2024 3:57 PM
199	This should not be restricted. With the cost of food this is a great way for people to help sustain themselves. The rules you listed should be changed to things like if chickens get out there may be a fine to help people make sure they are responsible	1/10/2024 3:29 PM
200	Back yard chickens are great recipients of avian flu which will carry over to chicken farms. How are you going to monitor that and what compensation will be given to chicken farms if avian flu did start from back yard chickens. You are walking a slippery slope if this is allowed	1/10/2024 3:19 PM
201	Backyard chickens are a very valuable asset; they indeed help alleviate poverty through egg production, particularly at a time when the prices of groceries due to inflation are soaring, they are good for the environment and support sustainability of the soil and gardening practices, and can provide much better quality of eggs when compared to commercially-raised chickens. The only chicken odour I have ever smelled in West Lincoln is from commercial chicken barns housing hundreds of chickens; I have never smelled backyard chicken coops. Chicken noise is not constant and not very loud - in contrast I have had to live with loud barking from neighbours' dogs. Predators are primarily raccoons and foxes around these parts, which are found in nature regardless of the presence of chickens. I can not speak firsthand about diseases, but those who own small flocks tend to pay special attention to their chickens and provide attentive care; they only have a few birds to begin with. p.s. I consider the above 'guideline' considerations to be largely irrelevant aside from cleanliness.	1/10/2024 3:01 PM
202	I noted "no" on number 7; however if this is something already done for the rest of the farms in our area then I would change my answer to yes - I just honestly don't know. I see these as "pets" and right now the township doesn't have much say in pets so I don't believe they should have much say in the chickens, however again if already done for IE 3 cows on a farm then yes I'd change my answer.	1/10/2024 2:14 PM
203	I think this is a great initiative. Pilot it at least and see how it goes. So many benefits!	1/10/2024 1:53 PM
204	With regards to noise, dogs are far louder than chickens. With regards to attracting pests, predators, and avian flu prevention, residents are currently permitted to have bird feeders, bird baths etc. Which encourage birds to congregate in yards. Many residents also have outdoor cats that have free range into neighboring yards, where they will defecate and can potentially spread disease, or attack pets and/or children.	1/10/2024 1:51 PM
205	Leave well enough alone. There is no need for more laws and guidelines. Let people live.	1/10/2024 1:51 PM
206	The limit on chickens should be based on lot size.. rural properties should not have a limit. This should not effect rural properties at all. Chickens are good for the environment. They eliminate waste from the home and provide a source of nutrition great for all people . Their waste goes back into the ground to sustain the earth with the nutrients it needs. Allow backyard chickens.	1/10/2024 1:09 PM
207	I don't understand your insistence in interfering with what others choose to do on their own property	1/10/2024 12:57 PM
208	People should be allowed to cultivate their own food for dietary and health concerns. I do not believe that the government should stop that from happening as long as there is no annoyance to the surrounding neighbours and no animal cruelty is occurring.	1/10/2024 12:29 PM

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209	Not appropriate on standard residential lots. Maybe lots of 1 acre or more but still don't like the idea of them in residential areas at all because of the smell and rodents.	1/10/2024 12:22 PM
210	Do not regulate my ability to feed my family.	1/10/2024 12:20 PM
211	Find something more productive to do with our tax dollars	1/10/2024 11:52 AM
