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Eggs and poultry shared with neighbors and contributing to the farmer's market. Reasonable regulation and enforcement for animal welfare, odor, etc.	Chickens. No Roosters. Up to 5 birds. No lot size limit, but no coops within 10 to 15 feet of a neighbor's dwelling. Coops themselves should provide enough space that the birds are not living in filth. Zoning in line with neighboring cities like Woodinville would be reasonable.	Educational benefit for kids. Local food source. Possible neglect and abandonment issues if people get in over their heads as far as taking care of the animals.	Code enforcement should include making sure coops are clean enough that they don't cause odor or attract pests. Chickens should not be allowed to run free onto neighbors' property.	Requiring that chickens are not kept in crowded, unclean conditions should suffice, along with reasonable setbacks. A simple guide online for chicken owners would be very helpful, describing regulations in plain English and suggesting best practices for maintaining animals.	Education to make sure that people know what to do with chickens when they no longer want them (or when they want to slaughter them).	It seems pretty silly that most neighboring communities, including large cities like Seattle, allow residents to keep chickens on small lots, but Redmond does not. On the other hand, we should make sure that allowing chicken ownership does create an undue nuisance for neighbors.
In keeping with Redmond's strong sustainable living life style the city absolutely needs to allow chickens.	Chickens-hens only. Up to 5. Hens do not need roosters to be productive egg layers. Two ducks also-duck eggs actually have less cholesterol than chicken eggs. 5 chickens would be very happy in a space provided 2 feet per hen. so i would suggest a 10x10 enclosure including their nesting boxes/shelter so they are safe from night time animals.	I can't express enough how positive the experience would be for Redmond families with children to raise backyard chickens/ducks would be!!! Children learn so much from watching these "backyard composting friends". Less air pollution spent on gas to run to the store for some eggs when the organic eggs are right in your own backyard :) There are no negative facts about having fresh chicken eggs for your family. Caring for a small flock of chickens is just as easy as caring for the family dog. You clean up after your dog poop, you feed your dog food and water. The advantage with backyard fowl is that their droppings are actually good for your garden compost and they are not noisy like dogs. Plus I believe backyard chicken coops will bring our community	Chicken manure is great for mixing into your garden beds or backyard compost bins and breaks down very quickly. We have had city chickens before and our neighbors right next door didn't even know we had chickens-hens only. They are not noisy. With a secure pen and a secure place to go into at night you shouldn't have a problem. Storing their food in an air-tight sealed rubber container should keep pests away.	I am sure sharing your fresh organic eggs will keep everybody happy :-)		When we moved to Redmond this year we were so excited because we had heard that this was such a strong sustainable community and were shocked to learn that backyard chickens were not allowed. Get with the current times and please allow backyard chickens!!!!
I think allowing residents on smaller lots to have chickens is part of -modernizing- our codes and I honestly don't think it should need much debate.	Please allow chickens, hens only, up to 6, similar to Bellevue. I don't think there's been too many chicken-related problems in Bellevue, eh?	Positives only - healthy food and experiences for suburban families. Let's get kids off the computer and out feeding chickens!	How does Bellevue handle this? It seems to work whatever they do so follow that success. This is not an unsolvable problem - many suburban neighborhoods allow chickens.	Currently the city would allow me to have 3 pit bulls. I'm really thinking my neighbors won't mind a few hens.	Redmond could offer resources to help people raise chickens properly such as Seattle's: http://www.seattle.gov/council/urbanagriculture	Chickens have much less impact on a neighborhood than dogs so I don't understand why this is such a debate.
I think these sorts of small animals belong on larger parcels of property, not half acre or less	I do not think we want chickens and what other predators, rodents, etc. they might bring.	Hassles for neighbors. Our homes are close together and we do experience what is happening in our neighbors' backyards	Not allowing them. Roaming cats and occasional dogs are bad enough especially if you own a dog which many in my neighborhood do.	Allowing chickens or other small animals will create more problems. If people want chickens, they should move to more rural areas. We all make decisions that involve trade-offs	Have local egg farmers sell eggs at the Saturday Market	Not sure this issue is really worth the time spent.
I believe anyone, regardless of lot size, should be allowed to keep "livestock" animals if they are kept in a sanitary way and do not affect noise ordinances.	This is difficult. If people keep their pets/animals clean and quiet, they could have many. If people really dislike the idea of livestock they can live in a neighborhood with covenants. I believe there should be a 10-foot setback from property lines for structures. I would consider restricting roosters to lots one acre or larger, and having a 50-foot setback from property line regulation for that.	Overall positive. I myself have three pet hens (in downtown Sammamish) and all my neighbors and guests think they are charming. They are quieter than most dogs (I have two of those, too) and provide us with healthy delicious eggs. We also foster goats for a goat rescue in Maple Valley, the neighbors enjoy them as well.	The same way dogs and cats are handled, if someone has a complaint neighbors can reach a compromise. I keep my pets fenced at all times, compost the waste from my coop in a compost bin, and keep my coop clean. My coop is an attractive structure, along the lines of a child's playhouse. It's common sense really, and all because one person might cause a complaint is no reason to limit everyone else from keeping "livestock" animals as pets and a sustainable food source.	I think most people would have fewer concerns if they realized how little impact these animals really have. Proper setbacks, fencing and education really do the trick.	Until recently in the history of our country, every household kept a few hens, and in many cases a cow or goat as well. We are frighteningly dependent on farms to provide all our food needs, both animal and vegetable. This is dangerous, and people in our country need to get back to taking control over some of their own food for health, safety, and disaster prevention reasons. I see no alternative at this time that lets residents take some small control over their food. We simply can't all afford to move to 5 acres out of town.	As a veterinarian, I was horrified to study and practice at school what is accepted practice for animal keeping in large feedlot situations, particularly for hens and pigs. The filth, crowding, and total dependence on chemicals and antibiotics to maintain a semblance of health and sanitation is unreal. It completely changed the way I buy my meat and animal-related products. Farms are not what they were 50 years ago, and if people really think the cow or chicken they are eating lived a comfortable life in the sun prior to slaughter, they are delusional. My grandfather, who ran a large ranch his entire life, would have been horrified to see commercial food animal practices today. As a country, we must begin to take back food management both by supporting traditional farms and small-scale food provision within our households. I purchase my beef from a family who raises 2 steers a year for slaughter on 5 acres in Issaquah, and I can't even eat a store-bought egg anymore, they just don't taste good. Our three hens provide our family of 5 with plenty of eggs.



