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Question 8: What concerns do you have, if any, about residents being permitted to keep chickens on their properties in Chatham-Kent? Please select all that apply: (Other (please specify))
should be on a farm not in town
They attract rats-cause lots of destruction. Coyotes are attracted to those small animals that get closer to houses, which means small animals and kids.
Having the odd urban home having chickens isn't a big deal. However if there were several homes in the same area with chickens - would be much
Avian flu- owners not doing what they are supposed to do legally when their chicken get sick or not following recomendations from CFIA to set-up, care for birds
Dealing with the people who complaint about growing your own food would be the only concern
This emerging "bird flu" will be the next COVID. Last thing I need is to live in Bird Flu Central. Chickens are farm animals.
Owners not being properly educated to care for the animal
As long as they are in a proper pen and health related issues and cleanliness guidelines are met I don't have a problem
Neighbours' health and wellness should be a major point of concern when constructing policy surrounding this, and folks interested in keeping chickens should be provided with comprehensive education to equip them to do so in a responsible manner, respectful of the community.
I believe some people may not properly care or clean up after chickens which could cause neglect of the animals and problems with neighbours
The only concern I have is that there will be local fees charged that will not help struggling families already living below the poverty line. If fees for permits need to be charged, please keep them low, or non existent if possible. Fees should be put in place for anyone who does not properly take care of their chickens and property where they reside.

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No Roosters!
Animal control - Cats roam all over Blenheim - we don't need chickens doing the same!
People see this as a novelty and they will not be cared for properly, chickens are a lot of work and require upkeep.
As long as there in coops or properly taking care of
More work than people realize, and I'd hate for people who aren't taking proper care of their chickens, to give responsible chicken owners a bad rep
Just chickens. No roosters please. Roosters are the main problem with most people.
irresponsible owner who don't properly look after their chicken, animal welfare concerns
Avian flu
People that don't know how to care for them and they require lots of room to roam to be healthy.
It my property and no one's gonna tell me I can or can't do anything in it or to it
Animal welfare and overloading of animal rescues when chickens stop producing eggs.
Not the best environment for the chickens in the urban areas!
The Municipality would need to monitor the wellbeing of the chickens and ensure there is no animal cruelty, they are being properly kept and are not a nuisance to the neighbourhood.
The possibility of animal neglect or abuse
Animal neglect. Example. People who get a horse/horses. Then their too busy to feed,water,provide proper shelter. Absolute neglect. In the country these chickens get out on the road. Attract foxes, wolves. I've witnessed this in our area. And there is no one that checks on the cleanliness or well being of these chickens or horses etc.
Roosters must absolutely not be permitted....noise!
I would only be concerned with people not being educated in proper care and maintenance of chickens and their housing.
We have strays as is and animals get loose, it is normal.
Enforcement
Like anything else there should be a sanitary standard and possibly limited quantity based on space
I think that the opportunity should occur to keep back yard chickens but with strict guidelines to all of the above so they are not a concern. Property size should be a factor as well to house and keep them properly.
Irresponsible owners dumping them.
Neighbour cats that are allowed to roam freely in the town causing isses. Trying to kill chickens. Cats should follow similar rules to dogs
Proper care and attention not being upheld causing higher risk for neglect and abuse
Would not want roosters allowed.
Drops of chickens cpould often be trashed in municipal sewage. This is what happened to us in Florida. This cost over 25000 USD justto unclog the municipal sewage. Also we already have a seious gardening problem in Chatham due to rabbits everywhere.
I have not heard of one town that doesn't have a rat problem where chickens were allowed to reside. Its not just neighbours that are affected but whole blocks. Reports of some neighbours catching up to 10 a day in Bowmanville

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Over keeping, there should be 5 or less per household.
Inadequate knowledge Improper care Viral spread to agricultural flocks
How is this different than the thousands of crows that are noisy, dirty, ruining property values, and roaming. Chickens will kill rodents. Owners should be responsible to keep them on their own property. Same as any other pet.
Lots of people will take good care of chickens and some will let it smell. The ones that don't clean or take care of chickens should not have chickens.
Animals not being properly cared for
Safety/health concerns for the chickens. A lot of people don't realize that chickens aren't an "easy" animal to take care of
Most people have no idea of the care and work having a coop can be...especially in winter months. By law officers would need to make regular inspections to make sure the chickens are properly cared for to prevent abuse.
Too many
People should be allowed to do whatever they'd like with their property. Isn't that the benefit of ownership? The government is always trying to overreach.
People without proper training not taking good care of their chickens (animal welfare concerns). However, this is a valid concern regardless of where the chickens are kept, i.e. urban v rural. Community education would be important.
Who is responsible when the neighbors outdoor cat kills a chicken, there already has been sightings of coyotes in town, this will only attracted them further into the city.
small backyards or yards backing on to one another where the chickens are too close to neighbours; bylaw enforcement when there are too few officers now to deal with much bigger property issues/violations.
People can't look after dogs and cats, they won't be cleaning coops, straw will be blowing all over, rats will be prevalent because of seed and corn, then fox snakes will increase, too many irresponsible people don't know anything about animal husbandry.
Hens only. No Roosters.
I believe that there should be regulations in place such as so many chickens per lot/household, health and sanitation, reasonable location as to not reduce the value of the property or the property of those around you etc.
I want to have chickens but I don't want my neighbor to have chickens that are free range and come on to my property. I don't want my neighbor to have a chicken coop that's close to my sitting area on my patio that is not maintained. I don't want my neighbor to have a lot of chickens. No roosters. My point is, allow chickens but responsibly. Try to make it so that a neighbor can't even tell their neighbor has chickens
Chickens eat all bugs earwigs crickets Had chickens for 50 year only problems was neighbours dogs Never had a bug in yard
Don't want to see dead chickens on the road