212	7-10 birds are not enough to sustain my family with enough food that we need.	1/10/2024 11:48 AM
213	No limitations	1/10/2024 11:46 AM
214	Find something more productive to do	1/10/2024 11:44 AM
215	No limitations and no permits necessary	1/10/2024 11:42 AM
216	You can't limit personal property	1/10/2024 11:40 AM
217	There should not be a limit to the amount of animals that I want to purchase with my money on my property that I pay for	1/10/2024 11:38 AM
218	I think that people should have the freedom and wisdom to have chickens on their own property. If there is a problem where they don't treat them properly, or the whole neighborhood is stinky, then it is the business of other people, otherwise let people do and live without so many rules a regulations.	1/10/2024 11:38 AM
219	It should be unlimited amount with no permits necessary. This is private property back off	1/10/2024 11:37 AM
220	No backyard chickens in residential Ares	1/10/2024 11:35 AM
221	There shouldn't be a limit	1/10/2024 11:31 AM
222	That fact that this has to be allowed is strange. We live in the greenbelt of Ontario, we have some of the best rural lands. Why are we not taking full advantage of our space. We have seen a soaring cost in meats, eggs are a valuable source of protein that should be available to everyone.	1/10/2024 11:21 AM
223	People should have the freedom to have hens in their backyard. Esp in the agricultural non farming areas. But all people should be able to be able to provide food for themselves. I'm curious why is it a problem for those who live on a country lot with no neighbours nearby to have having chickens or the amount of chickens restricted?	1/10/2024 10:47 AM
224	Backyard chickens give ppl means to feed their family healthy food while learning many life lessons that are replaceable	1/10/2024 10:17 AM
225	Regulations for properties outside town boundaries should be different than within. Yard/land size should also be factored in.	1/10/2024 10:17 AM
226	In my opinion, the government shouldn't have a say over this. People should not be stopped from providing for their families in a healthier way. We live in a FREE country and shouldn't be so controlled by our government. You are going to seriously upset people if you implement something like this.	1/10/2024 10:05 AM
227	Definitely no roosters. Too noisy!	1/10/2024 9:57 AM
228	Stop trying to regulate this. If we wanted to live in china, we would move there. Any issues can be dealt with among neighbours. Smithville of all places is the poultry capital of ontario. Remove any restrictions on backyard poultry. In brussels some years ago, they gave each resident 3 chickens and it reduced their green bin waste astronomically. Huge savings to the town. Chickens eat bugs and green bin waste. Win win. Question 6 , there doesnt need to be a limit. Common sense among neighbours will apply.	1/10/2024 9:29 AM
229	Backyard chickens should not be monitored by the township.	1/10/2024 8:51 AM
230	Let's not become China....	1/10/2024 8:40 AM
231	Noise , smells , cleanup of waste ,other animals not wanted , health concerns	1/10/2024 8:33 AM
232	I personally raise and exhibit heratige varieties of chickens. Iam live out on. Rural country lot and I have roosters. I need roosters to keep reproducing my breeding lines or generations of a blood line for years. I know this is not an issue with my neighbors. This issue was dealt with in Pelham and I was involved in that process. There is a clause in their amendment regarding	1/10/2024 8:29 AM

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and preserving heratige varieties of chickens . I am also a member of the American poultry association and the American bantam association who encourage preserving these certain breeds and sometimes endangered species. I completely understand there is a fine line with people directly in town wanting pets and that don't really have a clue with raising birds to people that live in the rural agricultural parts of our municipality. I will be attending this meeting .