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lots of small steps in our quest for sustainability.	I'll take a chicken over a pitbull any day. The more likely the animal is to be dangerous, the more we should think carefully about allowing it.	There are likely to be fewer problems allowing chickens than allowing dogs or cats. Plus, dogs esp. increase our carbon footprint, while chickens provide us an opportunity to reduce it.	Anybody who is going to raise chickens shares no less responsibility than a dog or cat owner in taking care of it. How about have the chicken owners fill out a form detailing how they will care for them?	common sense. if you have a noise sensitive neighbor, then put your chicken coop far away from that neighbor.	community based chicken coop -like the garden in Marymoor. I don't know how that would work -- nothing in the dog park, please!	chickens are pretty quiet and harmless. Noisy people are the problem!
Community members can raise small animals as a sustainable source of food and as pets.	Up to 6 chickens (not roosters) should be considered pets regardless of the property size. More chickens should be allowed on properties larger than 1/4 acre. Other animals that should be allowed as pets: rabbits, ducks etc. should also be allowed. There is no reason to allow dogs and cats and prohibit raising other small animals. As long as I don't create a nuisance to my neighbors, I should be allowed to have any small domestic animal as a pet.	Positive: I expect more people to start raising chickens as pets and for eggs. This is not only sustainable, but also much more humane than buying eggs from farm raised chickens. I don't expect any negative results from a more permissive allowance for small animal husbandry. Just like for dogs and cats, city code must ensure that raising animals does not create a nuisance.	Existing rules already manage some of this: Shelter. Small domestic animals shall be sheltered in a suitable, clean structure which shall be located at least thirty feet away from any property line. (d) Confinement. Adequate measures shall be taken to prevent animals from straying onto adjacent property. (Ord. 1442 § 5, 1988). The city should encourage a community that will provide information about proper raising of chickens and other small animals and preventing nuisances such as odor and secondary pests. These could be problems with dogs, cats, hamsters, nonvenomous snakes, birds and rabbits that are already allowed, if the owners fail to ensure that animal waste is properly handled and that animal food is protected from rats and other pests. I've raised chickens before and have never had such problems.	When I lived in Bellevue I raised 6 chickens. I made sure that there were no roosters, that the hen house was always clean and that food was only available to the chickens and not to pests. I've fenced a portion of my yard, and the chickens never strayed outside this space. The neighbors never had a problem with the chickens, who made much less noise than some of the neighbor dogs. Current city code requires that "Small domestic animals shall be sheltered in a suitable, clean structure which shall be located at least thirty feet away from any property line." This already greatly reduces the potential of problem with the neighbors. Again, I don't see why small animals such as chicken are any different than dogs and cats that are currently allowed, and that could create problems in neighbor relations.	I can't think of an alternative. The whole point of this discussion is to allow people to raise small animals on their properties. This need cannot be satisfied by any offsite alternative.	A few years ago, when we were living in Bellevue, we decided to raise chickens. A friend who lives in Woodinville owned a coup, had just mail ordered two dozen chicks and was happy to give us a couple. We bought a heating lamp, a water container, a feed container and some feed, and the two chicks quickly grew to become a pair of beautiful hens. When the hens grew a little more, we built a small coup in our back yard and moved them there. The kids loved to play with them and watch them. After about three months, the hens started laying little brown and purple eggs, and very quickly they were laying daily. Other friends bought two chicks and built a nice wooden coup for them, but after a couple of months changed their minds and asked us if we wanted to adopt their chickens and their coup. We were happy to do that. We now had four beautiful layers of three different breeds. All chickens were laying daily, and we had a lot of fresh, tasty eggs with dark orange yolks. We were initially concerned about the noise, the smell and the amount of work involved in raising chickens. In reality, none of these were a
Bringing the production of food and agriculture back to a local level. While there may be some inefficiencies, I believe they are overwhelmed by opportunity for more jobs, better health, increased physical activity within our own land.	Allow: I would parallel guidelines used with our neighbors in Kirkland, Bellevue, and Seattle. Definitely chickens (but No roosters of course)	More people outside, engaging in community. Better quality food, more jobs as people nee local resources for food production.	See our neighbors' guidelines: Kirkland, Bellevue, and Seattle. It is already well though through.	Be good neighbors! Be considerate. Simple!	None, while community farmland works, I don't think there is a model for animals	I am all for, limited, chicken raising on <1/4 acre plots as long as one is considerate



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	<p>Chickens definitely. Hens only. No Roosters. One mature hen per 500 sq. ft. of land, per the previous previous city ordinance, but allow chickens on ANY lot size with a setback for chicken coops of 4 to 8 feet from property line. Why chickens? Chickens provide nutritious healthy eggs. A flock of ten to fifteen hens could provide enough eggs to feed an average neighborhood. Chicken waste litter can be used for composting to eventually fertilize a community garden. I would ban any onsite processing, or slaughtering of chickens, in fact I would ban raising chickens for meat. Prior to owning chickens individuals must take a course on chicken husbandry. Seattle Tilth has course material on this, perhaps an alliance between the Tilth and City of Redmond? Do not require licensing of chicken owners, unless the City intends to license dog owners, cat owners and the like. Chickens are lovely, funny and entertaining critters. They do not smell bad. If kept well maintained their coops and barns do not smell bad. Dog pooh smells horrid and dogs make way more noise than hens who only cackle prior to and after laying</p>	<p>Permissive? You mean legalizing? I think only chickens (hens) should be legalized and I've already given my reasons, which are all positive: they don't require much space, they do not smell bad, they provide perfect food source year round in neighborhoods, they are great foragers so food scraps don't go to waste, they are natural lawn trimmers, weed eaters, pest (bug) eaters, their waste once composted provides fertilizer for gardens. They also make great pets and are very entertaining.