

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION
15-2-24 OF THE HARRISONBURG CITY CODE
REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS AND OTHER FOWL
WITHIN THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold a public hearing on May 24, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon as the agenda permits, in the City Council Chambers located at 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to solicit public comments concerning the possibility of amending an ordinance allowing the keeping of chickens and other fowl in the city of Harrisonburg.

The following are among the amendments to be considered:

1. To eliminate the 2 acre minimum lot size requirement that is currently mandated in order to keep chickens. If the amendments are approved, there would be no minimum lot size requirement.
2. Chickens shall not be permitted within five hundred (500) feet of particular poultry related facilities or any facilities operated by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
3. Pens must be enclosed and covered, located in the rear yard, and situated at least five (5) feet from all property lines and at least twenty (20) feet from any streams or stormwater management related facilities;
4. Chicken litter and waste must be composted on site, collected by a bona-fide poultry litter service, or bagged and taken to the county landfill.
5. Deceased chickens shall be composted or buried on site or taken to the county landfill.

Copies of the proposed ordinances are available on the city's website and are available in the City Manager's Office, 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

All persons interested will have an opportunity to express their views at this public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids, including signers, in connection with this public hearing shall notify the City Manager at least five (5) days prior to the time of the hearing.

CITY OF HARRISONBURG
Kurt D. Hodgen,
City Manager

To be advertised one (1) time:

Saturday, May 14, 2016