233	Number of chickens allowed shoul depend on rural or subdivision. 20 chickens in country lot is no big deal but 20 chickens on a subdivision is a lot	1/10/2024 8:24 AM
234	No one should have to get permission from neighbors or anybody else in order to have chickens, any more than they would have to request permission to own a dog or cat. The ability to be able to be more self-sufficient, and to alleviate some of the pressure from inflation, and to raise your own healthy, nutritious food is crucial to people's well-being, and their very existence. The very idea of trying to restrict people's ability to provide for themselves is ludicrous.	1/10/2024 8:19 AM
235	Hens are rather quiet. They are trainable pets, who also happen to eat ticks which have become endemic to Niagara. Cleanliness standards would be the biggest consideration. Guidelines on how to handle and properly dispose of poultry waste would be useful for new chicken owners. Chicken feed should be in a sealed container to avoid mice and rats.	1/10/2024 8:13 AM
236	We should all be growing our own food and having chickens is part of that. Their compost is great for gardens and fresh eggs can't even compare with store bought eggs. Let the people who choose to be more self sustaining do just that. We rely way to much on government as it is. We need to take care of ourselves, so government needs to back off.	1/10/2024 8:05 AM
237	Please help sustainability here! My kids would love to care for a few chickens and it would help us with our grocery bills- eggs are so good for growing kids!	1/10/2024 7:57 AM
238	Chickens are no more of a problem to neighbors than other pets/noisy dogs etc.. People.should be able to provide a sustainable stable food supply for their families same way they can grow a vegetable garden.	1/10/2024 7:50 AM
239	Predators , odour , noise	1/10/2024 7:31 AM
240	This seems like an absurd thing to consider in this area. Leave people alone.	1/10/2024 6:08 AM
241	Who assumes liability should illness arise or coyotes attack young children as a result of backyard chickens luring them closer into the urban residential community.	1/10/2024 12:23 AM
242	This seems ridiculous that you would even put this type of survey out! If you don't want the things that come with country living, please go back to the city.	1/9/2024 11:45 PM
243	Followups should be conducted by bylaw officers to confirm adherence to the conditions and restrictions.	1/9/2024 11:09 PM
244	I don't think 7-10 need be the max. If you can manage more, including the manure, go for it. The town should stay out of people's backyards. Remember we used to host Poultry Fest?! Not chicken quota Fest!	1/9/2024 11:05 PM
245	Chickens are environmentally friendly composters of all your food scraps!! Every household should have at least 2 chickens to do their part in caring for the environment.	1/9/2024 11:00 PM
246	We are living in tough economical times. It is common knowledge that backyard chicken eggs are an excellent source of nutrition. You cannot take away the rights of residents to take care of their families and health. We live in an over-regulated society. Please stop looking to add more regulations to our lives and leave us free to make our own informed decisions. If issues arise from irresponsible residents they can be dealt with on an individual basis - no sweeping regulations are necessary.	1/9/2024 10:53 PM
247	This is ridiculous. Stop trying to insert yourselves into our private lives there shouldn't be a limit to anything. I put 7-10 on question 6 only because that was the only option the answer should be however many you want. You can try to stop people from owning chickens but it's not going to happen. You have 1 bylaw officer to attempt to enforce anything. There will not be compliance. Get a life and stay out of our business.	1/9/2024 10:51 PM
248	Its a great idea.	1/9/2024 10:45 PM
249	Rodent control might be an issue	1/9/2024 9:59 PM

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250	They are fantastic we desperately want this!	1/9/2024 9:55 PM
251	Backyard chickens are an environmentally friendly option for the ethical raising of quality food for the people of West Lincoln.	1/9/2024 9:44 PM
252	Backyard chickens are wonderful. They're a good source of sustainability, and provide a great resource for education about agriculture for families. Assuming adequate cleanliness and living conditions, their presence is a delight in almost any neighborhood and should be actively encouraged rather than hampered.	1/9/2024 9:42 PM
253	It's a great idea! I believe Ottawa and other cities have allowed this.	1/9/2024 9:36 PM
254	If I live in the country and own my land I will be the one deciding if I have chickens or not. My property taxes should pay whomever. I will not listen to this agreement regardless of the outcome.	1/9/2024 9:32 PM