</p>	<p>Following established chicken husbandry practices including keeping chickens fenced in a chicken yard that is attached to their barn or house so they are not free to roam all over ones yard and are kept safe from predators. Chickens stay together as they are flock animals, they do not stray from the flock or their barns. If husbandry practices are maintained there will be no secondary pests except for flies attracted to their droppings, just as flies are attracted to dogs, horses and cats droppings. Hanging a fly trap near the chicken house is very effective. Noise? Dogs make more noise. Chickens sleep at night, are noiseless while many dogs bark at night. Chickens cackle before and after laying an egg...good sound.</p>	<p>Woo neighbors with Free eggs. Plus if animal yard space is located/enclosed within the property fenced area that would be enough to maintain privacy for the neighbors and oneself.</p>	<p>Nothing comes to mind.</p>	<p>Redmond needs to return to its agricultural roots. Legalizing backyard chickens is a good start. People are more than ever interested in knowing where their food comes from and in cultivating their own food; the city should encourage this interest in sustainability. It's practical, too, in that it helps with disaster preparedness. Just do it!</p>
<p>I think that Redmond can welcome small animals for the sake of household self sufficiency without making the neighborhoods unwelcoming to human none</p>	<p>Allow as many as healthful without becoming an irritant to neighbors.</p>					
<p>Prefer the laws not be changed and farm animals will continue to be allowed only on lots greater than 1/2 acre</p>	<p>No farm animals on lots smaller than 1/2 acre. They need the space, and the neighbors need the buffer zone</p>	<p>Animal neglect, unhappy neighbors</p>	<p>Keep animals limited to lots greater than 1/2 acre</p>		<p>Co-op location not in neighborhoods with small lots</p>	
<p>Allowing families to harvest eggs (fresh, local) and enjoy chickens as pets.</p>	<p>chickens, ducks</p>	<p>growing your own food (eggs) is very rewarding and a great learning experience for children</p>	<p>I don't know specifics of raising chickens and ducks, but I know many people who are successful in managing all the aspects above. Just look to other cities for examples.</p>			<p>Approve backyard chickens!</p>
<p>Allow responsible care of chickens and goats on suburban lots. The list of reasons is many: sustainability, disaster recovery, community, teach children about food sources and proper nutrition, teach children community responsibility (proper care of your animals=respect for neighbors) and more.</p>	<p>I think 3 chickens per 1/4 acre - perhaps max of 3 under 1/2 acre? I don't know about goats. I am Okay with ducks as well - if those folks live in the right place. Ducks are easy to care for and non-obtrusive if they don't cross any property other than your own.</p>	<p>i hope i addressed the positive results in question 1. Negative results would arise from misunderstands and the occassional oops - this one is really a rooster. That is a temporary and solvable problem.</p>	<p>complaints from neighbors about smells or animals roaming free - should be treated identically to complaints about dogs or cats or any other animal. The issues are the same.</p>	<p>hundreds of ways - particularly here in wild tree (love my neighborhood). several of us would team up to care for a chicken coop. The coop could be mobile and live in the yard of the neighbor who isn't travelling that month. Or - neighbors would team to care for the animals and split the eggs. 3 chickens will lay more eggs than most households will consume. I wish we had community property - a space owned by the neighborhood that could be shared. hmmm... perhaps the next initiative.....</p>	<p>community co-op coops. Pea patches for chickens? Dedicate a slice of our neighborhood park. i don't know how to make the work financially if neighbors abdicate responsibility.</p>	<p>i love my neighborhood. i haven't lived anywhere that is more engaged and cooperative with the neighbors. I have NO doubt that this plan would be successful here.</p>

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must consider impact of noise, smell and other nuisance from these animals. and further set controls for when problems arise and how to pay for code enforcement etc. the permits for such animals should cover all costs.	prohibit chickens, and other farm animals that smell excessive or make unreasonable noises. consideration should be given to the offset of neighboring home to the fence line of the potential lot housing the farm animals.	should set it up as a 2 year pilot program where a review is conducted of the compliance to the code, costs for the allowance, etc and council vote on whether to continue the allowances.	distance is the biggest factor. critical that a reasonable distance be in the code to neighboring home. and further to allow the fence code to go up to 8 feet for side yards between adjacent residences . also require that owners who seek these animals have solid fencing so it is not visible and to add vegetated buffers in some cases.	must have a mediation set up paid through the permitting for these allowances so that neighbors can resolve their disputes.	limit number of animals to very little first off. and if no problems are arising, can increase in future years.	my home is turned perpendicular to my neighbors fence line. thus our bedrooms all line up with the neighbors side yard as I am on a corner. this resulted in their dog running up and down their side yard barking endlessly with the sound going up all our bedrooms while my neighbor was undisturbed because their dog was actually further away from their own bedrooms than ours due to the configuration of the yards. I'd hate to smell or hear animals in my neighbors side yard particularly if it isn't a nuisance for them because they can cordon off their side yard out of mind and out of site as far as they are concerned. require minimum 75 feet? from nearest neighbor home to nearest enclosed pen of such animals.
Allow chickens, goats and rabbits.	Cattle and other disruptive/smelly animals	Positive to allow people to be closer to their food source; negative if law enforcement has to become involved.	Promote knowledgeable animal husbandry by providing community classes, limits on number of animals, etc.		Why? People should be able to have small food animals. If Seattle can do it, why not Redmond.	