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if a person wants fresh eggs and/or chickens, let them be. they make less noise than your neighbours dog.
Chickens are fine but no roosters
to hard to catch for BBQ
It perpetuates the spread of avian influenza which has drastic negative impacts in commercial poultry farms in the county
Animal welfare/too many chickens in small space
I live in zero lot line housing in Green Acres our yards are too small. Not very enjoyable to sit in your yard it all you hear are chickens in the next yard.
Bird Flu should be a concern for everyone not just big chicken farms. How will CK monitor the health of chickens in the residential areas.
I'm more concerned about the ENDLESS issues with people on drugs roaming our town and stealing day in and day out than I am about any poultry in my neighbourhood.
To many predator species around here that would kill the chickens
Like neighbours dogs, they will roam everywhere. Coyotes will come closer, to eat chickens. Not safe for children. Noise from roosters. If we wanted to live in the country (agriculture area) we would live there. This is why we came to a small village, so it would be quiet. No to chickens now or anytime in the future. Who keeps bringing this up??? Can't u spend more important things at ur council meetings? Waste of time.
Who is going to go house to house to make sure everyone is providing by the rules if this gets passed.
Ridiculous, shouldn't even be an issue.
People not being able to take care of chickens properly
If chickens are kept responsibly, loops cleaned regularly, no smell. no No roosters in non ag areas to control noise, and proper caging keeping predators at bay, there should be no reason not to allow chickens on residential properties. If they are not well kept, the privilege should then be reconsidered or revoked but do not just generally prohibit residents from raising their own chickens.
Chicken numbers should reflect coop or property size.
Chickens getting out of the yard and being killed by cats or dogs.
My dog eating someone's chicken if it gets loose
Avian Flu, need I say more? Terrible idea.
As long as they stay on their own property.
No Roosters should be allowed
People who do not know how to care for the chickens
Would not want Roosters in the city
People abusing or neglecting their pets, not just Chickens
The ability/responsibility to dispose of excess manure. Licensing/registration should NOT be required
Health concerns of the chickens, residents not looking after them properly, feeding them etc
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If they make it onto the road its a hazard.
Ppl letting them roam on others property
Avian flu and other diseases that spread
Lack of veterinary care
The bird flu will live in the towns and contaminate the commercial flocks
1-Neglectful owners too.
2-Diseases
I can't see this working in an apartment setting, unless the property includes a BIG green space. But any single-family home, or duplex/fourplex with enough green space should be able to do this.
No roosters, too noisy, too early. Urban lights will keep them awake all hours.
Property standards around this town are not being addressed, so how can they addressed more problems
Anywhere outside of the City of Chatham I don't see an issue. The only exception would be when having them in town or villages would be to have only hens and no roosters.
Improperly housed/cared for birds. Problems with enforcing standards.
more vermin and insects
Bird flu spreading
Neighbours, I think for a legitimate complaint needs to be by two or more neighbours. Not one person who complains over everything in life.
The attraction of flies due to chicken feces everywhere. I know this first hand after having been married to a chicken farmer. Also avian flu is a serious threat to people through birds and that has been a real issue recently. Most people who keep backyard chickens do it as a hobby, not a livelihood and don't know about the proper care of chickens which now brings up the concerns for animal cruelty etc.
Animal cruelty.
Many of those that wish to have chickens in their backyards, do not know a thing about raising chickens or the care they require.
Bird flu
Increased risk of avian flu in commercial farm flocks.
My concern is people jumping on the bandwagon of getting chickens as a novelty - because "they can" without realizing the proper care of the birds. I fear that many will be neglected or abused. Living in the country, I have actually had people "dump" chickens on the roadside from what I believed at the time to have been when schools did chick hatching projects. I personally took in many of those "projects" over the years when the novelty of having chickens wore off. Also, those who get baby chicks thinking they are getting all hens often find that some of their brood are roosters. What becomes of the roosters?
Chicken poo is Ecoli not a good thing
Should be limited to lot size above an acre if not 2 minimal.
Only hens should be allowed. Not roosters and in a coop only
Smell from those who don't know how to care for them properly. There's a right way and a wrong way.

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People get them and then they don't know how to care for them. They don't realize how much work they are. Then they are dumped on the roadside or at the humane society.
Some people may not know the proper handling of these animals
Bio security, risk to farmers chickens
They attract rats
No concerns but the ticks bugs and scraps they eat are a plus to have if them
No roosters
Concern for people who do not have appropriate space trying to have chickens and not being able to care for them, leading to harm for the chickens.
Reasonable numbers
I have zero concerns
Avian flu could become a danger to humans.
Highly pathogenoc avian influenza
noisy roosters not a good thing/ there should be ample room for free run// fenced in.
None
Damage to neighbours property, including lawns, flower beds and gardens
Disease issues for commercial herds
Avian flu big problem right now
If people don't properly care for them.
Overdoing it. So having more chickens than you need/can fit
I'd like to see clear guidelines and rules, and then ensure people who choose to raise chickens have to follow those guidelines.
i'm very scared of chickens
Quality of life of said chickens in improper housing, space and circumstances. Loose chickens near busy roads raise concern for not only the safety of the animal but motorists as well
Additional prey animals can cause unexpected aggresion in local dogs.
Avian flu
certain people will have no idea how to take care of them
We've had damage to our vehicle due to a neighbours wandering urban chicken in the past (photos available)
Sleep will suffer greatly. All pets are predatory, and will instinctively hunt. There is no profit to having your own eggs and this is similar to having bans for ex.snakes and other exotic pets such as large cats horses, pigs, cow's etc. Low immune systems would be more susceptible to bird virus. I live in a town not a barnyard so what of my property insurance. Chicken poop on a hot day will have me join the class action lawsuit 'faster than the fly's 'against this bird brained idea.
I have no concerns. I love chickens and think this is an progressive idea
The well being of the chickens
I would worry my cats would hunt them in other peoples yards lol
No roosters!
None
All of the above
Animal welfare. I am afraid of people being neglectful especially in winter.