255	I don't see any reason for permits. As long as the person is sensitive to their neighbours requests, noise levels, and smell (no different than pet dogs or cats), there is no use in wasting money through by-laws, permits, and unnecessary monitoring unless complaints are made to the township regarding an overabundance of chickens. Also, chickens are great at keeping ticks at bay on your property 😊	1/9/2024 9:29 PM
256	I think it would be great to have chickens. Our family loves them.	1/9/2024 9:19 PM
257	Having chickens are hard work and costly, so I don't believe careless owners would want this responsibility. There should be some guidelines such as property fencing so that chickens don't run onto the road along with others listed above. The responsible chicken owners should be able to have a few in their home for at least eggs (food sustainability) which will encourage more people to enjoy planting a garden (mental health too). I think it's a great idea for backyard chickens in our community!	1/9/2024 9:10 PM
258	Extremely concerned with the cleanliness issue and rat problem that comes along with chickens being in urban areas	1/9/2024 9:08 PM
259	Backyards must be fully fenced in, so chickens do not venture out to neighbouring properties.	1/9/2024 8:49 PM
260	I strongly oppose the allowance of backyard chickens within the urban boundaries of the town of Smithville.	1/9/2024 8:36 PM
261	Other birds should also be considered...such as ducks, geese guinea fowl, quail and turkeys	1/9/2024 8:10 PM
262	I worry that they attract rats. The rats will want the feed.	1/9/2024 8:07 PM
263	Rules should be modified between residential lots in Smithville as being different to residential lots in rural hamlets	1/9/2024 7:47 PM
264	Great tick control	1/9/2024 7:41 PM
265	Having backyard chickens in a residential agricultural area should be allowed with keeping the following in mind: keep the coop clean and dry, lock feed and chickens up at night to keep rats/night predators away, keep an eye on the chickens during free range time making sure they're not on neighbours property or out on roadway and make sure you have clean shoes if visiting another chicken farm so you're not transmitting diseases such as avian flu back to your coop or to theirs. Having chickens is wonderful for one's mental health and family life. They make awesome pets for the kids and gives them responsibility as well. Knowing where your eggs come from directly makes them taste even more delicious.	1/9/2024 7:32 PM
266	Chickens are amazing pets. Our friends are permitted to have them in their area and it has greatly affected their community in a positive way. They share eggs with their neighbours and have met multiple other chicken owners that share their interests.	1/9/2024 7:05 PM
267	I would think that people within the town limits of Smithville ought not be allowed as many chickens as those in rural areas or in the smaller hamlets. Perhaps 3 hens. Guidelines are a good idea but the thought of a by law officer coming for each infraction seems like over reach. Feed ought to be stored in sealable containers to keep predators out. The coops ought to be clean and dry to keep smell away. Chickens are a calming kind of pet and hens are very quiet to keep.	1/9/2024 6:30 PM
268	Chickens do not require much land to have adequate care, they reduce waste and provide	1/9/2024 6:22 PM

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beneficial compost material that enriches the soil. It is within our Canadian rights to provide food for ourselves by raising or growing it. Forcing people to buy factory farmed eggs from supermarkets is not a sustainable solution.

269	Having chickens provides not only fresh eggs for that family, it also reduces food waste and is better for the environment. https://www.connexionfrance.com/article/French-news/Town-hands-out-chickens-to-cut-waste https://adventure.com/reducing-food-waste-belgium-urban-chickens/	1/9/2024 6:02 PM
270	I would like to ask a simple question why should chickens be treated differently than any other domesticated pet bird? Especially when they provide an environmental benefit with food scraps not to mention keeping rodents and other pest AWAY from ur garbages. daily scraps are eaten by chickens, so not rotten smelly garbage for rodents to infest	1/9/2024 5:49 PM
271	In non agricultural areas, permits should be required and inspected to ensure quality of area for chickens and cleanliness is kept.	1/9/2024 5:10 PM
