

ATTACHMENT A5

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Should be licensed with very clear penalties for the breach of regulations. This can only be implemented if the Municipality has the resources and staff to police it
I feel that licensing is important and along with that the properties should be inspected annually on a random basis to ensure compliance and also to ensure the animals are properly cared for.
I think they should be allowed, as long as there are rules, and people have to follow them or their chickens can be taken away.
Stop raising our taxes so much. We are taxed to death. We have people on council have no clue about issues they are voting on.
I think it's a wonderful thing. People can be more self supportive along with gardens front and or back. Times are tough and old fashion self reliance is forgotten.
Chickens (hens) should be allowed only in the city limits. At least 1 rooster should be permitted on the outskirts of the city, e.g.. where I live. Providing you have the yard and you own your home.
Coops should be inspected every year before you can renew your licence to make sure they are being kept healthy and areas is clean
They do not need to be an in town animal. They smell, they are noisy, they attract rats and coyotes to dwellings. There is already a coyote issue that has not been properly addressed in Chatham Kent the population does not need to increase. We have had them in the country. Theres chicken diseases that spread from poop or mud on shoes that can be brought to chicken barns in our area. Just from stepping on it in a parking lot or other building. Will be like the states with the chicken influenza. There's not enough people that do research on keeping farm animals that want them in town.
With the thefts and crime happening in Wallaceburg I would be concerned with someone coming in the yard and either letting them loose, stealing them or just killing them.
Needs to be a bylaw officer and fines for nuisance chicken keepers
I'm not sure how the zoning works but if you live in an area that does not have immediate neighbours (within so many feet) in a rural area I think would be an appropriate type of property to have chickens. Or like property say on Gregory drive east where there is a row of houses but outside of town, if they have a minimum lot size that would allow a chicken coop far enough away from houses.
My mother lives in Tilbury and her neighbour had them before and the odor was so awful that they couldn't even sit in their back yard during the summer months> there was a terrible smell and the cleanliness were awful
Chickens can b food as well as eggs for sale or to keep. No one seems to care about cats but they will b a problem.
It's sad that this is an issue and that councilors voted on this without consulting their constituents.
Backyard chickens should be allowed in all communicated within Chatham-Kent immediately.

I feel it should be an application process. Where all standards are met before proving approval to the home to have the chickens
hope that the by law department will have good processes in place with the CFIA when there are disease outbreaks or complaints from neighbours. Appreciate the municipality considering this initiative.
We've been looking for country home so we could raise chickens, this opportunity to raise in the city would be awesome. Please consider this option. Thank you.
Nothing wrong with chickens.
the price of groceries are high and I want to raise my own for eggs and to be able to allow the chickens to eat my scraps from veggies etc to allow for less waste
Let people use their property as they wish, no permit either you take enough of our money as it is
I do not want chickens in my yard or in my neighborhood. We have more important things to worry about such as taking care of the homeless people in our city.
As someone who had backyard chickens previously, as long as there are clear, strict guidelines, like other surrounding cities (ie. Windsor), this is easy to monitor.
People should be able to raise their own food with the cost of living being as high as it is. The benefits of also having chickens/ Guinea hens to help combat the tick problem is also a huge plus
As someone with great knowledge of various poultry, chickens would be absolutely wonderful additions backyards all through CK. They do not smell if taken care of. They are fantastic backyard pets. Please allow. It's ridiculous that neighbouring communities can lawfully keep chickens yet CK is so against it. How have we changed so much over the years and not for the better. Promote a healthy relationship with food for all CK residents. Together we can change for the better. Thank you!
ns are ok as long as they are kept clean and sanitary to reduce smell keep pests away
It is absolutely insane that this is even being proposed. Chatham-Kent is already viewed as a redneck backwoods community. This will further prove it. What will the additional policing costs be? Public Health costs? Bird Flu is real and it's spreading. This is insane.
No chickens please, that's what farms are for.
Minimize red tape. Backyard chickens doesn't have to be complicated.
if residents want to own chickens, live in the countryside, where they are allowed. I don't want any stink in the city. They are dirty and I don't want any near my house at all. People can buy eggs at the store, or they can move outside the city. This makes no sense to me at all. What's next, if chickens are approved???
If permitted backyard chickens, there should be public educational sessions teaching appropriate care, such as how to feed in order to naturally deworm or maintain the happiness of the hens (necessary to egg production).
Please include Bothwell in Ward 3 list of communities

<p>If this goes forward will there be someone to enforce guidelines? Will inspections be done to ensure cleanliness, proper fencing etc. I grew up with chickens and so I'm not against raising them, just not in backyards with neighbours so close</p>
<p>If chickens are to be licensed or the people keeping them are to have licenses, they must keep up animal standards. My main concern is cruelty and unknowledgeable people having chickens. Perhaps they must have to take a course before getting the license?</p>
<p>Chickens do not belong in residential areas. There will be many Neighbour complaints and conflicts if this is approved. Dog owners are already upset that cats are not licensed and roam around freely. Now residential owners will have to deal with chickens. What about apartment dwellings and 4 plexes. Will there be restrictions on the size of yard to be able to contain them? Is C-K going to inspect these properties for compliance. Will they get fined for non-compliance. Will it be like the dog tag system that owners will have to renew each year. Owners that do not renew yearly will they have enforcement contact them? Is PAWR prepared to get involved in compliance issues? Or will this fall under enforcement through Chatham-Kent?</p>
<p>Not supportive of this initiative</p>
<p>If this in going to be given the go ahead which I hope it doesn't, it will definitely open up to other farm animals being considered in residential area.</p>
<p>I know alot are concerned, but regulate it. Like digs or cats. Have a license.</p>
<p>My neighbor has less than 2 acres and they have 100 birds ,chickens, geese and ducks.The smell and noise 24 hrs a day is ridiculous. Their yard now looks like a dump.The birds are running in our yard all the time.Chickens need to be raised away from any other neighbors</p>
<p>There needs to be strict rules that are actually enforced. I worry about suburban properties that are close together because of smell, vermin, and noise. I definitely do not think they belong in the city.</p>
<p>No other comments thank you</p>
<p>Promote the biodiversity benefits of keeping them! How to take advantage of them and use them to help your soil, and so much more. Proactivity is always better than reactivity! So make material available and easy to comprehend so that people can do right by this, teach their families essential skills and experience a small piece of homesteading pride within the non-ag zoned limits.</p>
<p>People can't walk their dogs so how will they take care of chickens? It is popular on TV so stupid people will get them, find out they are a lot of work & then what? Are they going to let them go like they have been doing with pets obtained during the pandemic? If you want farm life, move to a farm.</p>
<p>This is long over due especially with rising food costs</p>
<p>Allow those on the outskirts of the city with no nearby neighbours have them. Not in the city</p>
<p>Concerned about hoarding like cats. Need a strict limit.</p>
<p>If 6 chickens are allowed they protect each other and kill rodents and predators.</p>

Residents should be permitted to have chickens solely to provide their own egg needs.
My biggest worry are the rodents and pests that come with owning chicken. Rats, Coyote, raccoons etc. I live in town but on the edge and we see all kinds of wildlife. I don't want more attracted to my back yard
Ensure that requirements are only for residential properties. Agriculturally zoned properties exempt
Unless there are multiple inspectors hired this will be out of control.
Check out other municipalities
If this has been voted down 3 times already why are we addressing again. Try try again till we succeed. Waste of time and resources
I think it's wonderful you're doing a survey like this! And happy to see the possibilities for such things in Chatham-Kent's future!!
I already have a problem with dog owners in my neighborhood where they just bark ALL day long when they are outside. Chickens will exclusively be outside. Houses in urban areas are too close for this. It should not be aloud in urban settings.
Keep chickens in the country where they belong!
No chickens in town it will never work. It will be abused like letting cat roam all over place. You want a rodent issue you will have one why do think they have rodent traps all over farms
I am opposed to allowing this within the urban community. It will attract predators including coyotes who are very smart and remember food sources. In addition roosters can be noisy at unsociable hours. I say NO
They're more harmless then a domestic cat living outdoors.
Studies have shown raising chickens to be very beneficial. They eat leftover food and reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. Plus the ability to eat fresh eggs and raise your own meat.
Chickens are quieter that dogs. Chickens do not get into the garbage like cats. Chicken eat insects such as fleas and ticks. Chicken will eat some fruits and vegetable instead of putting them in the garbage
thanks
no roosters- chicken should not be free roam
I would love to have a couple chickens for my family!
As food gets more expensive it is a way to improve the lives of the poor.

I believe this is a forward thinking step for the municipality looking at the residents needs and happiness. There are many regions across Canada who are already allowing chicken and other small livestock within city limits. Schools could have small gardens and coops (where there is pre-existing courtyards are ideal - CKSS, McNaughton Avenue P.S., etc.) where children can learn about how to take care of these animals and plants, life cycles, pollination, etc., and they get to learn all of these things hands on!! Math, science, technology are 3 fundamentals that could be taught with these small courtyards. Teaching our future generations to live a "greener eco-friendly lifestyle" while also teaching them to think about the following generations is a leap in the right direction. Chatham Kent is a farming community, not everyone within our community has a full understanding of everything that entails, but creating a program like this will give everyone a greater appreciation for our farmers and where their food comes from, it may also become their life's passion for what their future careers could be!

Maybe the city could start a service with local farmers to fill C-K branded buckets with extra manure. Or some kind of bin, to be purchased with license(?), to keep neighborhood "collections" from wafting around on hot days.

Thank you for your considerations.

There are already so many people in town with chickens please make it stop. My neighbours had chickens and a rooster Was the most annoying thing every day. If I wanted to live in the country with animals that's where I would have moved. Thanks

Truly feel they should be in country not towns cities

NO Chickens once they have chickens it will be hard to enforce. some people will do what they want then it will be the neighbors having to file a complaint to solve the issue. A BIG CAN OF WORMS if this is passed

If chicken are to be allowed what is to stop the next one for asking for pigs, goats, or even cows. It sets a precedent

With so many other places allowing chickens it doesn't make sense that Chatham Kent has held off for so long. Standing on my back deck I can hear other people's chickens

We don't need the public nuisance! Regulations without financing to support enforcement is a lie to the public.

With the price of eggs and groceries I think this is a fantastic idea as long as guidelines are given and no roosters.

No chickens at all

I am sick of Chatham / Kent charging people for this that everything they can you need a permit for this that etc make a decision and go with it or hire a company to make it for you

If keeping hens, I think you should be allowed at least 4-6 chickens. 2 people would need 4 hens to get 1 dozen eggs per week, depending on breed. Families of 4 or more, should be allowed 1 additional hen per person, up to a max limit of 7.

Other areas and even entire countries have had great success and even seen a lot of waste management benefits from residential chickens. Some have even given their residents free laying hens. Everything is expensive especially groceries. We would be helping people grow their own food. When Germans occupied my grandmother's farm she held them back by pitchfork and said the soldiers could eat the chickens eggs but if they were greedy and ate the chickens there would be no more food for anyone. Shockingly the soldiers listened. Any family wishing to have chickens to feed their families should not be stopped.

I support chickens being allowed in villages such as Shrewsbury. Raising chickens is an excellent way of getting your own fresh eggs (and perhaps selling them locally) and also a great way to use leftover food scraps.

Eggs in stores are too expensive for larger households to get regularly, having back yard chickens would help those families in that area. Opening it up to smaller size birds such as quail, whose eggs are more nutritional than chicken eggs would be beneficial too.

Yard size and location should matter, can not affect neighbors or wildlife

I think CK residents should be allowed to raise chickens in their yards if they have the adequate space and knowledge to do so.

Let me own chickens

No Roosters. Must of the issues people have with keeping chickens is with roosters crowing day and night.

With the ridiculous rise in cost of living and inflation, and with the rising of our taxes, I think it's time you leave people alone and let them survive

Do we have other municipalities examples to draw experience from?

I think that CK residents should be raising chickens. Many already are. This is a basic right, to be able to feed oneself and one's family. It is not really a question of allowing this, it is a matter of how to facilitate this. I think that with emphasis on cleanliness, it is possible to have them exist in residential areas. I would like to point out that, generally speaking, disease occurs in large, crowded, dirty farms, where biosafety measures are not being met, not in backyards.