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bird flu potential right now
Chickens are prone to disease that can spread easily. Are vets ready for that?
No roosters
Avian flu
The lack of care these birds may receive and the amount of unwanted drop offs.
Animal welfare. Who will be checking that the flocks are well tended to?
Avion Influenza is a dangerous poultry disease that is currently spreading through Ontario. AI has already been confirmed in CK and backyard flocks would add to the risk. CK is already at an elevated risk because of the population of migrating water fowl in the area. It would not be wise to allow more backyard flocks.
Attracts rats.
ridiculous idea ever Chickens belong in the country if council approves this then they need to step down
Although I am not totally against this idea as there are so many people that could benefit. I do worry about other animals coming in. We already have CATS that constantly roam our house. The smell of urine in gardens and feces left in the yard by cats is disgusting. Lets look at things one at a time. If you have a cat keep it in the house or leash it like a dog. Cats as well will get into chicken coups. You need to contain ALL animals.
Safety of chickens and residents
The mistreating of the chickens. If allowed there needs to be guidelines.
Farmers have yo follow 100s of different rules to be aloud to have chickens and people with back yard birds have no regulations
anyone who has chickens should be required to and agree to have the cages/ shelters inspected on a regular basis to insure safety cleanliness and the chickens are well looked after and not abused!There must be a limit on how many chickens are permitted per household!A yearly fee /or license if you will should be required to cover any costs such as registration and periodic inspections by bylaw officers!! I think this would insure that residents who choose to have chickens take care,maintenance and responsibility seriously!!!
Only roosters crowing
I live in a very expensive area and pay considerable taxes. chickens belong in rural areas not where I live.
Should be laying hens only no roosters. They will make a lot of noise. Also the public need to be informed on what to do if they loose a chicken. And also what they are to do with waste cleanup. Many won't know what they are doing and we don't want unhealthy chickens.
AVIAN FLUE OUTBREAKS
Disposal of dead chickens
If a chicken were to come over to my property even though it's fenced one of my animals may get a hold of it and I do not want to be held responsible
What's next? Ducks? Geese?
No roosters
Mice, rats, raccoons, additional squirrels, crows, anything that likes grain feeds

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Animal neglect, some people can not take care of their cats and dogs are they going to be able to take care of chickens? More work for animal control, and being able to house chickens that are roaming.
I would love chickens but I don't think everyone needs to have them, they require a lot of care.
people who dont know how to properly care for their chickens that will lead to the chickens having a crappy life.
no roasters allowed and keep the coop clean from smells
Interactions with dogs, disease
Residents who get chickens and don't take care of them or their chicken houses.
Avian flu
My only concern is people starting a project like a chicken coop, finding out its hard and just giving up and leaving things to fall apart. However, that concern is far outweighed by my concern regarding higher food costs, lower supplies, and inflation. Let the people provide for themselves.
Rooster calls in the morning are my only concern
Getting attacked by roaming chickens
I would just hope that owners would properly take care of them. (Safe shelters, Heat lamps in winter etc....) There would have to be some guidelines if there isn't already. I'd worry for the chicken, not the people.
Chickens are not pets and need to be maintained properly. They are not for urban settings
Health and welfare of the chickens
If the yard is too small or the neighbours too close this could cause problems.
Who is going to monitor to see if the chicken owners abide by the bylaws.
Proper care of the health of the chickens
Raising indoors
My concern is the city backing off on a decision they already make to let ppl have chickens after they already tell everyone they can have them. I don't want to hear I have to get rid of my birds 9 months after I was told I can have them. The city is not my mother.
Disposal of chicken waste.
Have it limited to a certain amount.
If people want to have chickens in their yards let them move to the country. There are enough wildlife predators entering town now, and if I wanted to smell chicken feces I'd move to the country. There is a reason for farms not being located within an urban area.
bird flu diseases
You will be pitting neighbour against neighbour and just like all other bylaws in Chatham Kent you have bylaw officers that don't have the time to police this bylaw just like other bylaws that are not being investigated and the only recourse people go to entities including the ombudsman to get any action
no roosters aloud because of the noise. Abuse should be reported.
There should be NO roosters because they are the ones that make noise
Currently we have a significant coyote problem in Chatham Kent



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Avian Flu and other disease, chicken manure will end up being placed in garage for pick up by trash companies
Rental property being affected by this and lack of ability to disallow it if a city bylaw. Property value if no ability to police it. Extreme situation of this right to have chickens to the neighbours, neighbourhood, and unnecessary costs for pesticide services, clean up of chicken poop and smells, sanitary costs and concerns with diseases, insurance increase for liability and etc and etc
With the recent Avian Influenza outbreak from last year and what is gearing up to be another year of it, does it make sense? Have you considered talking to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency about their thoughts? I'm sure they will have more input than politicians.
People are arguing that this will save them money, if they can't afford \$4 for a dozen eggs, how are they going to afford to feed the chickens? They can't eat the meat without following the government guidelines. Who is going to deal with the disease chickens bring? Farm animals belong on farms, tended to by people that know what they are doing. They have no place in towns.
There should be a limit that is reasonable and also a standard of care required . Health of the chickens priority.
People lurking around peoples yards
No Roosters
We are already dealing with roaming coyotes in the area and people are shooting them. I do not want their food sources in Penns around my house or in my neighborhood. I am pro coyotes.
The knowledge of what it takes to properly raise a chicken, disease prevention ect. deseases
I don't want to see chickens just in a small pen. They should be allowed to roam around. Only people who have the room should be allowed to have them.
Pour care for people with chickens properly taken care of and proper nutrition
My biggest concern is noise of roosters crowing at all hours. We used to live in an area that allowed chickens in urban areas. The noise was a problem, but it was pretty much all roosters. Hens are much less of a problem. So, if there was a compromise solution, it might be to not allow roosters, but only hens and in a limited amount.
Owners not taking care of chickens properly
People tresting the chickens poorly or not taking care of them properly
Chickens can get territorial, especially roosters and can Chas and even attack people if not properly contained.
People not taking proper care but they will also need fines in effect for that. Just like any animal we need to make sure owners are responsible.
No roosters because of noise
Adequate and proper education of owners on how to properly care for chickens. It's not good enough to just buy a chicken and stick it in a coop. That being said, chickens are actually very clean and safe "pets". Also currently concerned about avian flu and it's spread to actual chicken farms from owners who aren't properly educated.

