

SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL

Fast Facts

What: Public Hearing: Salt Lake City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would allow for urban chicken farming in Salt Lake City, under certain conditions.

When: Salt Lake City Council Hearing on November 5th, 7pm. The hearing will be held in Room 315 of the City & County Building, 451 South State Street.

Points of Interest:

- Currently chickens are only allowed in Salt Lake City if they are located no closer than 50 feet from any dwelling. Because of the size and shape of the vast majority of the lots in Salt Lake City, this eliminates the ability of most residents to raise chickens in their yards as a source of eggs.
- There is increasing interest in the concept of farming at or close to home from many perspectives - reducing carbon emissions, providing an inexpensive source of natural/organic foods, as well as securing food supply in the event of an emergency.
- The proposed ordinance would change the restrictions currently imposed by Salt Lake City code, so that more residents in Salt Lake City would be allowed to raise chickens if they desired.
- The proposed ordinance requires that chickens be 25 feet from the owner's dwelling, and 50 feet from a neighbor's dwelling, and can only be located in a rear yard. The number of chickens would be allowed on a sliding scale relating to lot size:
 - at least five thousand (5,000) square feet (.11 acres): up to four (4)
 - seven thousand (7,000) square feet (.16 acres): up to six (6)
 - eight thousand (8,000) square feet (.18 acres): up to eight (8)
 - nine thousand (9,000) square feet (.21 acres): up to ten (10)
 - ten thousand (10,000) square feet (.23 acres) or larger: up to twelve (12)
- The proposed ordinance would require the coop and feed to be enclosed and predator-proof.

How you can become involved:

Online comments: www.slcgov.com/council/default.htm. Click on the "Submit Comments on a Specific Issue" on the right-hand column menu.

Mail: Salt Lake City Council Office *One copy is appreciated
451 South State Street, Room 304
PO Box 145476
Salt Lake City Utah 84114-5476

Call: 24 Hour Comment Line – 801-535-7654

Fax: 801-535-7651

You may also attend the Public Hearing portion of the Council Meeting. Each individual will be provided two minutes to speak. Written comments are encouraged any time prior to the issue being scheduled for Council action.

Additional Information regarding the proposed chicken ordinance can be found online at www.slcgov.com/council/agendas.

Questions? Please contact Council Staff at 801-535-7600.