The Municipality should consider discussing this issue with someone who actually knows about raising poultry, perhaps someone from OMAFRA. A chicken that one would raise for meat is an entirely different bird than one that you would raise for eggs. Laying hens are docile creatures, meat birds tend to be larger and more aggressive. The expression "pecking order" specifically refers to meat hens. You can eat laying hens but they are not really the same as a meat hen.

A good owner should keep his animals clean and healthy and protected. A license will be perceived as a money grab

People in Chatham have enough trouble taking proper care of their pets. I am quite sure that there would be a very large number of badly cared for chickens. Before long they will be setting them free to get rid of them and then we will have a problem with wild chickens running all over Chatham - Kent. Please don't let this silly fad happen here in Chatham.

DO NOT DO IT. THEY MAKE ALOT OF NOISE. IRRATATING NOISE.

Allowing chickens in residential areas will tie up too much time of bylaw enforcement and administration.

Just don't do this

Should be mandatory to have your own chickens to reduce household food waste.
I think (respectfully) if you own your property, you should be able to do what you want. Having chickens would allow people the opportunity to become a bit more self sufficient and feed their families. They aren't that smelly and people will get used to it anyway.
Studies have shown allowing residents to have chickens reduces the amount of household waste going to landfill.
nasty chickens really
Must keep coops clean ,and yard ,so not to destruct disturb neighbours. In a fenced yard or were others don't have to see .That way it will keep everyone happy .Finds if you can not follow rules .
Chickens would be no more of a nuisance than a dog whose owners let them bark all day or cats that are allowed to roam in other people yard.
They are also beneficial for eating pests and can help divert waste going to the landfill since they can eat lots of scrap waste.
Costs of eggs are always rising. It'd be nice to have a sustainable resource.
Avian flu! Some people can't seem to take care of dogs & cats! Never see anyone enforcing dog leash bylaw, who is going to have time to enforce chickens? Again, Avian Flu. People who are not farmers just don't get it!
Filthy idea
Your Survey is very vague there is a lot of different living areas in Chatham-Kent. Out side of city in more open areas, there should not be any restrictions on chicken. In the city there will have to be some kind of restrictions due to population density and Multi family dwellings. But if people communicate with their neighbours before getting chicken And all I agree with it.
I feel that city lots are not appropriate and should be only allowed outside of city boundaries
Mind your own business and stop worrying about everything else
I have been raising chickens for a few years - not in Chatham - I do feel we should be allowed them in city limits to cut down on waste, provide food for our families and they're great at eating bugs! I have no issues with chickens in city limited. rodents being a problem if they're properly kept up, roosters are not needed for city hens, they can be loud Hens only cackle in the morning or when spooked. I would love to see more people living the homesteading life as we will need it for future
Keeping backyard chickens is not only a health and safety issue for humans, it's also an animal welfare issue for the chickens (as most city folk will never kill them for meat) as well as local rescue organizations as people try to surrender chickens who no longer produce eggs. Please do what you can to make sure this is not allowed.

No to chickens. Live out in the country
This will be a gateway, next will be goats, pigs etc
Who will enforce the regulations? Bylaw will need more people to ensure adherence to any regulations.
Chickens belong on a farm not in the city!
Start listening to your tax payers and do what we want not what best suits you as counselors
Chicken belong in the rural area not in towns.
To be able to have enough chickens for eggs and make it worth while too many would be needed.
Support our local fresh egg farmers it's cheaper in the long run.
Duart is in the country but still considered urban!
I can't understand why having chickens in Shrewsbury is even an issue
Licencing and health standards mandatory for all chickens/coops.
If you want farm animals buy/rent a farm or piece of property zoned for the purpose of agriculture.
Policy for surrendering the chickens properly when the "fad" is over
Do not open the door to moving the farm into the city. End of discussion!
Chickens do not belong in a residential area at all!!
If my neighbor can grow weed in their backyard that stinks up my yard I should be able to have chickens in my backyard
All animals have the potential to be a nuisance or neglected. Just as there are regulations in place for dogs, cats or any domestic pet, there should be regulations associated with keeping hens. The benefits associated with keeping a small number of chickens far outweigh any potential downside in my opinion.
They attract other wildlife, end up being neglected. And these situations are pure sadness. Conditions may look okay when an inspector comes around but things change. We have seen horses neglected so severe and chickens on busy paved roads. Have caused very bad collisions and the chicken owners were more concerned with their flattened chicken on the pavement than the motorists who swerved to miss the creature and totalled their vehicle in the ditch. No no no. They can buy eggs and chicken at the grocery stores. Next they will be selling eggs at the roadside. That's a huge concern.
Rather poor idea for urban areas. Eggs are not expensive and impact on neighbours undesirable, especially smell, noise and attraction of coyotes, foxes and vermin.
If there are concerns with chicken owners. Deal with issues as they arise. We are an agricultural community!!!
We live in freedom. We are an agriculture community. People own various animals. There should be NO law as to owning a chicken.
There should just be rules enforced, with owning chickens.

There is no way chickens should be kept in town. Buy a house in the country
Chickens feed their owners, eat bugs, weeds and rodents. They are easy to maintain, fun for kids, not noisy. They are a great redp teacher as well. Smell is minimal with a bit of work, manure for compost is excellent for vegetable beds.
I want to support this not because I want chickens but because people clearly do and they should be able to. People complaining about noise and smell clearly haven't done the 5 minutes of research required to understand that if done properly, this isn't an issue. I hope our elected officials will take reason into consideration and not look too deeply into the negative Facebook comments. The few people who are the loudest don't accurately reflect the majority of people who support this or actually don't care one way or another about this issue.
The municipality really shouldn't be limiting someone ability to raise reasonable resources for food & sustainability. Especially in this economy with demand on food banks higher than ever. You're going to get uneducated people complain just because they can but doesn't make them right to say without justification or understanding. It's very easy to raise and maintain chickens.
chickens are farm animals. Not for in town.
With the rising cost of food, having opportunities to become more self sustainable would greatly benefit the residents of Chatham Kent
Chatham Kent, has always been known as a farming community, Yet can not have our own sources of protein? Why can grow a garden , which besides noise can have all the same issues ! Smell, rodents, income, unsightly. fenced area .
I totally feel it is a huge asset to have chickens, A person can own dogs and cats , that offer no food value ? Again same issues , noise , smell....
Residential areas are no place for chickens, if people want chickens they should buy and move to a farm
We should be allowed to have the animals we wish in our property. Wether someone has a rabbit or a chicken, it should make no difference. The municipality should not be allowed to profit of a license either.
I think its important as a community we allow community members to have the opportunity to meet there own needs of its having chickens or what not
Government should not be involved in making us get licenses or allowing us to have chickens to feed our families!
Guidelines for lot size and location are understandable
Chickens should not infringe on other peoples property. You should be in care and control of your chickens !!!!!
i think it would be a good idea to try to allow citizens the right to raise their own food if they have the proper area to do so

Other communities have successfully allowed back yard chickens, I think it's time to give CK the same opportunity.
Terrible idea ... not appropriate on residential city streets
Straight out no. farm animals. People aren't going to comply. My neighbor has 5 dogs!!!! Bylaw is 3.
Staff to control the coops and ensure compliance is of the utmost importance
This is nonsense and catering to a few people who make noise about getting their way. This was already shot down 2 years ago. Why reopen this issue again.
People should be aloud to have chickens anywhere especially with cost of eggs. And fresh produce s much better then store bought
If the councillors live in a residential area would they want chickens on the 3 sides of their property. You already know you don't have the resources to police it And you already know people are not going to follow the rules.
People need to be able to feed themselves/ family especially with rising food costs and household expenses
Try it out. If things become a huge problem then it can be cancelled. As a farm kid I know how to raise animals. Citiots should have to do an online training to learn about how to take care of livestock properly. For people that abuse the bylaw if passed, they should be fined or banned from participating
none
Strict regulations in owning and caring for chickens with involvement by our local PAWR or other designated animal welfare agency at all hours including weekends and holidays as necessary to ensure animal care, health and regulations are followed
Let the people have their chickens.
I did have chickens before andy neighbors had no problem with it.
Just the town had the problem grrrrr
No, just no!
I think roosters are ok in rural areas, not in cities. Also, as long as the property owner keeps the area clean in their fenced yard and the chickens are not allowed to run around on the roads, that they should be allowed in cities.
if you have the room for a few birds, keep it clean and well enclosed, i see no worry
If permitted will it do anything to property value or taxes? If so what if you don't have them?
No. Just no. This is going to create so many issues. When houses are so close together your neighbour having chickens is going to bother you. The smell, the rodents they will attract, and the noise is not something I want to deal with when my neighbour whose property is 5 feet away from mine has chickens on it. Not fair to those who don't want them. Please no.
No license fees attached, Reasonable numbers. No chicken police! Chicken taste good!

People who wants to get chickens do not know how expensive it is to get these animals because they have never farmed. My son had over 3 dozens of hens at his farm and it was costly plus he had to protect his herd from foxes and coyotes. This is a very bad idea to allow hens and chickens in the urban area. Can you imagine barking dogs at night because they smell a fox nearby???

The passing of this will allow families to not only educate on the raising of animals but also teach important responsibilities and be able to feed and supply for your own family. I think that it's a fundamental practice to have chickens in your backyard.

There have been studies to show that having chickens has cut the amount of waste going to landfills

As a previous chicken owner who came from the country, I found keeping chickens to be such a joy and very educational for my children. Fresh eggs daily really helped with the price of groceries plus they were much healthier than store bought. Proper education on how to keep chickens healthy and safe especially in the winter is a must. .

As long as people don't have roosters to annoy neighbours and they keep the area tidy and upkept I think it is a great idea.

It would be nice if chickens could be permitted to individual towns and not based off of what the city folk in Chatham decide for once.

You are asking for problems if you pass this. Animal control people will be swept off their feet and rodent populations will reek havoc on neighbours

I emailed every counselor including the mayor on this matter with only one counselor responding. Please ensure counselors listen to people of CK and not just their own perspective when voting. If more rural parts of CK strongly indicate yes to backyard chickens but larger urban areas are not in favour (Chatham wallaceburg etc) will this be taken into consideration. If chickens allowed in small towns if larger urban centers say no? It is hard to have a voice especially as bothwell is once again not even ,sited on your survey form

Properties should be randomly inspected

I believe it will be a fad and sooner or later they will quit taking care of them and we will have lots of unwanted chickens.

If I wanted to smell and listen to chickens I would have moved to the country not town. Please keep the chicken in rural areas

Although I don't think there should be a large licensing fee, I believe there should be a minimum level of proper care and maintenance. Perhaps a pamphlet with their registry to educate people

Quit trying to control everything

I am praying this doesn't happen. I know my neighbour will get some chickens and not take care of them, then we will be over run with rats. They can't take care of a dog. Leave them in the country!

Its just common sense to have chickens as the price of food is outrageous!

We already have shelters stuffed with abandoned dogs, cats, small critters etc. There was (maybe still is) a problem with escaped rabbits in Ridgelytown. We have a vet shortage. There's no real need to bring chickens into urban residential areas *especially* in CK. The argument about food security is not a real argument because it's expensive to shelter, feed and care for the things, and you'd get a small number of eggs back in an urban setting. Wanna keep chickens? Move to the countryside, we have lots of it nearby.

Chatham is a farming community and should encourage related activities

This is ridiculous. We have enough health issues in Chatham and no doctors taking new patients and you want to add more dirty things to spread disease? It will be the people who don't care about their property, the ones who let their weeds grow 2 feet high that will be all for this. Why? Because they just don't give a damn.

So many benefits to having our own chickens. Most of us probably have our own veggie gardens already. One step closer to (some) self sufficiency in an urban setting.

Eggs are incredibly nutritious. With the high costs of food it's a constant supply of fresh nutritious food. Chickens produce nutrients for your garden and eat garden pests. They eliminate house scraps and keep them out of the dump. They are great for our mental health as they have personalities and make great pets.

This would be awesome! Please do!

There needs to be a bylaw with enforcement and fines.

Is the municipality of CK looking to license the chickens and chicken owners so they can charge unneeded fees and police the chickens and owners?