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Proper care of the animals
I believe chickens should be aloud anywhere, though I also believe there should be bylaws of some sort that the coops must be tidy and presentable, chickens must not be roaming the streets etc.
My concern is the raising of agricultural animals in unfit environments because city folk are not always educated on the proper care and maintenance that a chicken/coop requires. If chickens are allowed in residential areas, there should be a limit (example: 2 chickens per household)- but you may see people of the apartments trying to have coops on their balcony. Overall, I think this is a bad idea.
disease
Small lots where the coops would be close to the house/neighbors being too loud
Contagious diseases such as bird flu infecting proper nearby layer barns
I understand that the smell and noise might be a mild issue but the enforcement I think these areas will be taken care of
The owner cuts their heads off and let's the blood drain out. Which now a days their is a health bylaw through FDA. And the government.
Chickens need to be free roaming. They need a big space.
my only concern is that you will NOT pass this.
People treating animals respectfully and giving them proper coops, space to roam, etc. though this is a problem that also exists with dogs, cats, etc. That's a key reason why I think Chickens pose no threat to residents of CK.
Coops not maintained
Problems or violence caused by people if and when people try stealing them because they need to eat
I love that we have a right to even vote so thank you fir that no roaming chickens and if we do have chickens you must keep care if them like a pet( but there not a pet ) and that is to keep their area clean(chicken coops)to keep the smell down but yes to having chickens thank you
I don't think most people understand the cost and responsibility of having chickens in their backyard.
Limiting the number just like cats and dogs
Number of chickens per property size.
Avian influenza (Bird Flu) CK government oversight/control of mass disposal
Amount of animals, breeding, disposal of carcasses, etc.
None of the above would be an issue if clear guidelines were provide to those who want to raise chickens in there back yard.
If proper research or educational courses are available there will be less of the above
Should be a limit on how many people can have
quantity of chickens. if roosters are allowed, the noise will be annoying and can affect shift workers sleep.
The concern I have is how the chickens are being cared for and treated. I feel there should be a limit per household and regulations in place.
No concerns
NO Roosters should be allowed.. But chickens should be allowed.

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Rooster noise is my concern. Having Hens is much quieter than having 1 or 2 roosters. I would absolutely support urban chicken care if Roosters were not permitted.

Just like owning a dog, chickens also need to be cleaned up after which I do t feel would be an issue. Largest concern would be people who won't know the difference between a hen and a rooster initially. Noise would be a concern to morning walk up calls to neighbour's as well as not culling the roosters if needed. Other than that it is a wonderful idea!

certain health issues ! check out histoplasmosis from chicken poop ! i disagree 100 percent in allowing this

A process for backyard chicken owners to follow in an outbreak of avian flu; they should be subject to same rules as commercial producers - or something that makes sense. I'm not an expert on this but my concern would be that many small flocks of chickens could increase spread of flu from one to another.

Worried about people getting chickens that are uneducated and let them roams on the road/front yard.

Spread of avian flu

Those who have them should know how understand the health and safety implications.

Hens don't make noise. Coops using the deep litter method don't smell, only large scale farming does which isn't what we are asking for. Sanitary? Ever been on an actual chicken farm? We are talking small scale here. If they are contained properly all is well. Predator issue is only at night by coyotes and if they are in the coop with door closed, all is well. Chickens go back to coop on their own at sun down. Yes, on there own. They know where safety is and roost all night and sleep quietly. Create a chicken run from the coop so they can't "roam" outside of fencing. You can clip their wings and easily solve this issue. Mind you my chickens for 20 years roamed freely and stayed in my yard. They won't go far from their coop. Only ppl worried about roaming chickens are ppl that dont know what they are talking about and haven't had chickens for a substantial amount of time. Coops are unsightly? Ppl can get pretty creative and clever with coops and can even increase the value of a home if another chicken keeper is interested in buying . It's all set up ready to go. That's great! If not, tear it down like you would anything else you don't like when you buy a house. If the neighbors don't like my coop, the color of my door, or anything else, that's just too bad. My vard.

I feel there is more than enough vandalism in Chatham Kent now without adding something else that could become an attraction to those wishing to hop fences and steal a chicken.

There are people in Chatham-Kent who need to sleep during daytime hours due to working hours.

Education on keeping chicken healthy and the coops cleaned should be required.

Poor care of said chickens

Owners will take poor care of chickens

Please are not educated on proper care etc

The welfare of the chickens. That they are looked after properly.