Redmond keeps stressing being an "urban environment". I see no signs whatsoever of anything remotely urban in or around Redmond, and having chickens and other animals reinforces the rural image.	No animals should be allowed except cats under 20 pounds.	People abusing the animals, animals getting loose, too much noise, unsanitary conditions, the crazy PETA people having more of an "in your face" presence.	Simply don't allow these barnyard animals in Redmond.	Positive neighbor relations cannot be maintained with all this ridiculous country stuff being brought into the suburbs on the East Side.	None!!! Why do these farmers want to move here and bring these barnyard things from the country?	Redmond is already way, way, way too noisy and nothing is being done about it. Dogs bark all day and all night. If this trend doesn't stop we will have dogs getting at the chickens and chicken owners shooting the dogs.
I see a chicken in every yard.	Chickens, and ducks would be fine, but geese are very loud. Chickens need about 1 sqr foot of roost space and a few feet each for pecking around. Goats need more space than both of these animals for grazing and housing.	There are no negatives for chickens. Roosters are very loud, but hens are nice and quiet. Ducks can be loud when harassed, but should be fine.	Small chicken housing needs to be cleaned at least once a month. Chickens and ducks need to be fenced in because they can jump really high. Domesticated ducks are too fat to fly, but can have their wings clipped if its an issue. Bird bugs don't spread to humans and the avian flu is overrated.	Give neighbors free eggs! Don't get roosters!	It shouldn't.	I love chickens.
		Mostly negative results -- people are not as responsible as they should be. More animals means more waste, more work, more trouble for everyone.		Not possible!	A community farm	
I think keeping a few chickens for eggs is fine. I don't know what the term husbandry includes, but hopefully no roosters or breeding would be allowed.	Chickens only, although the idea of goats is intriguing. I know they are great at keeping weeds and overgrowth down. Don't know alot about the kind of noise and smell they might create.	I think chickens could be a community builder in a neighborhood with open minded residents. The other side could be that residents opposed to the chickens might resent their chicken loving neighbors. But those kind of people usually find something to make them unhappy anyways.	Would Animal Control be available to oversee complaints if they arise as far as care and problem management for the kept animals? My understanding is that if the animals are being cared for appropriately these problems shouldn't be a concern. Trespassing is a crime no matter what and happens without chickens, for example when kids hit a ball into their neighbor's yard. Something that can hopefully be worked out between	Animal space should be planned to minimize any impact on neighbors. Perhaps there should be a number of yards between coop and neighboring property lines.	Shared coop space is an interesting idea. Not sure how the city would manage it, and prevent problems but the shared garden spaces seem to work out great.	
Sustainability. People should be allowed to grow their own food and chickens can help with that goal.	Chickens and goats. Depending on lot size - 2-4 chicken, 1-2 goats.	I think most residents are very qualified or are eager to learn proper ways to care for their animals. I see it as a positive!	People who have these pets definitely need to learn to care for the, to dispose of the waste properly to prevent secondary pests from intrusion. Noise is easily managed - they are no more of an issue than some of my neighbors dogs that are totally unruly and bark all hours of the day and night	Yes it can help with positive neighbor relations. If neighbors are open to the pets if the design of the animal space is in good order and kept clean.		I am all for the keeping of chickens and other smaller animals - depending on their care and the cleanliness of the owners.



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I do NOT think farm animals should be allowed on lots smaller than a half acre	Animals should be allowed on lots larger than one acre. Animals should be limited based on size for the animals safety and comfort.	I really only see negative. I live in an urban setting for a reason, not the country. I would NOT like my neighbors having chickens, goats or any other animals on lots smaller than half an acre. Eggs are cheap at the store, cheaper than raising chickens. IF you want chickens and goats move to the country or get a bigger lot. Period!	I have no suggestion because I am not for it. I do not want to wake up to chickens in the morning, smelling their waste, dealing with pests they may create. For every good chicken owner there is a bad chicken owner and I do not want to deal with a bad chicken owner as a neighbor. Again I live in an urban setting for that reason. You want chicken and goats, move to the country.	Why are all of these questions about positives?? NO CHICKENS IN THE CITY	If people really want to own animals and live in an urban setting they can rent land else where to have their animals. My neighbor has horses that she rents land for out in the COUNTRY not in her back yard. I think chicken and goat potential owners should do the same and not force their dream of country living in the urban setting.	I love redmond. I have lived here for 30 years. I live here still because of the comfortable urban setting. If you want to own farm animals that means you must sacrifice urban living and moved to the country. Animals will only suffer when they are forced to live on property that is too small and poorly maintained. Now I know that not everyone will be a bad chicken owner, but many will. Lets prevent more animal cruelty and keep farm animals on the farm where
Enabling people to raise and consume their own foods in a sustainable way that supports the environment while ensuring neighborhood cooperation.	Chickens, turkeys, rabbits. Allows land owners choice to pursue growing local, sustainable food such as eggs and small game for food.	Concerns from neighbors about noise, lost or misplaced animals if not properly contained.	Put it in the hands of home owners for limited experimentation - e.g. maybe limit permits to raise chickens for example in year one to determine best practices for managing the above, and as solutions are explored, increase the number of permits year over year.	connect with community members in seattle that have been doing this effectively for some time.	Shared facilities, e.g. in Marymoor park, allowing people to raise animals there on a hobby farm if they pay into having the park manage it.	Ultimately I believe people should have rights to raise small animals for their own food consumption if they can do so in a way that doesn't disturb neighbors. Our neighboring communities in Sammamish and Seattle have been allowing this, so we should study and learn from these communities as to what's working and what isn't.