This survey looks like a fee grab!

Will the municipality of CK halt people from selling excess eggs when the price of eggs and the price of food in general is going up.

If I raise chickens I don't want the chicken police worrying me about selling my eggs!

How much would your license fees cost and how will you stop me from selling my eggs?

Will you stop me from slaughtering my hens and eating them, or will I need a license to do that to?

I believe being able to provide food for a family is essential in this economy

This is not an issue that Council need trouble themselves with! Residents should be able to make their own decisions about backyard chickens!

I have lived in rural and urban settings and believe that as long as people take care of their coops and birds there will be no problems and just like every other animal we are allowed to have there should be rules and expectations.

Please don't entertain this idea it's not a road I feel the municipality should go down. This does not aid in enhancing CK nor does it make CK any more profitable. Let the knowledge of agricultural farmers do their role. Health inspectors would be overwhelmed as I assume inspections would be made regularly the same way building inspectors do their jobs.

With cost of chicken and eggs for families with children it's almost impossible to feed them well, chickens would be great especially for food scraps out of landfills
I feel with the cost of living being so high Everyone should have the right to raise chickens for there own use
I think this should be a right for all of Canada, but here are some examples of cities that allow chickens in Canada. Kingston, Newmarket, Niagara Falls, Brampton, Guelph, Edmonton, Montreal (some parts) Surrey, Vancouver, Kitchener, and Victoria to name a few that I have found.
Let people raise chickens. Their droopings are beneficial to the soil they live on and eat from, free range is best, and they do make interesting pets. Keep shots, antibiotics outof them or their feed.
Food security for lower income and upcycling green waste reduction will be huge benefit ecologically
People shouldn't have to register and pay to have chicken.
How will something like this be managed? Who will deal with complaints when animals aren't being cared for - spaces not clean, waste not being properly disposed of, etc?
How will the municipality deal with the potential spread of avian flu variants with so many households having chickens?
No thank you
Leave the livestock to the country. This will escalate and get out of control. If people want to be farmers then move to a rural area. What next a cow in the back yard because they want milk for their children
I believe if chickens were taken care of properly there is no reason why residents shouldn't be allowed to have them
Allowing people to have chickens for eggs and meat is not only affordable but will provide some food security for those struggling to afford food with the cost of inflation
No
In the rating question no license required. That's ridiculous. Fenced in yard is not necessary.
No, we want to be able to have chickens and fresh eggs in Ridgetown.
I grew up on a farm and there's a reason chickens are considered a farm animal and I don't think a lot of people are going to do their research on taking care of these animals. It can be expensive to take care of them and they are susceptible to diseases. I have a feeling people aren't going to realize how difficult it is to keep chickens are are going to abandon them.
With the way prices r for food what r ppl to do
Our area is struggling with poverty this could be a way for families to help provide for themselves.
People should have to take some kind of course/training on the care of chickens as well as how to build a proper enclosure. Building permits needed as well as a license similar to dog licensing.
Allowing chickens in backyards is consistent with building a more sustainable lifestyle.
I don't agree with having chickens.
This could be a good way to get healthy food into the hands of people and recycle table scraps.
With avian Flu becoming more prevalent we should NOT be allowing inexperienced people raising chickens and creating another pandemic

This would be a benefit above anything else to the citizens of Chatham Kent!
Chicken are for farm not in tow
Chicken prices/suppliers should be regulated to ensure healthy chickens are available without price gouging.
I'd also be worried about neighborhood cat killing them but a secure chicken run would solve that
No comment
With the continuous inflation costs, a few chickens should be allowed so people can feed their families with meat and eggs. The cost of groceries now are becoming 'steal from Peter to pay Paul scenerio
This would be great for residents considering the price of Eggs lately! We should all be more self sustainable.
Responsible chicken keeping would be no different than responsible ownership of cats and/or dogs or any other pet allowed under the by-laws
Unless there is a health concern or concern to neighbouring farms (health of their birds), I do not see how this is a concern to anyone. If a chicken does create an adverse effect, let MOE deal with that.
Great for composting - as CK doesn't currently offer a compost program.
Can we do goats next
If the owners take care of them they should be like any other pet
AS long as the area is kept clean and no roosters I have no problem with anyone having chickens
With food getting really expensive, I think the city should allow us to have chickens. Eggs and chickens are a great protein source and oit bodies require it
Would be a wonderful opportunity to teach kids thr importance of sorting garbage where some food waste could be turned into eggs.
Not to be with in 100 meters of other residences
Who will control and follow-up on this? By-law officers are a joke in CK... Chickens belong on farms...
Before you say no again please take the time and think about people who don't have much but want to try and take care of themselves
I believe there should be a differentiation between rural and urban zones. No matter what, rural residential zones should be approved. Also, there should be a difference in the number of chickens allowed for rural vs urban areas.
There is no real need for all this time and effort on deciding whether people can have chickens in residential areas. Surely, there are bigger, more important, quality of life issues where our municipal council and staff could spend their time so progress could be made. Crazy improvements like housing for the growing homeless population, fixing our crumbling infrastructure, helping lift people out of a generational cycle of poverty, etc. The idea of backyard chickens was decided a few years ago and the answer was no. Stop doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result. Move on.

If a family wants fresh egg why are they not allowed. Also it is a great learning experience for children educational and a few chores for them to do. Food costs are crazy. Fresh eggs healthy. People worried about chicken but opiad use and homeless should be a bigger concern for CD residents
This is an amazing development. One that allows people a little bit of food autonomy and a nod to a way of life known around the majority of other nations in the world.
People ought to be able to produce their own food especially in these times of food ans financial insecurity
Maybe for residents on outskirts of town would be a better environment
Roosters crow every morning, they are also unpredictable, I think the number of dogs per household should lifted if FARM ANIMALS are allowed, I want to keep a horse in my garage!
Educational opportunities/resources should be made available for those wishing to raise chickens who have never done so. To ensure proper socialization, upkeep, and maintenance of chickens and their coops.
I found the section on potential regulations confusing. The raising of chickens, especially for the purpose of helping to feed your family in an unprecedented time of inflation should not be prohibited, especially in smaller less dense communities such as Pain Court, Dresdan, Ridgetown etc. . . Additionally they offer fantastic benefits in both insect/pest control and for your garden. Thank you.
People should be able to supply their own steroid free food for their family. A huge NO to registering them.
Hens are very quiet much quieter than the average dog They also can eat plenty of vegetable scraps reducing waste to collect ,manure and shavings can be composted and used in flower beds and lawns to grow healthy vegetables for their gardens Anyone with a yard and coop should be allowed to raise their own chickens its vital at this time for people to have other means of food security .
I rather have chickens instead of all the cats that run free with no licence
You forgot Bothwell as usual.
I am also afraid the people will not know how to look after these animals. You need to know what you are doing and if not it could be animal cruelty. Most city people have no clue how to look after a chicken.
We have had a neighbor with chickens in town for years. You don't even notice they are there. No smell, sound or other nuisance. Roosters are a different issue.
I can't believe you are even considering hav8ng to have a license or permit. We live in the country and have 4 chickens for our own personal use. ENOUGH ALREADY WITH TAKING MORE OF OUR MONEY!!!
I think allowing backyard chickens is a great idea with regulations in place.
This is stupid. You know for a fact it's going to be an awful idea beforehand. People can't even own dogs properly.
Why does the survey say 1 to 8 and not allow you to choose 1 to 8 for each question. Residents of Shrewsbury have had chickens for years; do not lump us with the rest of CK for this issue when you ignore us for all others!

With proper guidelines this would be fantastic.
Farm animals are to be left in the country area.
Please make this possible.
Chickens aren't as dirty and smelly as people think as long as the care giver gives proper care and maintains the cleanliness of the cage. Any animal with stink if you don't clean up after it, even a dog.
I believe in our current economic times when groceries are already expensive enough allowing members of the community to produce their own food is a very important part in a cost reduction for groceries. It also promotes a healthier lifestyle. Promotes a field to fork principle. It can reduce certain table scraps from being thrown into the trash as they can be used as food for the chickens.
I like the idea of having to have a license, fenced run and something someone can't see. Please do this responsibly. I could see people getting messy with this
Unless my neighbours can control the noise these animals make then NO WAY. This would completely undermine our rights to a peaceful and relatively quiet living space. Would police ticket those with noisy chickens? How many warnings will they get?
no
Bothwell and Zone once again excluded from CK consideration. If large centers say no but smaller towns yes will this be considered?
Reduces alot of household scraps and waste
I have the right to provide food to myself and my family
Chickens should not be allowed within city limits period!
All residents with chickens should be licensed, have basic training in care of chickens, proof of annual veterinarian visits, and annual inspections by Public Health.
At this point in time, I don't feel that restricting people on raising their own food is responsible decision-making in our communities. I think Food Sustainability should be a priority.
As long as chickens have enough area to run freely in fenced area and coop to house them in I do not see why they are not allowed. Not everyone will want them as they are a lot of work.
Residents who have had chickens (esp those with long standing history ie more than 2 years) with no previous complaints from long-standing neighbours should be allowed to keep them
let the locals have chickens. it's their yard
We had chickens ,your bylaw was used as a weapon against our home by disgruntled neighbor
Backyard chickens are quiet and calm and should be allowed. Please allow us to be able to have these. Much larger urban centres do
No chicken in town or city..as long as you have an address consisting of RR#, ex. Shrewsbury Troy Dealtown Erieau would be a good suggestion.

The novelty will wear off when they find out that chickens can cost about \$16 a bird and feed at \$22 a bag , not including shelter. I think it would a great thing for kids to raise and care for them, it's not something they teach you at school. Chicken can be like any other pet if you work with them.

They pay taxes leave them alone

If people care for chickens properly there's no odour, we had chickens.

Stop nickle and diming us for every little thing.

This shouldnt even be discussed, the cost of food is insane. You increased housing permits by \$17000.00 and you're making the cost of living in a new home unreachable. Chicken are cheap to raise and lower food costs, especially eggs. We are getting fed up with fres, standards that are outrageous.

Chickens should be kept in the country

With food prices rising without limits, and seemingly beyond reason, people's grocery selection is being forced to change. Allow people that are able, to be as self sustaining as possible.

If the Residence address address is outside of city limits 100% should be allowed to have backyard chickens No matter the zoning

I don't think that there should be any restrictions on residents for having chickens in the backyard. I see so many other pets that have free range of their yards and not limit to how many dogs /cats one household can own.

With the price of food we should be able to be self sufficient the best we can.

not wanted in town, leave well enough alone, keep them in the country

Should include different types of meat and laying animals like quail, rabbits, ducks, etc.

It would help out a lot saving money, especially from the prices of groceries going up they can also keep ticks away and if a big city like Toronto can do it. Why can't we?

What's next sheep

This is really not a good idea to allow people to become "chicken farmers". So much knowledge is needed to raise healthy happy chickens which would be able to produce a healthy nutritious food source. All farm raised animals attract rodents and larger more aggressive animals and a farm has the means to put other animals or deterrents to help maintain the balance, a backyard doesn't. A backyard chicken coop would allow rodents and more aggressive animals to roam other backyards which could perhaps cause damage to other people/children, property, or pets. Disease is another factor which should be highly considered which could perhaps cause health risks or even worse to people, property or pets. Would the poultry industry guidelines be followed and enforced and all backyard chicken coops be inspected and how often to ensure the chickens were being cared for properly?