Many above concerns could be addressed by limiting the number of chickens allowed

Quality of care of chickens and owners not taking care of chickens properly

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Spreading of the bird flu virus
# of allowable on one property, with codes on how the animals are housed
My only concern is that people get them and don't take care of them. They roam and cause accidents etc. if taken care of properly, then I see nothing wrong with a small amount of chickens.
All of the above
It's bad enough we have cats running all over the place and getting hit by cars we don't need chickens as well.
chickens make amazing pets, are not noisy, are very clean animals as long as their caretaker provides proper care, chicken manure can be used as natural fertilizer, they deter rodents - i can see having a maximum number in the city - 1 rooster can be with a flock of 10 chickens, kept in backyards with no issues - a crowing rooster isnt any noiser than a barking dog, fighting neighbors, sirens - and they roost all night before sundown and up at sunrise...no reason why not to have them
Easier spread of diseases. Bird flu.
Number each household should be aloud to keep. Their should be a max of 8 to 10 max Neighbourhood pets would be attracted. Potential pets going after and killing chickens Will most definitely create issues amongst neighbours who have bought in the city to be away from typical country lifestyle. No one in the city wants to hear roosters crowing or dogs constantly barking over neighbours having chickens. Where is all the manure going to go, piled at the back of their property so that all the neighbours can smell and have all the flies in the neighbours properties? people who Want chickens should go live far away from any neighbours
Noise but maybe say no roosters?
Careless owners
Bad chicken owners. All the problems above can be an issue but they are all preventable and reflect on poor animal care on the part of the owner.
Would expect proper care and ownership as with any animal
Allow hens, No roosters.
So if a chicken roams into my yard and my dog kills then what
Fire hazard from chicken coops
Owners refusing to fence chickens, allowing them to free range in my gardens
No roosters - noise issue
Vector for bird flu transmission. Perhaps now is not the time, since there currently other pathogens circulating.
If wood chips were made more widely available to residents even in small bag amounts, they can be used to reduce the smell of chickens manure as wood chips absorb and aid in decomposition of waste
Disease from the xcrement

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ppl are pigs and would not take proper care of them
The dogs shit in my yard as it is while the owners stand and watch them do this it stinks is gross and disgusting
Please please do not allow it
There should be a chicken population limit. And, no roosters.
Proper care of birds.
I feel there should be guidelines in place to ensure the safety and health of the chickens and residents in surrounding area. Pet/owner responsibility
People not properly taking care of the chickens.
Neglect of the property.
Residents keeping more than the allowable limit. Lack of governing of the by-law. Lack of knowledge by residents to maintain the health of the chickens.
Bird flu
Coops should be a specific structure.
Re Noise, keeping chickens should not include roosters in residential areas.
Crackheads stealing chickens.
no roosters
Animal welfare & knowledge of care
There should be limits of how many chickens per residential area. No roosters! People will do what they want so there needs to be clear regulations and a way for other residents who are being bothered to have their issues dealt with quickly and enforcement of regulations
Animal cruelty... his will coops be monitored to make sure they are properly maintained and good for the chickens?
Chicken feed brings rats if it isn't stored properly .
Neighbours complaining about chickens lol if my rainbow style coop is unsightly stop looking in my yard and mind your business
People not taking care of them properly
Should be limited to a max of 6 hens and no rooster.
Ensuring those interested understand how to properly care for and protect their chicken. It would be nice to have a basic educational component available to those who are interested.
I care about the wellbeing of the animals and the care of them and in the same way we protect cats/dogs and wouldn't tolerate the abuse of them I think that fowl deserves to be given their basic needs and not be mistreated or abused. I'm happy to have them around but I'd hate for people to just own them without any knowledge of their needs or care and for there to be no protocol of consequences for people who don't meet those needs
As long as they didn't have roosters for the noise
Roosters need stay out of urban
People are just like kids, at first they think its great it will be fun we will save money..not the case they will get bord with them tired of cleaning the coop and realize that they aren't saving money but costing money..just like everybody wanted a dog through the pandemic now they can't spend the time for them..just say NO..thanks

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Most urban people have not a clue how to raise livestock and will cause no end of issues for the animals and their neighbours, raising enforcement issues and ensuing cost for the taxpayers at large.
Avian influenza
Must be kept in chicken coops no free roaming
Avian flu should speak with CFIA on their concerns with outbreaks still happening. Not a good idea to allow this at all.
Chickens belong in country settings not the city. We already have to deal with people not cleaning their yards from dog feces. I choose to live in the city so I don't have to deal with country privileges. Yard size in the city is not for chickens. The city is no place for chickens!!
My neighbour had chickens they often escaped
no roosters
Ensuring humane treatment of the chickens, especially if killed for food
This is 2023 not 1823. there is no benefit to raising your own chickens. Void 19 came from animals whats to stop some virus invading chickens and spreading to the population. This should not even be considered by council. Where are the professional councilors we supposedly elected.
Seems to be a trendy movement right now, until it's not. My concern is the potential neglect of the chickens once the novelty wears off.
Who is going to monitor the health, the waste, the control and refuge of released feral chickens ,eventually. Will the chickens be monitored for disease, and antibiotics made mandatory? Will meat ,eggs etc be allowed to be sold ,traded or given without inspection?Are roosters in the class of chickens? Will property size be mandatory guidelines.....dwellings? Single home ,attached ,apartments? Condos? Coop inspections?
People caring adequately for their chickens. Keeping them appropriately contained
How to control - will there be a limit- those that want should pay a license in order to control: also should be far away from neighbours property line -
My dog will handle any chickens that come on to the property i will throw their carcass into the bush behind for the coyotes
Potential outbreaks of bird flu, no way to help keep other species away from this risk if everyone in town has chickens.
A lot of people have issues taking care of current Domestic. Anyone who wants to own chickens should be required to be trained on upkeep
Chickens are destructive to natural landscapes. An environmental issue. They tear apart ground and property. Family has health problems from growing up with chickens-affects lungs. Family member sees a specialist in Toronto for it every 6 months. Not sanitary and would not be able to regulate.
Theft
The noise or roosters
As long as people take care of the chickens properly, protect them and keep them clean