The community should allow for small animal husbandry for those with a lot size of 4000 sq ft or more.	There is no problem with raising three chickens on 4000 sq ft lots or larger.	The negative result should be completely apparent in that your taking peoples rights and freedoms as Americans. The positive result is that people can live the way they want and provide for themselves.	Waste and odor from an animal as small a chicken is a lot less than any dog or cat, I am pretty sure there are a lot of natural birds in everyone's yard and sure you do not notice any waste , odor problem. As far as noise, as long as you have no roosters chickens are amazingly quiet.	I think anyone who as ever raised chickens or are considering such has already educated themselves in the requirements.	Use of are Publicly owned city property.	I think the good citizens of Redmond would be amazed at how many people already have chickens in there yards and they don't even notice them because they are so quiet.
Redmond has several rural areas and, while some areas are very rural and becoming more so, the city should allow residents with 1/4 acre lots or larger the option to raise small animals in a responsible manner (code must be clear and enforcement available).	lamb,goat,1 or 2 allow Allow: chickens (no more than 6), rabbits (no more than 4), ducks (no more than 6) on 1/4 acre lots or larger. Prohibit: pet raccoons, squirrels, rats, mice. Any dangerous or exotic animals (large snakes/reptiles, etc).	for positive,organic,fresh food, Positive: enjoyment of raising small animals, fresh eggs from chickens, teaching our kids where meat, eggs, etc comes from first hand, re-use of waste for compost, fun. Negative: animal abandonment, predators (raccoons, coyotes), improper maintenance of enclosures, improper removal of waste.	none Codes must be strict with proper enforcement. Animals must have proper shelter that will keep predators out, no roosters or loud animals, waste must be disposed of properly or composted. Any neighbor complaints should be followed up via Redmond Code Enforcement. As this would no doubt cost the city, residents should pay a small licensing type fee for each small	City website could contain designs for enclosures and small animal husbandry education material gathered from online resources. City codes should include requirements for proper enclosures and setbacks from neighbor homes. Property line setbacks for enclosures probably wouldn't work as well as setbacks from other houses.	Shared spaces for the community might be nice, but this is really about the process of raising small animals, the education and fun involved with doing that on your own property and the immediate availability of eggs. For example - I wouldn't want to drive to a community location to pickup eggs for breakfast. Might as well go to the store...	
I see very small numbers of animals in urban areas. i.e. enough chickens to support a family, or a goat in a fenced yard. Nuisance should not be created for neighbors, and I would like the city to be able to take action should an animal become destructive or a severe nuisance. I see chickens, not roosters, goats, not horses, and maybe even a pigmy pig. I don't see hobby farms, just household pets that aren't dogs or cats.	Allow: chickens, goats, pigmy pigs. Prohibit: Roosters, ducks, horses. Anything really big and/or loud. Not sure how many in a space. Seems reasonable to allow enough chickens to support a family of four... (maybe three chickens?) a small goat or two, a pigmy pig or two... no more.	Positive: more self sufficiency (eggs), pets for kids whose parents are allergic to dogs and cats (kids like mine!)... they're finding that kids who are exposed to dirt and animals (e.g. on a farm) are less likely to get asthma, so there's another bonus of a few chickens. Negative: potential for mistreatment, nuisance for neighbors if animals are not penned. (Of course, there are multiple dogs running around our street unsupervised, which terrifies my three year old.) Noise and smell could be a problem - need to ensure the city can enforce a policy that will allow action to be taken in those circumstances.	Not sure about this - I would do some extensive research before I obtained some chickens. It would be nice if the city could have a "best practices" recommendation, and workshops for how to set up one's yard. Question: what do we do with old chickens? We're going to have a lot of old chickens, and we need to have a butcher ready to get these ready for a pot of soup. (I'm serious.)	Animals should be penned/housed, and have some room to roam within the yard. (Should not be kept solely in a coop.)		
Redmond should continue to respect it's farming roots, allowing small animal husbandry in appropriate ways.	allow: goats, chickens, rabbits amount of space for chickens & rabbits is less important than the quality of pens & habitat. Goats need some space - a pen and grazing area - but it need not be large. I'd want to be aware of noise & smell that might affect livability of neighbors	Positive, healthier living, more self sustainability, community building Negative - complaints of noise or smell	specifications on required living conditions would be helpful here.	Communication is key - giving neighbors a way to let animal owners know how they are impacted is important. Helping neighbors understand the value of the animals is also helpful. There is always going to be some NIMBYism, but responsible neighbors live daily having to manage noise, trash, pets and other elements of "being a good neighbor" - this can be similarly applied to owning animals beyond cats & dogs.		