Are a few eggs a day really worth the risks, neighbours verse's neighbour, is it worth the risks, everyone's health and well-being, is it worth the risks? Chatham Kent Councillors, are you ready to take the risks? Whom will be held accountable, the people who allowed this or the "uneducated backyard chicken farmer"

People have chickens already. Get with the times
There was actually a study of this done, 200 household, and they found within just a couple months thousands of pounds of landfill eaten by chickens because they eat all your scraps, so they are environmentally, let alone food supply, a very good idea
Should the claim be made of unsightliness, I would encourage council to do a drive around CK to view properties. Should it be the concern of council, please feel welcome to fix up homes for the sake of the residents and neighbours. Chicken coops are the least of our worries! Atleast residents can feed themselves. Priorities, please!
Chickens must be maintained indoors to prevent any access to any sort of wild birds or droppings from wild birds otherwise they will susceptible to avian influenza
Its time
Times are getting tough for people we need to grow an rise own food
People in town should be able to have any kind of animals
No fees, you would never be able to regulate
The fact Shrewsbury is under same conditions as withing the city of chatham or blenheim is not fair. I have a half acre if land that has plenty of room for my chickens, where a small lot withing chatham with immediate neighbors would and should have different outlines for keeping chickens. To group our rural village in with the immediate city is not fair. My address is an actual Rural route. We have none of the amenities you have withing the city limits. No sidewalks,no streetlights,no sidewalks etc. So why should we have to be under the same rules for chickens as if I were on queen st in chatham?
Where are my rights to have a peaceful place to live without listening and smelling chickens!!!
Only allow them in rural /country farms not designated agricultural. They have more room and the houses r spread apart.
Everyone should have this ability, provided they adhere to rules. The same as owning a dog.
I think allowing residents to have chickens would be a great idea.
If a homeowner is responsible and dosent cause a problem with a neighbor then why shouldn't people be allowed to feed their families, times are tough and food is expensive if a person can have chickens and be responsible without intruding on neighbors then why not
Rating most imortant and least imoprtant is a bogas question they are all important on an equal level if you are for or against it. Chickens Do Not belong in town, i have had chickens near my property before and they are dirty, smelly, noisy and will attract preditors to the area and put familey pets and children at risk. Give your heads a shake and get real, the city is not a farm, whats next horses and cows!!!!!!!!!!
Need to be licensed and take a mandatory course in the care and raising of chickens
They should stay in the country
Chickens would be a great opportunity for most families !
Noise should not bother anyone as we put up with barking dogs and squealing tires at all hours of the night

Dumbest idea EVER!
Please consider planting fruit trees in public parks
Other cities allow backyard chickens. Bylaws can be put in place to help with management
Food costs are very high, my children love eggs
The majority of people who would entertain the idea of a small backyard flock would take all the issues anyone would have seriously. Most people want their yard looking nice and would keep their birds also decent
Who is going to monitor these chicken coops in residential yards?
Please take into consideration that people that live in bigger towns ie Wallaceburg/Chatham may have less space in their yards compared to the smaller towns and requirements/restrictions may have to be different. Maybe consider # of chickens be determined by size of space on each property.
Chickens are a great idea, city or country. They provide fertilizer, reduce compost, are very entertaining, and are easy to keep. There are many resources on Facebook to help people keep them responsibly.
I support chickens (hens only) and they should be licensed, that way if the resident does not comply with conditions the license could be revoked. Chickens should be kept in a clean safe environment that is both humane and not an eyesore to the neighbours.
No
Don't wreck our community!!! The quads are enough hassle!
I don't like government overreach and would like to see all levels dissolved and start over as they are all corrupt and out of hand
If you live in the rural area you should be able to have chickens. If there are no close neighbours that they could bother should be able to have all you want.
Please stop complicating things. If it is not broke don't fix it. This is only going to create more conflicts between neighbour's etc. Keep it the way it is. Or the people that are going to make these decisions should try having the chickens in their neighborhood first for the first two years to try it out before subjecting everyone else to it.
Chickens do not belong in the city!
The only regulations should be no roosters and must be enclosed in a run. My family of 6 eats 2-3 eggs per day so we would like 18 chickens. A cleanliness standard to eliminate smell could be developed but would be subjective.
Ridiculous
Chickens really aren't that noisy if you don't have rosters!
An interesting project for kids,

Amalgamation was a joke
Keeping chickens are very eco friendly and can greatly reduce household waste by the kitchen scraps they consume and reduce garbage taken to the landfill. Keeping chickens is also a great supplemental food source in this trying economy.
Let people feed their families and reduce the amount of chickens are mistreated by the egg industry
Owners must have health and safety guidelines ,cleanliness standards, Sign a legal contract stating they have agreed to all conditions required for owning chickens.
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. No need to register or tax this as well.. enough is enough with your taxes!
Great idea :)
The living conditions of the chickens should be a consideration in addition to safety and cleanliness
If people want chickens then they should live in the country, where they do not affect or disturb their neighbours.
With the cost of food this is an easy way to supplement protein and your grocery bill
I would love to see more options for people being able to become more self sufficient and having the ability to provide their own fresh food.
Many people will want this- but the work and upkeep will weed out those who think it's cool and those who are committed to having chickens. Those who do want chickens understand the needs of the animal, the health and safety of having that animal and the custodianship of keeping them. Alternatively, quail or ducks are better alternatives for eggs. Chatham Kent should be focusing on helping its population with sustainability. Chickens are a great start. Let's focus on more community gardens and incentives for gardens and biodiversity in lawns.
I think backyard chickens are a great idea! I have backyard chickens in the country, and love having them. They give my family fresh eggs, great manure for gardens, they eat produce food scraps, they are very easy to care for, and are well cared for, almost like pets. I feel people in the cities, with appropriate regulations could also enjoy these benefits. (Hens are probably better suited for cities, as some roosters can be aggressive.) Hens are docile birds, and would be very appropriate for city living, in appropriate living accommodations: fenced yards or chickens runs.
I think it's a great idea. Prices are going crazy for groceries and it's great for educating our kids
Please do not allow chickens. This would become a huge issue due to cleanliness, noise and will create more controversy between neighbors. People are already concerned about cats. Chickens belong on farms. Thank you.
There was a study done where the municipality gave chickens to homeowners. they were fed food scraps. Garbage went down that was going to dumps. People were eating the eggs and chickens and had better nutrition. The eggs businesses went out of business. It was a proven benefit to all.

They belong on a farm where they have room to roam
How much did you pay someone to make this survey?
License needed to have chickens and who will decide to kill chickens if chicken flu is in the area
Chickens are no more noisy or dirty as a Barking dog. The freedom to raise our own food should not be the decision of council
Can agricultural owners rent out a coop to a neighbourhood or group? PLEASE keep the birds where they belong.
THANK YOU
No
None
there would need to be policing of these propperties & concent of imediate neighbours as they have to live with them. Propperty inspections would be needed to ensure propper regulations.
Encouraging backyard chickens, meat rabbits, food gardens instead of grass, public fruit trees instead of hard woods are all important steps in helping a community fight food insecurities. With food prices increasing, we should be working as a community to remove all barriers to self provision, especially for those families of fewer means.
Our neighbours have chickens and they let them run free sometimes. They come on our property and make a mess of our landscape.
The only concern I would have would be roosters crowing at 5am.
Definitely no roosters
I think it is a good idea to allow people to have chickens for eggs and meat. No Roosters allowed.
CK is falling behind so many other municipalities because we drag our feet on making progressive decisions. This is a progressive decision that give a little control back to residents to be self sufficient.
Chickens belong on a farm!!
This is wrong. If someone wants to have livestock, live in a rural location

My good friend keeps chickens (approximately 6, in the country) and I love them. However, from what I've seen and from the information she herself has given me, chickens are not exactly the cleanest/most sanitary animals to have. We also have a real issue with stray animals in CK. There are already far too many wandering the community because owners are careless. I would rather not have my children go out to play every day and have them find the bloody remains of chickens (or any other animal for that matter.) Don't get me wrong, I actually love chickens and I've seen them exhibit some fairly intelligent behaviours, but you can't teach them to defend themselves against bigger animals and nobody's child should have to stay inside the house all the time because they're traumatized having to clean up what's left after someone carelessly allows their pet to roam the community. Thank you for your time.

I am not sure why CK is so far behind the times and all other cities permitting this.

The cost of keeping chickens would surpass the value of the eggs to a family as well as put a real strain on the cleanliness of the city. I'm surprised its even up for discussion truthfully.

This could be great for the community to help with increasing Grocery costs and reduce waste that goes to the landfill.

This is something I've always wanted!

Do not believe any chickens should be allowed in residential! Also believe in licences for cats!

The rodents and animals,flies etc they attract is huge.people have no idea on work involved .

We have had chickens for the past 15 years at various homes. The neighbours were happy to accept our excess eggs as well as visit our flock. The mens shelter also accepted and were very thankful to receive any of the eggs.

Thank you for considering this by-law.

No further comments

They should not be allowed.


you don't need permits or anything else to have snakes, lizards, spiders, fish or anything else imported into this country from other places in the world, why all the hype towards people having chickens and trying to feed their families ?? If someone wants hens and will do what it takes to properly care for them, let them have them !!

As long as they are well taken care of, and living area is clean and not an eye sore it should not matter.

If you want chicken move to the country

Love Chickens

Save the chickens and hens for the farming areas

Chicken's eat a lot of 

With the price of food in this day and age, no government should be allowed to dictate how and where you are permitted to produce your own food for your family.

I think it's important in this day and age to have an understanding of where our food comes from. To be clear, having had backyard chickens in the past, it has nothing to do with saving money (it'll cost more), but there is a great educational and environmental value in permitting backyard chickens.
At the least, residential zoned properties in rural areas should be allowed chickens
I think it's a great idea and fantastic way for children learn a bit actual agriculture. Most are sadly never exposed .
Would be more concerned about unwanted wild life Skunks, rats,
This is ridiculous if people wanna have chickens then they should be able to
Chickens are zoned in agriculture zones for a reason, they should not be allowed in residential areas, look at other municipalities - they don't have them.
Please don't pass this, residents have no business in proper care and well being of the chickens nor does the city have enough bylaw officers to enforce if passed.
Tecumseh ON did a pilot project and repealed due to problems.
Chickens attract predators. Dogs, cats, foxes, opossums. People will get roosters and it will take months to get rid of them. Chickens can also get avian diseases. Locations and sizes in back yards won't abide by the rules. Who is going to police all the infractions?
I feel that as a taxpayer, I would like to be somewhat sustainable when it comes to food and gardening, because of the increase of groceries, meat, gas, everything the price of everything has skyrocketed I would like to be self-sufficient for my family and I as much as possible thanks
With the high price of food products and egg prices this would help many people financially
Raising chickens provides parents an educational tool, provides children with more outdoor learning and allow us to embrace and enjoy our agricultural backgrounds. It's a shame that we are such a rural community and this isn't allowed.
no
Pet licenses for chickens just like dogs and only small villages and out skirts of city limits can have chickens I don't need crack heads next door building chicken coops
I think that if someone is that interested in having chickens they need to be able to afford the correct care for these animals. Its not just buy them and forget about them, it's a lot of money,work and responsibility. Does Chatham-Kent have the funds for this? What if these animals escape and cause damage? If we allow this where do we draw the line? Allow chickens because they produce eggs but cows also produce milk and meat... where does it end? My vote is no
Great for tick control
Look at the trial period Tecumseh had and maybe try that. If it were to be successful than pass the legislation if not remove it
Please do not allow nasty chickens in our community
I think keeping chickens in an urban area is just opening the doors for a multitude of problems.

As someone who has had chickens, I would be concerned about cleanliness and health issues. Not everyone is as diligent about keeping our properties near and clean.

Should remain in agricultural farms only!

Backyard chickens are an important part of the lives of people who wish to be self-sufficient. There are many benefits to allowing responsible owners to keep chickens. Obviously, the ability to have fresh eggs at your doorstep is prime. However, keeping backyard chickens also allows us to have a place to put our kitchen scraps so they don't enter landfills. I have a large garden in my backyard, and chickens would be great to ensure that organic materials can be eaten by the chickens and not simply thrown in the garbage, and they don't overload my composter.

Chicken manure is also great for gardens and flower beds. I know there are concerns with smell, noise, rodents, and predators. Last year I had 5 chickens that were eventually taken away due to the bylaw. I had these chickens for about 5 months in my house as chicks and later outside in a chicken coop. Never once did I have issues with odours. My coop is built to be well ventilated, and even in the hen house, there were no odours, even after not cleaning it for a week or so.

The only noise issues I had was from roosters (that I didn't realize were roosters at the time). The actual hens I had were very quiet. Our neighbour's dog and the traffic at the road were louder than our hens ever were.

