



ATTACHMENT A

REQUEST TO PLACE ITEM ON THE AGENDA (Per Section 1-20 of Governing Standards and Expectations)

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Problem/Issue/Idea Name for Agenda:

BACKYARD HENS ORDINANCE

Description of Problem/Issue/Idea:

Several residents have approached me with an issue regarding the access to home grown food items, namely eggs, especially in the North Killeen area where they're experiencing a food desert. It was also brought to my attention that Killeen is one of the only cities in the area without such an ordinance. I believe the creation of such an ordinance would not only satisfy the needs of our residents, but also provide an outlet for mental health. I believe the benefits far outweigh any misnomers that may exist.

Requested Action:

I would request staff to look at our neighboring cities and their backyard hens ordinances and develop such an ordinance allowing for a maximum of six (6) hens per residential lot (no roosters). I would expect this draft ordinance to contain parameters to ensure the health and safety of surrounding neighbors and such that any coop would not create an unsanitary condition and be well kept. I prefer the City of Copperas Cove's ordinance but believe a combination of them may be best for Killeen.