



# City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager  
FROM: Wesley Russ, Assistant City Attorney  
DATE: April 15, 2019  
RE: Increasing number of chickens permitted with a permit from 4 to 6.

**Summary:** An ordinance amendment to increase the number of chickens permitted on certain residential properties from four (4) to six (6).

**Background:** September 26, 2017 meeting, City Council removed from the consent agenda and tabled a proposal to amend Section 15-2-24 of the City Code, which generally addresses fowl, chickens and other domestic birds.

That proposal included several amendments to Section 15-2-24. At this time, staff requests City Council consider approval of the portion of the amendments that would increase the number of permitted chickens from four to six. This amendment is intended to address a recurring complaint that chicks are often sold only in sets of six.

**Key Issues:** None

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Prior Actions:** None

**Alternatives:** (a) Amend Section 15-2-24 as proposed or with changes desired by Council;  
(b); or decline to amend Section 15-2-24.

**Community Engagement:** None

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of the amended ordinance as presented.

**Attachments:**

RE: Proposed ordinance.

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**Review:**

*The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.*

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