As for rodents and predators, I had no issues. I built my chicken coop like a fortress, which included a predator apron around the perimeter (basically chicken wire laid on the ground, held down with landscape staples that comes out two feet from the base of the coop and enclosed run). I only ever found one paw print on the chicken coop. I also included motion activated solar lights so if a predator came around at night, a light would turn on to scare them away. I never had a problem, and I know we have raccoons, skunks, and other predators that have entered our backyard (our property backs onto a farmer's field). We also never had rodents that I know of. I have watched a hen eat a mole, so rodents won't necessarily hurt them, just get into their food. I stored their extra food in my garage in a sealed pail with no problems. I've seen more mice in my bean patch than in my chicken coop. So, if chickens/feed would attract rodents, so do vegetable gardens as well.

Lastly, the current bylaw is a bit ridiculous. Like I mentioned before, our property backs against a farmer's field. I had to get rid of my chickens last year because I'm not zoned property. Yet, if I moved my chicken coop 50 feet back, it would be in that farmer's field and be allowed, since that field is zone A1. I understand that some areas are not best for chickens, but when you're in Harwich Township with a few neighbours backing on a farmer's field, who could have livestock if he wanted, it seems a bit ridiculous. These are just some things to think about and hoping council makes the decision to allow for responsible owners to keep backyard chickens.

I was disappointed with the previous comments and vote on this issue. I would compare keeping chickens to feeding wild birds. Many homes in our community have numerous feeders, stored seed, and attract (in my case) hundreds of migrating birds and many others that stay year round. The amount of noise and seed on the ground and in feeders is far greater than a few chickens would produce. I also hear many dogs around our neighborhood barking, but have not heard any of the hens living on either of the farms close by. The faint crow of a rooster doesn't compare to the loud barking that goes on throughout the day and into the night. I hope these points can be taken into consideration this time around. Thank you for conducting this survey!

You should reconsider this. Chickens in the residential area have a chance to infect commercial flocks in the area.

Chickens should not be allowed in residential areas. It upsets me when people say that it's their property and they should be allowed to do what they want in urban areas, but it seems to be double standards when they want the rural farmers to not have the same rules to be allowed to do with their property such as cutting down trees!

Private yards only

I am a chicken keeper on agricultural land. I currently cannot keep up with the demand of egg customers and would love to see more people in our community better able to provide for themselves, so long as there are regulations on cleanliness, hens only and fenced areas.

I think there are many benefits to having backyard chickens. These days the cost of food is going up and food insecurity is a real concern. Permitting backyard chickens to those who are interested and able, would provide a support for families who are stressed out about how to provide healthy meals for their family. We are supposed to be a community that supports agriculture and is proud of our roots in farming, but by not permitting backyard chickens it is a step backwards. It often seems that the small towns and more rural areas in Chatham Kent are often overlooked, and the city of Chatham is given first priority over things. It is ridiculous that properties that literally back onto a farmer's field are not allowed to have chickens. All the people I have known to have backyard chickens in other cities have not had any problems with pests (chickens actually are omnivores and will reduce pests like mice or moles if they come around), nor have they had issues with smells or noise (as long as roosters are not allowed). I will closely be watching how the discussion and vote around this issue goes as an indicator of which councillors actually support my views and which do not.

I do believe this should be very carefully considered before allowing it. If one does have chickens in the city they must be cared for properly and consideration to the neighbours.

I think allowing people to have chickens is a fantastic idea. I know people who live in other areas where this is permitted and there are no issues

Chatham should consider not making this another money grab with licensing fees etc. This is for family's to cut costs!

chickens belong on a farm not in the city

This has been voted on multiple times by council already. No is no. Stop wasting taxpayer money continuously revisiting this issue hoping for a different outcome.

It is a shame that the Municipality is spending more time on Chickens than keeping taxes down.

There is currently a home in our subdivision that has chickens which are free to roam and are quite often on the road or in other yards.
If pasted....pls keep up all registrations on going ...yearly! Only 2-3 birds. Use inspectors too! Maybe a trail period 🐔♀
If done properly, this would be great for residents. Less kitchen waste, healthier food for your family.
It's a source of food. It should be allowed.
I have been wanting to have chickens for decades. Please allow this.
People are unable to care for their cats/dogs, which is proven with the number of animals at PAWR and other rescues... If anyone can have chickens in their yard, who is going to oversee the living conditions of them? What happens when the novelty wears off? What happens in winter? In Ridgetown we have a bunny issue because someone dumped their pets... is it going to be the same with chickens?!
There are many farmers selling farm fresh eggs at a reasonable price everywhere in rural Chatham Kent. Do NOT allow this!!!! These animals will no doubt suffer at the hands of those who think they know what they are doing!
Leave people alone and let them have chickens. Seriously this isn't China. It's a free country so get off your high horses!!
I do not think it's a good idea to allow backyard chickens in residential areas, chickens should remain in the rural/country farms where they belong.
Growing up in Newbury, many people raised chickens to help their families eat a nutritious diet and save money. I believe it is fair to offer us here the same opportunity with delinquent raisers banned if conditions found to be less than appropriate.
Chickens in residential areas would be detrimental for the people who live around the properties where chickens are located. Lung disease as well as many infectious diseases are closely linked to human contact with chickens, not only for the people and/or children and/or pets that have contact with the chickens but those nearby. Interstitial lung diseases, asthma and infections are spread through the air. Neighbours would have no way of getting away from the bird dander. Infectious diseases, notably salmonella, are easily transmitted through physical contact.
Do not allow in residential space
Having backyard chickens not only allows people to be self sustainable, which in these times is very important, if you have children it allows for a very educational experience and also teaches responsibility, which I feel more kids need today. Also, no one has the right to tell a person how they are allowed to provide food for their family!
What would happen to the manure produced by the chicken? As a farmer in the agriculture industry the manure can't not be put into the garbage
I think with the price of groceries people should be able to have chickens for eggs and meat chickens to save some money

Too many to write here! Let's just get this done, I'm hungry for a nice omelet!
Chickens can fly . What happens when they escape their home and end up in someone else's yard.
Very bad idea.
Chickens will attract coyotes and other animals carrying disease. Noise and smell if my neighbour's were to have them. Would animal control be called if they got loose? Chickens carry alotof disease
Having experienced challenges with neighbourhood dogs (not on leash, constant barking, owners not cleaning up after their pets, and in two particular instances two dogs that with lack of proper training and supervision became very aggressive) and cats (again roaming the neighbourhood, using other neighbours gardens for the litter box, 'howling' at night) and these are for pets that are to be licensed and controlled, I can attest to the fact that under no circumstances do I wish to add chickens to the list.
As a mother of a child with food allergies I believe it is God to know where your food comes from. With all the increase in contaminated food from commercial standards
No
Chickens are essential in being able to provide for my family as well as teaching children responsibilities
Chickens are social and studies show chickens can get depressed and lonely, so the idea of limiting coops to only 1 or 2 may lead to depressed chickens
No chickens in the city
Add bothwell to the list of communities
With the way the economy is raising and the friggen price of anything these days people should be allowed a couple chicken to save on the price of eggs. Oh Pete's I make good money and can barely survive to deed my family of 5
While chickens are not for everyone and every yard, they can have a therapeutic effect and can teach children responsibility.
The town can't handle the problem we have now . How do you think you will handle the same people with Chickens
There are already so many feral cats and dogs in CK. It takes tax payer money to help control them and most still run at large. Move out of the urban area to raise chickens and other livestock.
Some people will be responsible, but so many will not.
Feed the people
We have kept chickens and they are indeed a wonderful opportunity for kids to experience the joy of knowing where their food comes from and the work that goes into it. Chickens are also great pets and very entertaining.
I think in todays economy, this is an opportunity to have some control over my food without having to spend a fortune. I would eat the eggs and have the chickens as pets.

Backyard chickens are a niche issue that has come up to please a constituency. The rest of the population, especially those with challenged immune systems or lung disease will be subjected to too much risk.
unless the lot size is above 5000sq' in the City of Chatham or in the towns of Chatham Kent I don't think there is adequate room to have a coup and a run. On rural properties and country villages I don't think there needs to be any bylaws.
Question # 7 does not allow you to overall rate each item, forces you to choose regs that you may not want. Therefore, overall I feel the results will be ignored or if allowed will be over-regulated to the point that it's too expensive and bothersome to comply with all the regs that ck administration is suggesting.
Why should we be forced into using a store for all of our needs
Like with dog tags and chips, household with chickens should be registered and birds banded or otherwise marked appropriately.
I've lived in the country and the city; chickens should be raised in the rural areas, not the city.
chickens and raising them belongs on farms. I know, I was raised on a farm with chickens and roosters. They can be noisy and very messy. And with bird flu around now, why introduce more health risks into the city community
Can we just approve this already. Studies show that having up to three chicken for a house hold and a 1000 house holds having those chickens can reduce waste by 10 tons a year which actually saves money in the long run. Plus chicken eat live critters too like bugs and mice 🐭🐁
I think chickens are an absolutely great idea, of gives everyone the chance to have a clean source of food. And can cut back on yard and household waste, as well as ticks and other unfriendly animals. You wouldnt have to worry about rats or mice either, since the chickens themselves will just eat/kill them.
No, thank you.
Again touching on roosters can be noisy but there is purpose to them protecting the flocks, fertilizing the eggs, as well as meat purposes. So if anything at least make sure for meat bird purposes it should not matter chicken or rooster. The roosters start to crow they are ready for culling.
Given the price of groceries lately it seems in the best interest of the community as a whole to allow all citizens to be able to do their best to provide food for themselves and chickens/eggs are an easy and excellent source of protein.
As long as owners keep a clean area and do not disturb neighbors, then chickens should be allowed. Dogs and teenagers can make more noise and mess and destruction than chickens ever will.
Na
About time we are allowed to raise our own chickens. Roosters don't not make the noise the crows or geese that take over chatham within city limits.
Egg laying chickens would cut down so much on food waste (food created from scraps)
We need to do these to survive. The current politians are make Canada a disgusting place to live including our councils.

I think it is a good idea to allow residents to have chickens.
Chickens are good for CK
I'm in rural area my neighbour has roosters they are noisy from first light to dusk . Under no circumstances should roosters be allowed . I've never seen a rat on our property until our neighbours got chickens. You can't legislate common sense. It'll be a ████ show.
If my City had a lot of backyard chickens, I would seriously consider moving out of town.
Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.
Other surrounding towns are allowed 4 chickens per property
stupid idea. people cant control there cats and dogs.
Your question of ranking importance from 1-8 was ridiculous. Everyone of those questions should be allowed my opinion and if that means they are all ones, then so be it! one way of influencing the ranking.
I believe the whole thing is ridiculous and should of never been restricted. many people live in rural residential zoning and cannot have chickens is absolutely ridiculous. the fact the rules for the city dictate the rules for country folk is preposterous another reason amalgamation has failed chatham kent
I do think that the size of a home owners yard needs to be a consideration. If they live in a very urban area with a tiny yard, with no room for an adequate coop and run, then I would say no chickens. If they live in a town, village or suburb and have a large enough yard for an adequate coop and run, then I would say they should be allowed to keep a few hens. As long as the chicken waste is contained to the coop and run, it can easily be disposed of in the weekly garbage pick up, so I don't think that should pose as a barrier to keeping a few chickens.
Due to the overwhelming price of food, allow people that pay taxes the opportunity to produce healthier fresh eggs for themselves. Time to move ahead with the times, other cities have done it, why not Chatham-kent?
With the price of food and rent we all could use a little extra help and the children love them
Let those who want to fend for themselves be.
Chickens are docile animals. Hens are generally quiet animals, not noisy like dogs and dont roam like cats and become uncontrolable feral groups. Provide a food source for families. Great for children to grow up with responsibilities. Eat lots of bugs and provide fertilizer for gardens. Chickens aren't a problem, some of the people keeping them are, just like some people with dogs and cats are. Generally a high percentage are responsible citizens. With a few rules, chickens will not be a negative experience, there will be many postive aspects for families. If huge cities (Windsor, Kitchener etc) allow chickens without major issues, why not Chatham - Kent. Chatham Kent is a farming Municipality and the communities within it are raised around rural lands and practices.
I would like to be assured that any complaints about mistreatment or neglect of the chickens would be taken seriously and steps taken to correct the problem if there is one.
Chickens should be restricted to "15 feet (minute) backyards (cities) since I understand council applied to be a 15 minute city. Totally ludicrous!