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<p>Properties of a half acre or more or community areas where people can jointly house their animals depending upon size of the property so that there are not too many animals in any one area.</p>	<p>Animals need to be quiet. There also needs to be a law that if they draw rats, that the animals have to go within 30 days. My neighbor has chickens and they draw rats on a regular basis. That is not fair to the other neighbors. So quiet and no rats are my main concerns. Needs to be at least half an acre so that there is a buffer to other neighbors. Goats are fine with me or shetland ponies as they are much like dogs.</p>	<p>Rats and noise and smell. I think the smell factor should also be one that the city has strict rules about how far from fencing, from wells, etc. Smell needs to be a consideration. If the neighbors can smell it, it has to go in 30 days. People have a right to be able to enjoy their homes without animals bringing noise, smells and diseases.</p>	<p>Waste needs to be cleaned up daily, if neighbors can smell it the animals have to be gone in 30 days. If the animals get out under, over the fence or lose, then there needs to be a huge fine so that the owners are more careful and respectful of the neighbors. If it draws pests such as rats and others, then they have to go. I think small animals should be caged at night so it does not draw cougars and other animals. These draws can also put small children in danger. I think that the property should be a half acre minimum. If you want animals, then you need to have the acreage to support them. I think goats and shetland ponies are fine as they are much like dogs. If the animal has more impact on the neighbors than a dog would, it is too much. We already have enough issues in the neighborhood with getting everyone to keep their dogs quiet and behaving.</p>	<p>Neighbors should be able to have a private vote on how they feel about it for their neighborhood and add it to their covenants so that people moving in will know what to expect and that the rest of the neighborhood has some official agreement on how this will all work together. I think the minimum acreage is a vital part of this. If you want animals, do so in an area large enough to support them. I am also concerned about animals biting children or scaring them or attracting other animals which might be dangerous to small children outside playing. I think the city is potentially opening a door to please a few people while creating problems for others if this is allowed in high density areas or neighborhoods that do not want them.</p>	<p>Working with rural area or large parcel landowners to be allowed to rent space on their farms to have animals that people can board there. That way the animals have the land, the natural setting and the people have peace and quiet and the owners of the animals have a pleasant place to go and be with their animals working together.</p>	<p>Be aware of the number of children who have allergies to all kinds of things including animals. This may cause unhealthy situations for families who did not need to worry about this issue in the past.</p>
<p>limited to backyard chickens (possibly rabbits as a meat source in emergencies). 1) it connects neighbors and 2) provides a referendum and voice on sustainability.</p>	<p>allow chickens sans rooster; possibly rabbits in times of emergency for food source; 4 hens on 4-6 lots/acres.</p>	<p>Negative: "Urban farmers" won't: 1) all be as consciouse as the meeting participants, 2) animal abuse will occur just as is common for dogs and cats. 3) when leaving town someone will have to coop the chickens at night. 4) racoons go after chickens - lots on the Hill, 5) Jays,Ravens, ferile cats, racoons will be attracted to food - diseases?, 6) manure smell and mis-management. must be composted first before use on garden. 7) non-gardeners will install chickens 'cause it's trendy and not be responsible EVEN with education. Real estate agents will need literature. Who's going to pay for that? Code enforcement costs will escalate. Probably a full time planner will have to be hired. Redmond wants to be the regional if not national "Leader" in food source sustainability movement which will come without costs. POSITIVE: neighbor connections; sustainability awareness and practices, security of food source in times of</p>	<p>Leon Hussy and Howard Harrison's composting businesses would thrive as the need for manure composting and disposal increases. Significant numbers of backyard chicken owners won't pick-up after their "pets", clean their coops, or feed them properly. Odors from carcasses and manure will be annoying if not repressive. As the movement grows less conscious hobbyists and curiosity seekers and pet seekers will grow in numbers and ruin it for the sustainability users.</p>	<p>Coop set back regulations based on defined distance from neighboring homes. Education will only work for those who want to be students or have to be students (RE agents). Many will only care about the fun and entertainment of backyard hens and could care less about caring for them or learning how to care for them and dispose of them.</p>	<p>community rent-a-coup areas...Juel Park and private businesses and public/private organizations housing rental coups.</p>	<p>This is going to cost a lot of taxpayer money. Pro forma cost projections should be published before this is codified.</p>
<p>I'm afraid this could start as a good small idea that quickly gets out of hand. The old give an inch and take a mile.</p>	<p>I would prohibit all small animals. Again afraid that people will take advantage or the percentage of population to participate will be small but the larger community will have to put up with noise, smell etc.</p>	<p>Noise and smell. It would help the survey to have an introductory statement so as to understand what we're talking about. What number is considered commercial production?</p>	<p>By not allowing within the greater downtown area.</p>	<p>There are just too many people that like to push the envelope. This survey doesn't outline the objectives in permitting small animal husbandry</p>	<p>Allowing outside the downtown core.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>self-sustainability by gardening and raising small animals for meat and eggs (chickens, rabbits).</p>	<p>Rabbits -- no more than 2 (hatchlings would need to be sold) Chickens -- no more than 4 and the breeds would need to be quieter breeds.</p>	<p>Chicken manure, noise creation, more wild animals (raccoon, coyote) in neighborhoods -- Negative Positive: CHicken manure is great for vegetable gardening, fresh eggs.</p>	<p>Animal owners would need to be responsible for waste cleanup/usage (which would also control odor). There are chicken breeds that are not as noisy. Good hutches/coops keep out raccoons, etc.</p>	<p>Sharing eggs, keeping the area(s) clean and in a space where they're not visable to neighbors.</p>	<p>case-by case permit for fee to individual residents that meet space & neighborhood requirements.</p>	
<p>I see small numbers of animals living in perfect harmony with their hosts and neighbors. The city needs to provide enough rules to prevent the 1% of idiots from ruining the privileges provided to everyone else.</p>	<p>Obviously, noise-making animals like roosters need to be disallowed. The number of animals should be based on the size of the land they are housed on. No more than two or three chickens per quarter acre. Total number of animals needs to be accounted for.</p>	<p>A few bad apples will try to ruin it for the majority. However, the city will provide code enforcement that will alleviate this. On the positive side, a lot of people will be eating delicious fresh eggs and enjoying the company of all kinds of small animals. Small children will be educated on where their food</p>	<p>Noise should not exceed current noise standards. If excessively barking dogs are allowed (which they seem to be), I see no problem with clucking hens, baaing sheep, and bleating goats.</p>	<p>Regular free eggs would go a long way to soothing any rough relations.</p>	<p>Can't think of any. If things are kept quiet and clean, people should be able to do whatever they like with their property.</p>	

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I think chickens should be allowed in lots smaller than 1/2 acre in Redmond. Our lot is 1/3 and there is plenty of space to grow several chickens without any problems to our neighbors. Besides, all the cities around us, from Bellevue to Kirkland to Woodville to Sammamish allow this. If you're not going to allow it for ALL lots please at least consider bringing down the size requirement to 1/4 acres.	I would allow chickens. Up to 10 in from 1/4 acre and up. I think it's manageable without being a problem, like it is in the cities surrounding us.	I expect only positive results; adding to sustainable food production, being earth friendly, more healthy food (organic eggs) and also community building (sharing of eggs with neighbors, donating them to food banks, etc.). I can't see any negative results if this done right.	Limiting chickens to a designated place where they won't go out of, rules about frequency of cleaning waste etc.	Definitely. Neighbor relationships would only be strengthened by sharing of eggs and the such, including perhaps shared coops.	I think Redmond should be like all other cities around it and not make such a big deal out of this issue - and let chickens. Other cities are doing just fine, why can't we??	Again, if the cities around us can do it, why can't we? Also, in these economically challenging times, any food raised this way helps. Redmond is not made up only of million dollar homes. The majority of households can benefit from this, if they choose to do so.