272	I can appreciate the concerns with urban backyard coops - I believe 1 -2 hens is not an issue in URBAN boundaries. I take exception to restricting residences in rural (rural residential / agricultural zoning area). The lots are typically large and we are not "packed in" like folks in town. If this township is considering this I will be moving - between everything - tax increases despite us rural folks not having services (sewer, water, sidewalks, etc) and the quality of road maintenance and then you start restricting what we can do on out lots that are currently allowed - what incentive is there for me to remain. When I bought in this area, it was based on life long knowledge that i have a degree of autonomy (within bylaws) and I accept that. We are regulated enough!!!! Before I bought and move here, I did my due diligence and read the bylaws - now years later you are changing the goal posts. So why should I remain - you don't focus on building infrastructure to support the population with more business and the council has done little to nothing to bring business into town and THAT should be your focus. Not this small potatoes stuff - it is yet another waste of time and resources. Your questions are also not well defined.	1/9/2024 5:10 PM
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274	I think number of chickens should be a formula based on lot size, and type of area (urban, hamlet, or agricultural)	1/9/2024 4:37 PM
275	I have been keeping chickens for 30 years, obviously flying under the radar. Those concerns you listed are stereotypically and not based on fact. I look forward to seeing this legalized in West Lincoln	1/9/2024 4:01 PM
276	Backyard chickens are a sustainable and healthy food source. Especially in a time of unsustainable inflation and families struggling to buy groceries, it would be a massive disservice to the community to take away something as simple as backyard chickens because some residents "don't like the smell" of real food	1/9/2024 3:32 PM
277	My grandparents had chickens in an urban area (Hamilton) and it created a continuous source of aggravation between neighbours. Rodents became more prevalent. Now with avian flu in the area it could cause problems for commercial producers.	1/9/2024 3:21 PM
278	Get rid if the frigging government overreach and let people be sustainable for healthy eating. Why should everyone be forced to buy hormone laden foods?	1/9/2024 3:16 PM
279	Do not take away our rights to have backyard animals to provide food and sustainable living. We live in country setting. If people don't like it, move to the city	1/9/2024 2:46 PM
280	Take down the speed cameras.	1/9/2024 2:40 PM
281	Attract unwanted predators like foxes and coyotes Avion Flu is also a concern with transference to human	1/9/2024 2:16 PM
282	I'm 100% FOR the allowance of backyard chickens, with the exception that it is monitored. Chickens are clean and great animals and the learning they can provide children are outstanding. The only thing I am wary about is the people that would own them. I think people need to do the work to keep their property and clean. While chickens themselves won't attract rodents and pests, the way people keep their pens will.	1/9/2024 2:15 PM
283	I have always had them as well as many neighbours in our area. I think a few chickens for personal use is awesome and we have no issues with them.	1/9/2024 2:12 PM

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284	I love the idea of backyard chickens, however, I don't love the idea of rat and rodent activity as a result of feed; don't love the idea of Avian flu being transmitted to flock by wild birds; and don't love the idea that some neighbour's with chickens will likely not comply with by law and health standards...	1/9/2024 1:50 PM
285	No roosters as they are noisy. Having chickens is a fun activity which can provide healthy foods for the owner. They need to stay and not wander onto other peoples property. Lastly, it's to the credit of the owner to keep the barn and yard clean or else there can be consequences. Please allow.	1/9/2024 1:42 PM
286	Chickens are great, they provide entertainment along with food. They are easy to keep clean and everyone should have some. They clean kitchen scraps, keep the yard clean from bugs and provide great fertilizer for the gardens	1/9/2024 1:38 PM
287	It's been my experience that people who raise hens care for them as pets and they are taken care of extremely well! I wish some dog owners were as courteous and respectful of their neighbours!	1/9/2024 1:25 PM
288	I would love the opportunity to teach my children about growing food at home and the responsibility.	1/9/2024 1:25 PM
289	They should not be allowed in Smithville in the subdivisions. I rural homes and hamlets become able to have chickens, the number of chickens allowed could vary by situation based upon a number of factors. Some conditions might be suitable for 1-3 chickens and others for a higher number. One solution may not be appropriate for all lot sizes etc.	1/9/2024 1:24 PM
290	This is a long time coming and something that should be welcomed.	1/9/2024 1:24 PM
291	Eggs are expensive. Having chickens is organic and teaches responsibility, discipline and sustainability. Having a few disgruntled citizens and council decide in an undemocratic is not fair to those who want chickens.	1/9/2024 1:05 PM