I am very angry that I was only allowed to give a 2 on the question about licensing and registration. Mine would've been a 10. We shouldn't have to do this
I didn't like that I was asked to rank regulations. I don't think any of those regulations are necessary other than roosters for noise. A sliding scale of if I thought those items needed regulation would have been more representative of opinion. A lot of those concerns can be dealt with under other existing by laws
I think if the property has 3 acres or more than I'm fine with it
We would love to have atleast 4 chickens 4 eggs a day...
You mentioned licenses and fees. Please do not turn this into a money maker for chatham when for the most part these would be for people to have to eat and save some money which our government has not made easy the last 3 plus yrs.
Long overdue. Enough big government.
Pass this law already !!!
Residents who own a certain size property should be allowed chickens. Living on almost 4 acres zoned "residential" and not being allowed to have chickens when living surrounded by fields seems silly.
It's about time!
Chickens are less noisy than dogs that are barking all day and night. They do not smell if taken care of and they would help with insects if allowed to roam the owners yard.
Really until you have a wandering cat bylaw, why bother with roaming chickens.
How many ridiculous complaints need to tie up our judicial system
As long as they don't bother neighbours and are kept tidy there would be no issue. They just be contained in a backyard.
Why in the world would CK do this? Avian flu is often around and presently is in S.W. Ontario. How will these backyard chicken coops be monitored . This does not provide the majority of residents anything good. Noise, smell, not every owner will do the right things .. it will be a minority who may manage chickens properly. We are moving backward in time
On the question about licensing there was only 1 for the answer. I wanted to say 8. Why would you license a chicken. Other than just another money grab. Pro want them for the eggs or meat to save money not have to pay more. You have to pay to get them and to feed them . That's enough
Chickens are a farm animal. They are not a pet you keep in your home. They smell, they are noisy, and require care that most urban people do not know of. There is no need for chickens in the city.
Chickens belong on a farm, not in the city. If this passes, what next?! Pigs? Dairy cows? This idea is absurd. Please shut it down.

I fully support urban chickens in Chatham-Kent.

We are not asking our council to recreate the wheel here. We are asking that you follow such cities as Georgina, Newmarket, Kitchener, and Halton Hills.

I also ask you to follow the UrbandTO project.

Looking at the UrbanTO project, we find that before the program launched, city hall bureaucrats warned that permitting chickens was something to fear. A staff report to the council recommended the city instead maintain a ban on chickens, warning that hens would cause “public nuisance problems” related to “noise and odor.”

Worse, the chickens would “attract pests such as flies, mice, rats, skunks and raccoons” and could even result in outbreaks of disease. (Sound familiar?)

The program was piloted in four areas. It turns out the real-world experience did not match the scary hypotheticals. Instead, the 307 backyard chickens registered by 202 households led to a grand total of five chicken-related complaints. Just five.

The report notes that there were far more complaints related to chicken-keeping in areas not covered by the program — including at least 96 complaints related to stray chickens since 2018 — which could suggest that an expanded program, requiring annual registration and coops to be built to safety standards, could improve compliance and reduce the number of reports.

Biggest concern is noise from roosters to other property owners.

Chickens cut down on compostable material ending up in the dump.

It promotes people to spend more time outside, engaging with their surroundings, which will have a positive effect on their mental health. It can take some strain off financially in an increasingly expensive world.

Empowering people creates a stronger, healthier community.

Time to allow people the freedom to manage their own properties. Give residents a chance and stop putting all residents in one basket. Punish the ones who violate the privilege, don't punish the 95% of responsible owners. Chickens will be a positive experience and good for families in many ways.

I really believe all people should be allowed to raise/grow their own food.

There should be severe fines for not meeting minimum requirements as set out in by-law. Licensing based on passing a test that covers rules and standards of care would be a good way to ensure this.

<p>This is a great way to reduce food waste/landfill waste, reduce ticks, educate people on the importance of locally grown food and animal welfare, and potentially help families with the rising costs of groceries. Just need to limit the total amount of chickens and have cleanliness/noise regulations. Possibly the size of the backyard determines how many you can have.</p>
<p>My son lived beside a place that had chickens he has a dirt foundation and a large rat chewed it's way into his house, the coop was only a few yards from his house on the other side of a fence. They have since got rid of the chickens and he's had no more problems they were also coming into his garage (rats)</p>
<p>Groceries are expensive and some people can hardly afford to eat. Raising your own chickens for either meat or eggs is an affordable and healthy alternative.</p>
<p>Healthy food in our society is definitely in question. ultimately people having the freedom to provide for themselves without major restriction should be allowed.</p>
<p>No chickens whatsoever</p>
<p>There are enough feral cats no need for chickens running all over the place. We don't live in the southern USA or china.</p>
<p>It only makes sense if we are serious about our environment. The food waste chickens would consume would save taxes on food waste being trucked to our landfills. Lots of places do this around the world</p>
<p>We already experience noise problems with dog owners & their untrained dogs, allowing chickens in a residential area would compound noise issues. What is the cost for chicken 'enforcement'? Don't put taxes up for that. Thank you</p>
<p>I think this should be considered as it would help alot of people with providing income and a food source.</p>
<p>Big concern that it would attract rodents, racoons, coyotes. Also the smell and disposal of chicken manure would be a big issue. I like poultry but should be restricted to agricultural zones.</p>
<p>We need to encourage more homesteading so that the next generation can learn how to survive</p>
<p>Just pass it ffs. People will only obey for so long. Especially when it's a way to provide for their families.</p>
<p>the question that was asked to rank would not allow it to be done properly. I would like to see backyard chickens but it has to have bylaws. Also licensing exactly like dog tags kind of like that yearly permit/licensing. Also fines if bylaws are not followed. I think with that then it will be responsible people having backyard chickens</p>
<p>The commercial flocks in the municipality already have an increased risk of avian flu due to the prevalence of migrating birds. Adding backyard chickens throughout the area only increases this risk. Avian flu is a financial burden to commercial meat and egg producers, and risking this key part of our food chain so someone can have 6 backyard chickens is not worth it.</p>
<p>As long as people are respectful about it (especially with their direct neighbours) I don't see a problem with it.</p>
<p>As a country owner of my own chickens, I am seriously concerned about the care and conditions that these birds would have. I personally love my birds. They all have names. They are wonderful pets with the bonus of fresh eggs. I wouldn't want to see chickens treated in any other way.</p>
<p>Secondly, this could be just the start. Next turkeys, ducks, geese???</p>

Let the people be FREE to grow, eat , consume the food we want. Let us be FREE from so many government regulations. Way too much government control .
Fingers crossed ☹️ this chicken goes away if I wanted to live on a farm I'd of bought one . I choose Wallaceburg as a small friendly town to retire not to worry about other people's animals , dogs in this town are bad enough .
Chickens bring rats
Chickens will be a great experience for families. Lets move ahead and be positive.
FARMS ARE WHERE CHICKENS SHOULD BE RAISED, NOT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
Our neighbourhood (and many others) already have issues with coyotes. This will just make it much worse. We see them wandering all hours of the day, and having chickens (aka a nice meal for the coyotes) will only cause them to come out more often. So dangerous for those of us with small children and dogs. Yes our backyard is fenced, but many are not. One walked right in front of my car on the road in front of our house one night. I can see this causing a massive issue.
Disease is my main concern possibly causing issues with back yard wild birds etc and also domestic pet. My other concern would be lack of education as to care of the animals... people are quick enough to abandon dogs/cats (look in any animal shelter) I would hate to see a lot of rundown abandoned chickens and coops. Ps personally I would very much like to keep a couple chickens however a lot more reading is needed.
I believe hens are a good replacement of pesticide for gardens, help solve some food shortage , reduce food waste in dumps, more ethical source. Only concern would be chicken farms, some concessions would be need for local commercial.
It should be the discretion of the person raising chickens as to sell or not privately without the municipality interfering but must be slaughtered through an authorized arbittoir. Equal opportunity for all.
I think we should all be allowed to have chickens....homesteading is important and to be self-sufficient is a key
I think chickens should be allowed.
If ur not in town don't see a problem with having chicken
Should be a minimum coop size requirement for # of hens housed there
So long as the area is sanitary and of reasonable standards (chickens don't care how glamorous it is, they appreciate functionality) the rest should be up to the individual
The Municipality of Chatham-Kent and smaller towns must have lot provisions in place for property owners to dispose of biweekly manure. Required a form of online or telephone communication for residents to access for property owners that do not abide by the by-laws. Required passed in Council chambers by-laws that roosters are banned in all urban lots.
Enabling people to provide food for themselves is empowering and important. Chickens also bring enjoyment, education and benefit (food, insect control, fertilizer, compost waste reduction). But they should be cared for properly and respect shown to neighbors, I.e. keep them on your property, change bedding enough, need enough space so yard doesn't turn to mud.

I do not think there should be a lic.or registration for having chickens and if someone wants to sell/barter or give away extra eggs, that should be up to them. People are trying to feed themselves and this is an excellent way to help them help themselves.
2 hens are enough in the city, and no roosters, as they are quite noisy.Fenced in property, and no chickens running wild in the streets. Must keep chicken area clean, and free of smell.
My primary concerns would be with people seeking the backyard keeping of chickens within the city limits and their knowledge of poultry husbandry being minimal leading to disease outbreaks. Escaped chickens would be a concern. Neighbour conflicts. Disease risk and spread .. eg. Avian Influenza. Birds being housed in substandard conditions leading to stress and illness. There is no access to veterinary care for avian species within CK. The distance is substantial to find a qualified vet who can properly diagnose and treat chickens.
This is a waste of time and money. Issue has been debated for years. Waste of tax money studying it. Case closed. No chickens. Now let's spend time talking about what infrastructure to shut down. When you shut down buildings that don't receive reasonable use, insurance costs also drop.
How council can't figure this out, and tackle the tax problem is beyond me. We are talking about chickens, yet my rent is going up because property tax it is, and now I have made another stop at the food bank.
Residents already concerned about wildlife/rodents coming close/in town- having chickens will attract wildlife/rodents closer
Chickens would reduce the amount of food waste that goes into the land fill every day.
Chicken belong on farms not towns
As the agricultural hub of Canada, Chatham-Kent is uniquely suited for the keeping of backyard chickens, with feed and supplies readily available. Moreover, with the current prices of groceries, being able to use one's own property to offset the cost is very enticing.
No
The previous questions on importance should all start at 1 . Its not a fair question if the importance of a questions starts with a great concern an to some they would not be important.
This will be nightmare trying to monitor and preventing abuse of animals.
The only restrictions on this proposal should be the means that the individual that wants them has to support the animals
No
They should not be allowed in an urban environment. They would be too noisy and smelly.
I hope this doesn't go through it would be a mistake
We already pay enough tax in chatham kent. You own your house/land. It is in your right to decide what you want to do on your property. Too many people have options about whatbithers own. Chatham kent is know as the naerly wed, and the nearly dead. Let's change that!
Small coops and flick of 4 maxshould be allowed to collect eggs.

No rosters
Loving the thought of chickens in my back yard
No
Who will destroy sick animals and who will monitor their care
Other countries like New Zealand have been doing it for years. So many benefits to bringing it to CK!
The more free you make your residents the happier they will be. People get sick and tired of red tape.
I absolutely love chickens
Great idea given cost of groceries. Can be done well and teach children where food comes from.
The risk of bird related disease from backyard chickens poses too large a risk to commercial poultry farms. They should not be allowed in CK. We need to protect our agriculture industry.
Chickens eat scrap reducing waste give u fresh eggs and are education and can give your kids a educational chore and learning experience
Chatham is quite a bit behind in this area. Guelph, Kitchener, Brampton, New Market, Niagara Falls and Kingston are just 6 cities in Ontario that already allow this in residential areas. In light of the issues going on in the world lately with food supply and cost of food, this would be a great thing for the residents of Chatham.
No
Allowing people to have chickens in a residential area is a terrible ode.
Proper feed - no garbage
If you plan on licensing chickens then you better be licensing cats too. Otherwise that's [REDACTED]
Price of eggs and chicken, no reason y ppl can't raise there own food
This is an amazing step forward in CK. Kudos to Council for being so progressive. Is they're an opportunity to have Chickenfest in addition to Crowfest? They're could be buskers one weekend and a car show the next?! Can yous imagine? The options are limitless. Could we have a 50/50 draw too? I love that stuff. Miss and Mr Crowfest Then the chickenfest could be epic. Maybe an 80s dance party? Come on Mayor and counsel - make it right.
no chickens in residential areas except for residential near farm/agricultural lands. no chickens to be allowed in urban, populated communities, metropolitan residential areas. extremely unhygienic, unsafe due to avian flu, toxic excrements and will be harmful for storm water runoff. if they escape, chickens can hurt children and other pets. roaming chickens if escapes to roads, can cause accidents, unnecessary vehicle stoppage, and road rage for drivers far behind
With egg prices in stores its smart to let us have our own
I wanted to put a much higher importance for licensing than what the survey let me do. My answer is 2, not 8
I have chickens. Everyone should have a right to these animals.
Chickens are not dirty as long as you clean up. Makes great fertilizer for gardens and keeps pest away. It's also reassurance of some food during these times. Chickens can all be therapeutic.

