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Hi, I tried to email or? with the address I read in the Redmond Reporter and all did not like me. so...

I have had the opportunity to know Kathy Dennis through the LWSD and fully appreciate her wish for chickens. Also, I knew people on slightly larger lots with chickens recently and goats years ago. First and foremost is to be a good neighbor, which of course Kathy, by obeying the current law, certainly has done. Also to be a good neighbor, one must control the waste and noise of any small animal as one should for a dog. However, not all people are good neighbors, so I am very glad that the city of Redmond is taking a good long look at all of this and being very specific about the types of animals and hopefully how they are housed. I think it is wise to state how far from a fence line these animals should be housed and allowed to run in a separate enclosure, not just in the back yard fence except perhaps under the owner's control. (I saw a few chicken on the loose the other day near me. They can dig out of regular fencing; therefore the term "chicken fencing".) I believe that there should be some sort of clean out schedule done in maybe a co-op sort of way, with, if not used in the resident's garden, a sort of zoo doo idea to dispose of the extras from the smaller lots. Also, there should be a way to butcher/give the unwanted chickens/animals to the food bank or some safe haven group, as I see chickens being let loose, as the bunny problem, by those who got more than they bargined for - animals are a 24/7 project. Having chickens can sound so warm and ecological, but I was raised on a farm and it is downright work and smell, plus vet care may enter in as well. I would not want sick animals of any kind next to me or my family. Also pigs, ferrets, mink or who knows what doesn't excite me. Please be very specific as each animal has different requirements. Again, I applaud Kathy for her work and the city as well. Please check with other cities and see if there other concerns not mentioned by me or others who would not wish to restrict responsible chicken/animal owners, but also wish to smell the roses and not the manure in their neighborhoods. I have lived in Redmond near horses, ducks, sheep and cows and when the wind blew the wrong way, oh my!!!! (These areas are now houses.) There is a reason, that even on a farm, the barn must be so far from the house and the water supply. Thank you.

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