Adding chickens to Resistance in half acre lots or smaller	Allow Chickens on less 1/2 acre lot	Allowing fresh more healthy alternatives to having fresh eggs. Would like to see specific guidelines for caging the chickens in coops and not let run free	Limit number of chicken, keep them cooped	open communication with your neighbors-Talk with them	Hold free classes on the benefits of raising chickens-supported by the "Chickens in Redmond"	Raising chickens for a small household to provide a more healthy alternative is very important to me
Residents should be allowed to keep any animals in any quantity that does not create a disturbance obviously greater than normal domesticated animals or local wildlife.	Per last comment. Any animals and in any number that do not create an obvious disturbance. Chickens, turkeys, llamas, goats, sheep, pigs, etc.	Giving people greater freedom to live their lives and use their property as they like is a tremendous gain. Unfortunately this will be accompanied by whining from people who prefer to force their preferences on their neighbors.	They can be managed in any way that does not obviously create an impact greater than normal domestic pets.	People should be instructed to keep out of their neighbors business. Maybe some increased tolerance can result.	I'm not sure where this is leading. Its clear that residents should be free to have animals as they like.	Redmond is obviously way behind here. I have friends in most surrounding cities who keep chickens and they and others (including Redmond residents) are constantly surprised at the current regulations here.
To allow for food security.	at least two hens on any size lot, more with more space. Roosters are too noisy, even on a full acre. Miniature goats - need to be at least in pairs since they are herd animals, but 2 mini goats would be fine in a lot as small as 1/6 acre. Rabbits anywhere, they don't need much space. Cows would need at least an acre of grazing space.	Positive: more people aware of where their food comes from (or SHOULD come from), increased community, increased food security. Negative: chickens poo a lot- but wait, that's a positive because the gardens love it.	animals would need to have appropriate pens, both to keep them in and from trespassing on neighbor's yards/gardens as well as to keep them safe from loose dogs and coyotes. Odor isn't an issue as long as the pens are kept clean/composted. Small farm animals are no more noisy than dogs or neighborhood children.	Coop design classes, public education-booths at Derby Days, visitors to NANO parties,	a farm co-op where participants share the labor duties for a share of the eggs, chicken, milk, etc...tho that would be much more work than allowing residents to have their own animals on site.	I hope Redmond approves allowing small animals (hens especially). I know many families who already have chickens with no problems with neighbors in lots much less than 1/2 acre. It's great education for neighborhood kids, builds community, provides food security. I'd also like to see lawns make way for vegetable gardens, but will settle for chickens in every backyard!
I do not think having chickens in back yards is a good idea. The law as it stands is good.	Allow Cats and Dogs IF they are cared for.	Chickens take daily care, what will the people do with the manure? Raw chicken manure is not good for gardens as it can cause diseases.	Any resources the city has as this time should not be used to manage chickens!	I do not see any increase in neighborhood relations with chickens! Either people are neighborly or they are not. SO I doubt this is an issue.	Bring chicken and eggs to the Sat Mkt for sale to residents at reasonable prices.	Chickens belong on a farm. I would not like to see this become a city hobby.
I am unaware of future plans	allow; chickens, ducks. breeds that are quiet. Limit numbers to space that is humane for animals, but limit to 1/4 of yard space. So the whole yard doesn't turn into an unkept sty. Restrict to completely fenced back yards	pro:community involvement, healthy eating, environmental awareness, economic awareness. con; noise, smell, waste, pollution	apply for a permit to have animals/yearly license and do random checks. Allow reports as with nuisance dogs		there are community gardens, what about community farms that people can pay into to have a pen for ducks or chickens	
A community that welcomes safe and sustainable small animal husbandry.	poultry would be fine. maybe small goats. You'd need more space for goats than for chickens or ducks. The yard space would have to be such that any animal structures, movable or not, could be located as far inside the property line as a house is required to be.	Positive is less reliance on fossil fuels and more sustainability, negative is that oversight would be required to ensure animals were being treated well and that the owner(s) had a plan to prevent inadvertent feeding of wildlife (raccoons, rats, coyotes)	Have proper husbandry be part of the permitting process.	community meetings and surveys to develop a plan, community discussion/ mailing for plan feedback, web and mail information as to the adopted guidelines	I can't think of any that wouldn't have a larger environmental impact	Not sure what the difference is between having some chickens and my neighbor leaving their dog food out on the back porch.
Redmond is a growing community and one focused on healthy living. As such, accommodations could be made for light animal husbandry associated with proper care and acreage.	I cannot answer specifics but would rely on independent animal experts, maybe from out-of-state vet colleges so as to avoid conflict of interest concerns. Personally, if a neighbor wants to keep a couple of chickens I'm fine with that, but I better not smell or hear goats, horses or cows.	I see that people could live healthier lifestyles through husbandry and improved diets. On the other hand I see a huge window for potential abuse; of the animals and rules. We also run the risk of property devaluation because of poor laws or abuse.	Reasonable legislation with stringent penalties for violation.	Neighbors will need to talk with one another. Maybe all potential livestock owners should be required to have written permission from all immediate neighbors to own livestock and each animal is treated as a separate allowance.	Public farms, like the public garden at Marymoor	Interesting topic and thanks for giving me the chance to respond. I see this as a sign that the city is interested in protecting everybody's rights. Now if the city would just do something about my neighbor who has 6 junker utility vans parked in his driveway.