6 hens do not take up a lot of space and don't make a lot of noise, less than a dog, they provide eggs, they are great pets and friendly, they eat kitchen scraps which decreases household waste and helps families have affordable access to fresh eggs that have a long shelf life, chicken manure is also great for gardens, I don't see one single negative thing to allowing people to raise chickens in their backyards They are much less disruptive than people who have three dogs in their small backyards

They should be allowed in residential in order to provide food for family, fresh and affordable. They must be kept humanely, not overcrowded. There should not be a fee for maintaining, no different from a cat, as they aren't going to bite someone and they are pets but register in case of disease epidemic notification. There should be reasonable attempt to keep them on the owner's property ie. fenced area.

The cities will become overrun with rats and weasels.

No

I completely disagree with allowing residents to have chickens in a residential area.

I'd like to stress that there should be no roosters allowed on residential properties with chickens. I also think there should be some sort of minimum property size to ensure chickens can be cared for appropriately and have access to a sufficient run. Further, the property size limit would help to ensure that people's chicken coops aren't disrupting the enjoyable use of a neighbour's property.

I have great concerns about individuals getting chickens with zero knowledge of how to care for them to keep the chickens healthy and happy as well as how to properly ensure their safety from predators. There already exists a population of urban chickens that are not well cared for, especially in rental situations. If anything, the practise of keeping chickens residentially should be banned at minimum from rental units.

The main concern I have is that there is some sort of inspector/regulatory body to enforce rules etc.

Shouldn't be allowed except on the outskirts of town

Please listen to that demand to allow fresh eggs

restrictions on what a person can do on their private property need to be kept to a minimum

Chickens do not belong in a residential setting.

If cats can roam free in a neighbourhood with no license required why can't I have enclosed chickens that I take care of? If it comes down to needing a license to have chickens in my yard than there should be a requirement for roaming cats to be licensed. Lost track of the number of times cats have been in our yard to prey on the birds and smaller wildlife. Sorry end of rant.

Neighbours 2 doors down have chickens (12) and roosters (3) that run free range everywhere. When confronted, standard reply is they are not mine. They have destroyed my landscaping, lawn and garden. Roosters have chased me in my own yard when I would try to shoo them away. After approximately \$1500 in damages to property, I installed a fence, at my own expense, to keep them out of my yard. Great deal for me, over \$2000 for those neighbours to have chickens!!! Next door neighbour (70 years old) also has chickens, but they are kept in a coop and used for eggs. No issues at all with his chickens, but I do feel bad for him due to having to give up his garden due to the neighbours free range birds.

I don't think it's a good Idea having chickens in town period

This is not a proper survey when a license is only an option of 5

Chickens are a way to allow families an ability to be a bit more self sufficient. Eggs are a wonderful way for families to feed themselves.

Please consider what will happen if there is avian flu. Also where the dead chickens are disposed of should be considered. How are you going to be aware of conditions they are raised in as well as how realistic it is for people with no experience raising livestock. When they grow tired of them what are the rules for disposal?

I think this will be an issue of disturbing the peace for the neighborhood. Maybe it could be allowed out of town but in town has yards too close together for this to be appropriate.

If this is allowed there better be multiple people licensed to keep an eye on avian flu checks on all the houses that have chickens kept tested and proven they are healthy

As with anything, people will push the boundaries of the rules and cause problems. There are always those few that try to break municipal bylaws. Everyone else should not be forbidden from raising chickens because a few will create grief for their neighbours. My biggest concern is ensuring that people are adequately educated on how to care for living creatures. Maybe a class is required, to get a licence to raise chickens.

I grew up on a farm, we had chickens. They smell very bad if the coop is not kept VERY clean. Most people will have good intentions to keep it clean but over time will get lazy because it's too much work. Then the neighbours are the ones who have to suffer from the smell. If a limit to the number of chickens is put in place and roosters aren't allowed who is going to enforce the rules? I don't want to listen to a rooster crow early in the morning and through the day (they don't just crow in the morning), it's bad enough being woke up by every dog in the neighbourhood barking because they are put outside in the morning and left out until someone goes to work - sometimes all day. Chickens are livestock. They are sold at farm stores such as Peavey. I say there is no need for people to have chickens in town. Next they will want goats and sheep...

If it will help feed families, why not

We already have issues with Avian flu. Small chicken herds will just be a vector to transmit disease to commercial herds through wild bird eating feces and landing at commercial farms. Not a good idea!

the 1-8 rating system is flawed as it required me to seemingly disagree with things that I don't disagree with. In my opinion keep it simple. People should have to keep them off of others property as with any pet, and limit amount per household (based on sq. ft) as with any pet

no

Looking forward to the future hopefully we can get our chickens

I disagree with this people will always have more chickens then they say. Who is gonna pay the extra taxes for inspection of premises?not me.whose gonna pay for the inspectors ?not me!health concerns passage of avian flu other diseases from bird to human.hope this was thought of...

If chickens become allowed im leaving Chatham.

Just another example of government gatekeepers flexing their might over ordinary citizens. This whole debate is an over reach by government beurocrats trying to enact legislation over the average everyday citizen!!! My god, we need a chicken bylaw, but we can give permits for unlimited members of pot shops at will!!

With rising food costs and increasing food instability we should be promoting and supporting households learning to be more sustainable and self sufficient.

Farms are for chickens. You want chickens, move to the country!

If your going to license chickens you should license cats first ding dongs

With cost of food rising people should have the right to a self sustainable life

It's not a bad idea, if cleanliness standards are enforced and sale of eggs/chickens/meat isn't allowed. Allowing sale prompts people to have too many chickens, creating cleanliness problems.

I'd also consider requiring chickens have bird flu vaccinations. It's bad enough we have crows and pigeons carrying it. We don't need it in our neighbours backyards, spreading to our families and pets

I think this is an important step for sustainability, affordability and support for health, productive use of land. I hope it passes - I just hope it can be done in a way that is fair for all citizens, which includes affordability. Larger urban areas allow this, because they understand the connection between self-sustained, healthy communities and the support of urban agricultural opportunities.

Permits are a good idea and a max amount of chickens allowed. Sanitary conditions a must or fines.

please don't let them roam, i will run away screaming

The government shouldn't be allowed to restrict my ability to feed myself and my family.

backyard chickens are common in alot of cities and they do not pose a problem so I think this would be a great idea for people who would like to have them..and I really appreciate the consideration.

Although an increase in interest for rasing chickens may be afoot, people must understand the commitment that comes along with raising such livestock. Taking on these creatures not only demands space, it requires time, patience, suitable protection for the animals and understanding of risk - risk of inviting predators, spread of illness etc. They, much like any other animal are a commitment, one that may seem understandable at first, may prove more challenging over time.

Whoever votes this in I'm voting for
With the rising costs of everything it's great to know that we are speaking of allowing people to be self sufficient for eggs. Our community has seen some hardships and we need to do all we can to make day to day life easier for everyone! The nutrients that eggs provide are amazing and it seems that healthy fresh food ideas are raising in costs every single week! I fully support this and I'm very happy to hear of the progression we are making as a community!!!!
Allowing backyard chickens would be long overdue.
I think many people will get chickens without realizing the work involved. Are they going to be turned into the Humane Society and become someone else's problem and expense. Some municipalities have taken their chicken and turkey farm businesses into account and ruled out allowing backyard chickens which would pose a risk to those businesses.
My neighbors decided on chickens mid fall last year , its disgusting, the smell the filth the excrement the abuse of and risk of avian disease , who do I call, wildlife and fisheries or CK animal control??
I don't believe chickens should be in all residential areas but neither should it be limited to agricultural zoned areas. The area of Dresden or Bothwell may be appropriate for chickens for example, however, perhaps not appropriate for the Maples in Chatham.
It is a great way for kids to learn responsibility of how to take care of animals and valuable real life skills. Will promote local, fresh food over imported factory farmed versions. If managed properly, would be an amazing opportunity for Chatham residents!
I feel that if you live in rural areas you should be allowed to have chickens but in the city limits in should be denied because you will have rodents and neighbours would have to deal with that
hens would be a good idea just not sure if should be allowed in the city of Chatham
Chickens belong in the country. As a town resident we already face disrespectful neighbour's with noise issues and messy yards. I don't believe throwing in live chickens into the mix will help keep peace. And have you ever visited a chicken coop? The odor even on a calm day can be over powering. Mix in a bit of wind and the entire town is over run with the smell of chicken poop. Please no chickens in city or town limits.
I think 3 chickens is a lot less mess, noise, and chaos than someone owning two large breed dogs like Rottweilers or Great Danes. Chickens eat ticks, they aren't dirty or noisy, they help fertilize our gardens, they get our kids involved in life beyond the screens, this is how society is supposed to live. Not resort on big name retail corporations.
Urban areas do not understand the risks of farm animals in the city, or the animals the chickens will attract. Also, how will urban areas dispose of excrement or coop cleaning materials?
Some of the rating questions forced me to rate as more important then I feel they are which is not a true opinion survey and very wrong for gathering information I feel.

this is such a frivolous waste of time. its chickens not lions or bears. and not every person in the municipality wants chickens. its a few people who are trying to save a bit of money. the people who are complaining need to mind their own business. the people who have had chickens for a long time have had them before the complainers moved into those neighbourhoods.

Let there be chickens

I think this is a good idea. Chickens are an excellent way of removing food scraps from landfill, provide food, and fertilizer for urban gardening. There are certainly responsibilities that come with them, but I can't see how that's any different than having other domestic animals like dogs and cats.

I believe that if properly implemented, that chickens could be a great addition to the family.

Not a fan of chickens in urban backyards.

Random inspections to keep license. At least 3 for the first year to make sure guidelines are met with renewable license if pass inspections proving they know how to take care of them. License cost should cover expense for inspections, not become part of property taxes for all. Uncared for chickens stink, and animal cruelty if not properly kept. Fines for noise, stink and roaming chickens. Shouldn't be left up only to citizen complaints.

Very concerned with the abuse of standards that will ensue if chickens permitted. Great concerns with sanitation standards being maintained.

If ever there as a time to consider this issue, I believe now is that time. With rising food costs I believe this would be a great help to many families.

Have a different consideration for rural properties. Urban chickens and rural chickens are different categories.

Chickens are a wonderful animal to have around if taken care of responsibly and are helpful support a sustainable environment. They eat left over green waste and provide back eggs and good company. People should learn to value keeping animals and gardens to support their livelihood and what the neighbours think about how it looks or impacts their image should not be a consideration to live my life or what I teach my family.

Consider the sanitary and damage to neighbours property from wandering birds please

As a mom with two small children I want to provide the best life for my kids and this includes nutrition! The quality of chicken has decreased while the cost has increased. I feel like it is my right as a native american woman to have chickens on my property.

Our neighbour has many many chickens and roosters and we are not rural or farm. The chickens roam our yards, destroy our gardens, the roosters are loud and non stop all day long, the chickens poop on our property. I'm not sure how many they have but it's definitely at least 15-20. The people do nothing to contain their chickens and roosters are not necessary for eggs if that's their reason for having the chickens. No one needs that many chickens. It's disrespectful to our properties and the people could care less.