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Only concerned about irresponsible owners, not the actual animal itself
Town people will think it's easy to have chickens and they don't know how much work is required to keep care of them properly
If they shit in our yard they will be dead chickens
I think there are those who won't take care of them. Would not want them to suffer.
With all this bird flu now I think it would be best to keep these critters were they belong, on farms etc. they have no place in a city ..... and 2 or three chickens will lead to more and more and then who would police this , just an added expense we don't need.
Animal neglect
As long as all of these issues to not effect others it should be okay to keep backyard chickens. (le regular maintenance, and enough space)
Chicken 🐔 or egg 🥚 theft
I worry that some may not do their research ahead of time and be prepared for the commitment and/or neglect the chickens.
Neglect and improper maintenance from owners.
aid in the spread of avian influenza AI and other bird related diseases that could affect brid farming operations
The viruses and bacteria that chickens can carry can also affect people. To name a few, backyard chickens may carry bird flu (avian influenza), E. coli, and Salmonella bacteria.
Spread of bird diseases to poultry
Chickens create manure and manure attracts flies
inspected coop with proper identified regulations applicable ( to be determined )
Too many in one back yard. 3-4 is ok. But I'm afraid some people may go crazy and think 20 chickens is a good idea
Dogs barking due to hens nearby
The only issue would be roosters which I oppose but hens for eggs and meat no issues
Any concerns I have would all relate back to people who do not properly care for chickens however this would be an issue for any pet owner that does not properly care for their pets. Chickens would not be an issue if properly housed, properly cared for, properly fenced, and limited in number. In town I truly believe no more than three hens should be allowed and no roosters.
chickens won't be provided with a decent coop, nesting boxes or adequate feed n water
Complaints are inevitable, I think there should be a free registration of sorts to keep people accountable and responsible and potentially some regulations
If they start killing chickens in town for consumption, there will be health impacts for the consumer of the chicken, what then?
avian flu
Avian flu
If bylaws such as dog barking , off leash problems That are poorly dealt with or next to none chickens will be just another added to the problem list
Many airborne diseases that affect other birds especially avian flu. Do your research. Also how is it going to be enforced? Chatham Kent can't seem to enforce the bylaws now

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Spread of bird flu and other disease.
People not taking proper care of the chickens
Noise possibly but if restricted to hens only then this wouldn't be a concern
Already our community has difficulty taking care of and being responsible for their cats and dogs. I think people view this as a solution for the rising cost of food but are they doing their homework? Chickens don't produce eggs all year round without proper housing and equipment. The cost of grain to feed them has significantly increased. I'm afraid people won't care for the chickens properly when the chickens aren't producing. My other concern is what happens when chickens start to roam? We have a pool. Will we find someone's chicken floating someday? We often have pets at our house. If chickens are walking down my driveway, that will cause a lot of concern. Despite laws stating they should be cooped, people constantly disobey the rules.
Roosters shouldn't be allowed due to noise but hens would be fine
Fighting with neighbours because of dogs maybe killing birds if they get out.
Could host disease transmittable to farm flocks
People who want a rooster. Unless breeding you don't need a rooster
The fact that not everyone who is going to want chickens because it's the 'cool new' thing know how to properly care for them.
I live in Thamesville and we have a sales yard outside of town that you can smell for miles, and you can hear the cows. So chickens could not possibly cause any other disturbances.
Animal Abuse
In the end having chickens will become more costly than they are worth --buying chicks, fencing, food , cleaning for them etc. Most people in the city do NOT know know how to raise chickens nor how to properly kill and use them for their meal. They are not pets. They would be a nuisance after the novelty wears off to them and also for the neighbours.
Like all other "fad" pets/animals, when the novelty wears off, the chickens will ultimately be destroyed.
You need a proper place to store straw, feed, and dispose of manure.
Chatham kent charging stupid fees to have a chicken.
It may cause issue with neighbours due to noise, smell, mess etc. There should be mandatory guidelines that a home owner needs to follow in order to have chickens to ensure they are properly cared for.
It is common for chickens, ducks, and other poultry to carry Salmonella and Campylobacter. These are bacteria that can live naturally in the intestines of poultry and many other animals and can be passed in their droppings or feces. Even organically fed poultry can become infected with Salmonella and Campylobacter



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Abuse to the chickens, not educated on proper care and feeding. With the production of eggs that can be produced without the Canadian Food &/Health Guidelines being followed, the possibility of Salmonella, Campylobacter & E. coli poisoning could be greatly dangerous or deadly to our neighbouring communities. The feces can soil, seep, into the ground / run off into near by backyard vegetable gardens which causes serious sickness & diseases. My cat or dog being more subjected to different viruses and insect bites causing serious sicknesses or death, which causes homeowners more cost. We are trying to keep our community out of hospitals which are over crowded now. We pay high taxes not to live beside a chicken coop. Chickens belong in the Rural Agricultural Farm areas.

All of the above can be zero problem with proper legislation

People abusing the system and having more than allowed. Also people not maintaining proper upkeep. Bylaw officers already make minimal impact on issues, this would just be another thing they can't truly regulate

Concerns would be different in an urban area vs. rural

Homeowners who do not maintain coops or the welfare of the chickens

Cruelty to the chickens

People not looking after them, think how many people don't look after Dog's or Cat's so you know they won't look after the Chickens, and if they do keep Chickens they should have to get a License, and the City should check on these people to make sure they have a Licence for Chickens, because the City dont go around checking for Dog licences, don't know why we have bylaws.

Avian flu now showing up in animals

Disposal of dead chickens

Why stop at chickens, let's raise all sorts of animals. Zoning bylaws are in place for a reason, there are a lot of bigger issues in CK than people raising chickens in their backyards. Avian flu is a real this and imagine all of these backyard chickens and the risks of hurting the real agriculture operations which are properly zoned and make their living off raising chickens, turkeys, etc. for meat and eggs and have biosecurity plans in place.

This is an agriculture community, it's the only really production based industry we have left that is growing and employing no more and more people.

