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Office of Eleventh District Alderman

Honorable John Dickert, Mayor Members of the Common Council City of Racine 730 Washington Avenue Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mayor Dickert and Members of the Common Council:

I am writing to request an ordinance that would allow city residents in certain residential districts to safely keep a limited number of chickens to provide eggs for household use. In order to allow this while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general population of the City of Racine, the ordinance should include the following:

- 1) Licenses must be acquired and appropriate fees paid.
- 2) Residents permitted a maximum of 4 hens.
- 3) Roosters would be prohibited.
- 4) Hens must be kept in coops.
- 5) Coops must be a minimum distance from neighboring houses.
- 6) Coops must be maintained to prevent them from being offensive to neighbors or injurious to public health.
- 7) Feed must be stored so it is unavailable to rodents or other vermin.
- 8) Hens must not be allowed to run free.
- 9) The slaughtering of chickens within city limits would be prohibited.
- 10) The sale of eggs would be prohibited.

Please refer the above matter to the appropriate committee.

Respectfully,

Gregory T. Helding

Alderman of the 11th District