To enable to community members in Redmond to be allowed small animal husbandry, enabling people to own animals for personal companionship or to produce their own produce (eg eggs,)	Chickens (no roosters) in small community yards (eg Education hill) - on larger lots allowing smaller animals such as goats. I would prohibit roosters on smaller properties as they can be a noise disturbance to neighbours.	I could see that some neighbours would be concerned about the noise (ie roosters), the sight of holding pens and the smell. For this reason, I think that smaller properties should have more restrictions.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	None.

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Do not change ordinance	none	Bird flu epidemic, more rats, stench-no benefits	Avoid the problem in the first place by not allowing them. If they want to farm, move to the country	It will only cause friction. There is no upside. How can one enjoy a yard with a smelly coop and compost pile of chicken manure next door. It can't be done	There is no reason for a community of tens of thousands to change it's well thought out ordinances to accommodate the idiosyncrasies of a few	It is a clear public health hazard. Do a little research on the bird flu epidemic that has spread throughout the world and the nightmare of fighting it in urban areas with fowl in backyards. It is opening Pandora's box. Next they will want a goat or let the birds
Rural areas only. It would be a grand mistake to allow this on small lots. The implementation is always much messier than the vision. I do not want to live next to this type of thing. My lot has 4 houses abutting it. I could be surrounded! And when would my activities be constrained because I'm upsetting someone's chickens? No, this is a bad idea for Redmond.	I would not change current law. The imposition of farming norms on city neighbors would be bad policy. It would lead to many conflicts.	Ask that question about any activity not currently allowed. There are always costs and benefits. The real question is whether this is an appropriate thing to allow in close neighborhoods on small lots. Is this really necessary? Is the demand there? Would you allow a public vote? If the answer to questions like these is no, then I suspect you could not marshal a strong argument for this that would pass a smell test. Redmond too often makes changes like this to satisfy a vocal minority, to the disadvantage of others. Do not do this without making damn sure you have the majority support of the city.	These and other problems would be unmanageable. We had a home based business in our neighborhood for years that stored food in a garage. It brought several waves of rats. I was finally able to use the Redmond codes on home based businesses to get rid of it since it was an imposition to the neighborhood and did change it's character. When you strip away all of the touchy feely new age crap that the proponents are putting out about this, that where you are with this idea too. This change will be an imposition to neighborhoods and change their character for the worse. Since codes are designed to do the opposite, you have a high hurdle to meet to allow this, and I'm going to be very interested and active in making sure that this does in fact meet all of the logical as well as legal requirements for a code change.	There's no way. You'd better be prepared to handle a high volume of complaints. Where are you going to site a chicken coop on a 7500 sq ft lot? You're not going to put it against the fence by my property, or anywhere I can see it, hear it, or smell it. Now magnify that by 10000. Be very careful with this subject. There are layers of complexity and unintended consequences that need to be fully exposed and understood.	Pea patches for small animals. If someone in the city feels a burning desire to own chickens, then they can do it in a rural setting. Maybe that would be a logical transition, or demonstration project to see how this would work.	Take your time! This is a big deal! Do this right! If you give permission, and it doesn't go well, it will be very difficult to reverse. Use facts and data to make decisions, not emotion based stories and wishful thinking.
Let people keep small animals that provide food and other benefits.	Allow up to five hens or ducks on any single family residence. That's it. Don't know about goats.	Positive: healthier eating, enriched lifestyle, connecting with neighbors. Certainly no louder/messier/smellier than a big dog. Negative: neglect of animals, just like any dog or cat, though.	Chickens, no different than a dog. In fact, less intrusive, no more waste.	My neighbor has chickens (illegally) and everyone loves them. They share eggs. Very enriching!	n/a	Time is right to do this now. This will be a fad for many, but let's make it legal for the folks who want to do it long term, responsibly. I don't see this as giving more potential for abuse than any other pet or
My vision easily accommodates small animals such as chickens and rabbits on properties smaller than a 1/2 acre.	Chickens, ducks and rabbits are a good start. No exotic animals. I'm on the fence about goats for now.	The positives are endless and I believe many of my positive thoughts are shared among those who have been fighting for the rights to have chickens on smaller properties. I agree unkept pets can cause a smell issue but no more than a dog or cat owner that doesn't properly care for their pets.	Same as with any other animal. Be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pets! My chickens are far less noisy than my neighbor's dog and attract less pests than all the surrounding horses in my neighborhood. I have NO smelly chicken waste in my pen area. I compost the waste and that doesn't smell either. My coop is well locked up from predators and other pests as well as my feed container.	As long as the owner is open and honest about their chickens, etc. Possibly welcoming the neighbors in to see how easy it is to care for these animals and what they're doing to keep their area clean etc. The better informed everyone is the happier most people will be.		
Primarily chickens, no more than 3, raised in coops in people's backyards, providing fresh eggs and connecting folks on of their sources of food. Rabbits raised in the same conditions would also be welcome.	Chickens and perhaps rabbits. No roosters. I've heard some people raise pygmy goats and miniature pot belly pigs, but don't know much about those. We already allow people to raise one kind of animal that can be quite noisy, can occasionally be dangerous and needs to be cleaned after: dogs. Anything that makes no more noise, is smaller than, and is no messier than a dog should be	The primary benefit is increased personal freedom, connecting people to their sources of food, helping children learn to care about more animals and exposing them to the richness of nature close to home.	I think this is a question for professionals, but I can't imagine we can draft reasonable rules for this.	I've already lived next to a family that raised a few chickens in a backyard coop. It was no more of a nuisance than my current neighbors who have two noisy dogs.		