This is nonsense that this is even entertained - by the way I don't farm but my grandparents did but I work in the industry and understand how ignored it is in this community and the idea people are so ignorant to the risks this would propose tells a lot about how this community views it's backbone industry.

My main concern is for the welfare of the animals. There are people now that cannot take care of their cats or dogs. There needs to be some kind of yearly licensing (like a dog license) that includes surprise coop inspections

Dealing with stray or lost chickens would add to workload of pawr? Chickens without shelter in winter would be a call? Which would be a tax increase? I would rather not open this can of worms unless there are fees to off set like dog tags

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Owners who aren't agricultural specialists
'- the whole concept is inhumane - improper & inadequate care of animals - possibility increases incidence avian flu
People that don't do their research won't know how to properly care for the chickens and they might not clean their pens properly.
Spread of avian flu to farmers flocks.
None, so long as reasonable guidelines are put in place to help mitigate community concerns.
Not good for the chickens
I think that if a maximum number of chickens in a certain area were specified, a minimum property size, or a minimum distance from other buildings, is incorporated into the by-law (like the one for backyard fires/chemineas) that would head off a lot of problems. It might mean having residents apply for a permit, and have their land assessed, with the permit specifying the conditions. there could be a fee for obtaining the initial permit, and perhaps a smaller annual renewal fee.
One or three chickens for those who would be interested is not going to cause any smell,health,noise or any other problem for anyone. It's a good learning tool for children and a way for a family to provide food for that family
My neighbour had a rooster - should NEVER be allowed in town
Tenants will expect landlords to clean up the mess when moving.
It is not safe for local chicken farmers. Bird flu could cause these people to loose their flock and income.
Chickens do not belong in town
Fleas
The spread of Avian Influenza, Why they don't have to follow the same rules as the farms who raise layers for their lively hood
Taxes - Pay large amount in certain neighbourhoods
Residential setbacks- They're too close together for houses to have them
Most people don't know how to properly care for chickens and don't realize how much time and work are required. The chickens would suffer as a result.
All of the above and the reason I moved to town, is to live without farm animals being my neighbours
Decrease in property value
If it's completely unregulated, the birds may not get the care they need if owners are not familiar with the care of livestock.
Bird diseases possibly spread easier
Will they take care of them.
Crows have been dropping out if the skies and reported they died of a virus.! Risky, if they are eating the dead cries and possibly flying with the diseased meat which drops around any chickens or other birds.
Roaming out of their territory into other yards. They have a way of getting out.

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<p>My main concern is that residents are not fully informed on the cost , care and maintenance of the chickens . My thoughts are that if your are interested in having chickens on your property is that a mandatory course must be completed before on the costs incurred , nutritional needs , and maintence of hen house etc . So informed decisions are made first .</p>
<p>The level of knowledge that people might not have or take the time to learn in order to properly take care of chickens</p>
<p>Increased circulation of ungraded eggs; Avian influenza transmission risk; Increased bacterial illness due to unsafe handling (campylobacter, salmonella, ecoli)</p>
<p>I don't think there would be anymore wildlife than there already is especially if people have compost or gardens around , I do think they should be contained in a fence and it is easy to have a small coop , a small amount of chickens will not decrease a property, the fertilizer can be used in a garden or given away or there could be a community spot to drop so people can use if wanted , and a small amount of hens are not noisy like roosters they are not any noisier than the birds in the trees !</p>
<p>Limited number to 5. No roosters.</p>
<p>Rooster crowing</p>
<p>BIRD FLU &amp; the frequency of the monitoring for such</p>
<p>Dogs , bird flu ext ....</p>
<p>Impacts the dogs and cats living in the homes The city is not a place for chickens.</p>
<p>Avian flu is a huge economic problem for poultry producers and having these small flocks everywhere facilitates the spread of this disease.</p>
<p>People being Uneducated around the maintenance and care chickens require and not caring for their animals properly. There is minimal smell, and risks to health when chickens have the proper care and facilities. If residents are allowed to keep chickens, a mandatory care course should have to be taken in order to have them.</p>
<p>Must be a limit in urban areas. People may not understand chickens smell and where will they dump the poop. Probably out in the country in a ditch which isnt safe or right. 3 birds max i feel. Its an everyday job.</p>
<p>Ensuring the chickens are being properly cared for</p>
<p>Avian flu</p>
<p>Who will inspect these properties that have backyard chicken coops? At what cost to the taxpayer? With avian flu being detected in CK, might these coops perpetuate this issue and cause problems for commercial chicken farms?</p>
<p>AVIAN influenza undetected by the uninformed . This is exactly why influenza circulated from the the EAST, close living with avian in China.</p>
<p>Animal welfare due to unfit owners</p>

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who would police it, would there be a limit on # of chickens allowed and if so who would police that?
The last thing i want to do is spend the day on my deck smelling chicken feces.
what about chickens that escape and cause potential accidents
would the property have to be a minimum square footage and distance from neighbour?
All I see is problems . Theres a reason people live in the country. Because after chickens then what comes next?
coyotes, rats and bird flu in urban area
The welfare of the chickens with just random people owning them
Thievery - people steal everything else why not eggs and chickens
Chickens will be kept in a humane way
No roosters please.
Everyone jumping on the chicken wagon with out doing due diligence in raising chickens
Numbers controlled and chickens well contained
There is nothing objectionable about the chickens I see because the owners only have a few birds, less than five usually. If there's no rooster, there's no noise problem, and if there is, it isn't that objectionable. I also think chickens are fun to watch.
BIRD FLU!!!
Only 2 per household should be allowed
Keeping them in side residential and rental units must be excluded. If this gets approved it must be stipulated by owner. Not at rentals.
Avian flu
People need to be educated on how to properly take care of chickens. I have heard of housing that is not adequate both in terms of ventilation and shelter for winter and chickens get frost bite. Also it is important to provide a means to dispose of manure and emphasis on adequate bedding to minimize odour
Risk of avian disease

1)Health and Safety:

Live poultry may have Salmonella or Campylobacter germs in their droppings and on their bodies (feathers, feet, and beaks) even when they appear healthy and clean. The germs can spread to cages, coops, bedding, plants, and soil in the area where the birds live, and to the hands, shoes, and clothing of those who care for them. People become infected with Salmonella or Campylobacter when they put their hands or other things that have been in contact with the birds or their environment in or around their mouth. Young children are especially at risk for illness because they are more likely than others to put their fingers or other items into their mouths and because their immune systems are still developing. It is important to wash your hands immediately after touching poultry or anything in the area where they live, as the germs on your hands can easily spread to other people or things. How will Chatham-Kent Health control this area?

2)Diseases to be considered:

- Parasitic Diseases - Mites, lice, ticks, and worms
- Viral Diseases These diseases may include infectious bronchitis, Marek’s disease, avian flu, fowl pox, and Newcastle disease.
- Bacterial Diseases These bacterial diseases include colibacillosis (caused by e coli), salmonellosis (caused by salmonella germs), and chronic respiratory diseases.
- Fungal Diseases The most common fungal diseases in chickens are brooder pneumonia and ringworm.
- Does Chatham-Kent Health have a plan and policy in place to control any diseases that may be passed onto humans or neighbours?

3)Egg Inspection:

How are the eggs inspected to be safe. Does Chatham-Kent Health Department play a role  
Roosters should not be allowed

Disease-Avian Influenza

Animal welfare

There is an avian flu pandemic affecting commercial production of poultry/eggs and wild birds. But having backyard flocks not up to the regulation and standards of commercial farming we are increasing the risk of spreading infection to our local commercial farming operations and to wild birds that commonly migrate through our area. It would be irresponsible of the municipality to allow residents to keep chickens without adhering to strict health/safety regulations.

if it is okayed.. they need to put a limit of 3 chickens maximum. that will give them 18 eggs per week..that will also keep the amount of waste down and less chance of rodents. Also people need to have the coops inspected. the chickens may freeze to death if they have no heat...

no more than 4 chickens

roosters crowing

attracts insects

People not taking care of them properly , like any other animal( cats dogs etc.)

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Avian flu
If they get out will cause accidents, it has happened a couple of time in Chatham already the welfare of the chickens. That people take this on thinking it will be fun and free eggs, then discover it's a lot of work caring for chickens and fail to look after them properly. Lots of local eggs available for those who look. Also concerns re bird flu.
Winter
despite these concerns with regulations and monitoring they could be easily managed
Hens not roosters
Avian viruses
Cocks crowing at dawn next door ? Are you Mad?
Diseases from poultry
That the chickens are humanely treated
if people have too many chickens
Maybe no roosters in non-farm.
None, mind your own business and let people live how they want. Council should not determine how I feed my family.
There would need to be bylaws set in place to ensure that there wasn't an overflow of noise, smells etc. But clean coops and chickens can be done
Why can't I just buy these cheapskates their eggs?
This is the dumbest idea I've ever heard. I mean honestly. Beyond stupid.
If specifications are made like other cities I've lived in and a permit is required which cost me very little, control is easy - ask other cities how they control it - also I moved from A city with my chickens and had to get rid of cause of your laws here I live in rondeau and that should t have even been a thought
Avian flu spread
People that know nothing about having farm animals will tire of the effort required to properly care for the animals. Animals risk being neglected.
concerned about avian flu
The time commitment it takes caring for animals I fear there will be abuse issues. Also who is going to police all the violations we can't deal with all the complaints and by-law violations now.
disposal of manure. Do they put it in the garbage bins to be picked up by the garbage truck..
Education on raising the chickens. We should permit residents and provide a basic education framework.
Avian flu
Barking dogs & stray cats are enough to put up with. There is virtually no economic benefit to people raising chickens in urban areas, compared to the negative aspects for neighbours of the chicken ranchers. How will this be managed & policed, and why should people opposed fund (through taxes) these costs. This has been voted down twice in recent years for good reasons. Hopefully this council has the same common sense as the past ones who addressed this issue.
Not taking care of them properly and having the SPCA have an influx of chickens

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I would keep a couple chickens in a tidy coop I think it's educational and in line with a green lifestyle. Guelph leads in this way.

There will be rules, no one will abide by them, it will get out of hand. People can't even clean up after their dogs and there are rules about that....so you think they will clean up the chickens?

Residents will complain, Chatham will have to have more by-law people to investigate complaints, and round and round we go! In my opinion, you want farm animals, buy a farm!

People cannot pick up after their dogs, why would they find it necessary to maintain chickens. next challenges - would they require coups, be free range, disease free, need to be vetted...the list goes on. Bird flu seems to be rampant. Who would monitor that?-more tax dollars. It would seem to just add challenges in a community, as with many other communities, overloaded with homelessness , unrepaired roads, shortage of workers in many departments including health and policing and other outstanding commitments. Do not add additional disgruntlement to the mix. With regard to question 6, I am filling it in only to continue this questionnaire. None of it is acceptable

attracting rats and fox and other predators into the city plus avian flu in them

Avian bird flu and the high risk that private 'flocks' of birds and chickens pose to our safe, secure food source that feeds the 99.9% of the population that do not want/need backyard chickens. Why on earth would we permit an activity that puts our food source (chicken farmers) at risk?! Particularly when the risk is real and present! Just this month there was a quarantine placed just outside of Chatham due to the discovery of Avian Bird Flu. And just this week a pet dog died from Avian Bird Flu.

Having a loud rooster

Would be costly -- food etc. cheaper to buy a chicken. 1 egg a day for ?? number in the family? One would need a sizeable brood and that means keep them on farms.