I would provide my time and money to fund a legal challenge to this motion. If people want farm animals they can live out in the country. Enacting this bylaw would impact Chatham/Kent very negatively.

Not in town/close proximity with other houses

I want a hobby farm in my back yard

Fines for violating rules about chickens should be heavy

I am also interested in reviewing bylaws restricting other animals in residential zoned properties. For example pot bellied pigs that live indoors in someone's house as a housepet. With appropriate sized property and license. In my opinion, CK has unreasonably restrictive bylaws when it comes to animals as compared to other municipalities. I hope that this discussion on backyard chickens will open similar discussions in reasonable animal keeping in our municipality.

No

Having lived beside a neighbour who kept chickens I can say the stench in summer was disgusting. Could not enjoy an outdoor barbecue the entire spring, summer and early fall. Impossible to even enjoy sitting outside

Chatham Kent is an agricultural community. We should be permitted to have modest poultry flocks kept in residential areas. Also, with high food cost this form of self reliance should be welcomed. We can get this done right and be proud of it as a community. I wholeheartedly support allowing chicken runs in town.

Chickens are a great learning experience for family's
They are good pets as well
Some people have snakes, turtles, fish , rats or even parrots
So why aren't we allowed chickens
As long as the coops are the right size for the yard and they are kept clean

Some may need to do some research before getting chickens to make sure you have the time and are going to take care of them
Make sure you can be committed

No rooster's allowed

ensure that there is an authority for people to contact if birds are not being well cared for (poorly housed, not cleaned/manure piled up, exposed to elements in winter, not properly fed, wandering) so that animal welfare is a priority, and animal husbandry guidelines followed. after a number of verified complaints, the person should lose the opportunity to keep hens. have minimum space/bird guideline to ensure not kept in too small cages.
Chickens would be a great educational opportunity for families and children and the community
It is a food source.
No free range gens!
i think people should have a opportunity to grow their own food times are tough one chicken can lay up to 300 eggs per year.thank you
No
I like chicken and my children like them as well.
On the other page where it said 1-7 for answers the very last question only had a number 2. Why is that? There should have been a 7 cause that would have been my answer.
Let family help feed themselves.
Long overdue. Don't make this a money grab for council.
Should be inspected on annual basis and proper insurance
With the economy the way it is having chickens in a back yard should have been approved already!
I think it should be only in the country...unless it's a pet! And then for health reasons and respect for your neighbour ! In other words...keep it in the country or in a place with acreage. How is this concern a priority over so many other issues that need to be addressed?
Let the chickens come home to roost ☹️

<p>I lived on a Farm and have worked on various farms my entire life. I have raised meat birds and layers. I currently have dogs that protect livestock and protect chickens and their families from predators. Groceries are so expensive now and people need protein to survive. I currently am not working and have been accessing the local food bank. I love this area and love the people but it seems many people are finding this unbelievably devastating that we live in Canada yet have to choose between a hydro bill rent or food.... many are homeless and many are going hungry. Its fantastic that the library will be giving seeds for people to grow vegetables. I was homeless 3 times in my life and have been around many different people. I believe in this community and believe that letting people choose to raise chickens for food would be an excellent idea. Predators are always around and so is disease ect. If we don't try to help out this community to include the most vulnerable and weak than people will eventually loose hope.... We all need reassurance and understanding to thrive into the future. We can do it. Go Chatham Kent go !!!</p>
No
Chickens also keep tick population down. Lyme disease has effected many people in this area. Chickens are a great help at controlling pests
No
Thank you for this survey.
Chickens are lovely animals full of personality and nothing beats eggs from happy, free-range chickens.
Just because you allow chickens, a very large majority of residence will not start keeping chickens. Current residents have unkempt properties, noisy or disruptive pets, a messy birdfeeder, so you may have a few residents who do not adhere to rules regarding chickens but this should not make owning them on your property illegal. Simple bylaws will keep problems in check. You will always have a resident complain about a neighbours property. A fence too high, a tree too close, etc, etc. I understand the delima of the next thing people will be asking is to raise their own pigs or cows, and I am sure we already have bylaws to cover those issues.
It's a great idea with the right approach and enforcement.
People should be able to have chicken so they can have ther own meat eggs I don't think People should tell neighbors what kind of animals they can or can not have
Would attract coyotes and could indanger dogs and cats and small children.

As a citizen of Canada and resident of Chatham-Kent I fully believe that if the poultry is being taken care of accordingly, there should not be restrictions to the pets we choose to keep. If someone wants 4 cats, they are allowed to and no permit is required. Even though these cats will be free to roam whenever, defecate wherever, and pose a threat to other wildlife (birds mice, etc.) they are still more welcomed than the chickens that are kept in a contained/ controlled environment and pose no threat to anyone but the stores where people buy their GMO pumped meat.

FREE THE CHICKEN FARMERS!

I think this is long overdue. Even allowing chickens some free range options. They come back to their coop at night. They are wonderful for helping eliminate ticks, fleas, mosquitoes and other pests.

The only issues with roosters would be calling at sunrise and sunset. Which doesn't bother me in the least. But if they are aloud to free range there would be a concern of fighting.

It's also important to deworm them, so I also think a way for people to keep them dewormed at a low cost, without seeing a vet should be taken into consideration.

If chatham kent allows playground equipment within 2 m of a existing house , why is there a problem with chickens. I would welcome chickens over SCREAMING KIDS.. get it right Chatham kent. Don't protect people who don't care about the other people

I'm 100% okay with town folks to have chickens aslong as there's no roaster that they have a enclosed.fenced.yard up to.10 chickens taken care of then I don't.see a problem with it :)

Have a neighbour that has chickens who roam all the time.

If people want to keep chickens then let them. They will do it anyway because people can't afford to live in these totalitarian times.

Should be allowed

Farm animals belong on a farm, not in the city. I do not want to hear them, or smell them, when I'm sitting on my back deck in the summer having a barbecue. Nor do I want to witness the killing of a chicken for Sunday supper. I have lived on a farm, and I can't imagine the smell of chickens on a hot/humid summer day only 20 feet away from my fence line. Chickens need to roam, and it would be inhumane to box them in a six by six foot area with the humid temperatures and no shade!

Please vote no on this issue!!

I see this as a positive step in the right direction.

Please do not allow this in town

I think it's great for the kids. I think 1 chicken per family member is appropriate. I don't see the need for roosters in town as that would be a lot of noise and apartment chickens are not a ring chickens need outside and grass or a run

If you grew up in the country, you would understand. Chickens are not for city life they roam wherever. Your skunk, fox and coyote ratio will increase in town.

With prices of food the way it is going people will have to start raising their own food.

I'm all for it.
Chicken farms are subject to government regulations in regards to health and animal welfare. If chickens are allowed in backyards, these same rules should apply to the owners
As a commercial poultry farmer this is an extremely bad idea. Very high biosecurity risk to our food supply. CK currently has a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza from a back yard flock. Also CK will be responsible for animal welfare of these hens.
Most people do not know how to properly take care of chickens
We have enough problems with roaming off leash barking dogs and cats. Most owners are not responsible. Just another mess our taxpayers have to pay for and police. Those funds could be used for so many other things.
It's bad enough that u cant open your windows because people are burning stuff and the smoke travels to your house,but now the noise and smell will also make it so u cant open it because of noise and smell.Not to mention the fact that chickens will also invite coyotes (that are already creeping closer and closer to residential areas),
The language in a previous question... "in ALL residential areas" is tricky. I answered yes, however there are caveats- minimum yard size, multi family dwellings, obviously not apartment balconies
People are struggling to afford to pay their bills and feed their families. As long as the chickens are being cared for and cleaned up after, people should be able to raise their own food. I also think it is important to know where my food comes from and what I'm putting in my body. I don't want to support those in the commercial chicken industry that don't treat their chickens humanely and ethically. Unfortunately buying chicken from the grocery store, I have no idea where that chicken came from. I think the benefits to having chickens outweigh the small inconvenience to others.
No
I do not think it's a good idea.
With the cost of groceries it would be wise to allow residents to grow their own food-be that gardens or chickens.
it should be allowed. Currently there are six to eight house already in town that have them. How many complaints have you received?
Bad idea. Ppl have no idea the cost and care needed. There will be feral drop offs in no time.
As the Canada moves to a greener future it's important to allow people to supply their own food.
I believe it is no different then having cats or dogs for pets. With today's price of food families need to be able to support food supply allowing them chicken could help with food . such as eggs. This was allowed years ago . We need to allow more things like this as an option for families
I feel there is a difference between urban residential and rural residential and if it comes down to it I think that really needs to be taken into consideration given that there are rural residential properties that have larger land then urban most of the time and a lot don't have close neighbours.

I am a fan of chickens. Generally speaking they are nice little pets. In the city or towns are not the place for them. With lot lines so close together people have to be aware of what they are imposing on their neighbours . Maybe the guidelines should be drawn up with regards to property size. For example, people with green space of an acre could qualify. People with small lots could not.

I would rather have chickens on my street than dogs that bark frequently!

I do Not Want to see Chickens in my neighborhood. Born & Raised in Chatham.I live in Chatham for 47 years,and a home owner for 21 years.

You really should look into the Avion Influenza situation. Now is not the time to increase the amount of backyard poultry in Ontario. It would look very irresponsible of CK to do this.

We've had chickens on our country property. While it is nice to have fresh eggs, there are some considerations we'd like to share after our lived experience with a flock. We had 12 on our property, with a large coop and fenced/netted run. We had our flock for over a year. Chickens are flock oriented therefore at least 3 chickens should be the bare minimum if this goes through. They require space. Recommendations we were told for outdoors was 10 square feet per chicken. It would be very difficult to regulate this and does CK have the resources to do so? Chickens can still get out of runs. They aren't completely flightless. I wouldn't want to look out on my patio and see my neighbours chicken roosting on my patio chair (and leaving their excrement) or kicking my garden mulch everywhere. One chicken can make a considerable mess in a very short period of time. As noted above, lived experience! There are costs associated with chickens that outweigh the egg production. Chickens need to be kept warm in the winter and cool in the summer. This requires heat lamps and fans, which are most likely run by hydro. We also kept a small stereo running at all times to deter other animals. Feed, medication, and bedding costs can add up depending on the number of chickens. Chickens smell. There is no way around this! We changed bedding routinely but it is the nature of the animal. We have no direct neighbours in the country. The writer of this was raised in one of the towns in CK, with neighbours. Personally, if the wind was in the right direction or it was raining, it could be off putting for yourself or neighbours. I don't think the placement of herbs in the coop, which google suggests, would correct this issue. Predators-we can't change the animal hierarchy. Chickens are not at the top and they are not the smartest, and this poses some risk to what may be attracted to visit residential areas. We had a situation where a hawk dropped a neighbouring farm's dead chicken on our property. While we had a sealed coop, it did attract something underneath which we never thought of and had never seen before, rats. In turn, the rats brought mites. We couldn't control the situation fast enough and had to put our entire flock to rest as they were suffering (anemia and feather loss). Mites don't affect humans, but they can travel on humans and affect other animals such as dogs and cats. I can understand why someone may think they want chickens in their backyard but after having them, I'd be very cautious in a town setting. Not to mention, where does one dispose of a dead chicken in town? Another consideration is the current situation with Avian Flu and agriculture websites noting it can be more prevalent in backyard flocks. There are some perks to living in the country, just as there are some perks to living in town. Ultimately, when it comes to having chickens, we feel the current regulations should remain. People are always welcome to visit their rural friends, and their chickens, if they are looking for eggs and entertainment.

as property owners we should have some flexibility

Chickens are great at eating bugs and ticks. Help with compost instead of landfill as they eat table scraps.

Once started it can led to real problems with a rat population.

Coldwater has this issue.

no chicken at all in the city country only

This should not be any further strain on taxpayer dollars

I don't think you should be made to have a license to have chickens

<p>People need access to food. Chickens provide eggs, meat, and cut down on other kitchen and garden waste. This should not be an issue for people in town and licenses shouldn't be paid for people to eat. If you want them as a pet then yes. To use for food no way. There should be a registration and education class offered on care and clean up.</p>
<p>Please look at the cat issue and licensing before chickens. Dogs are contained. So should cats just as chickens. No matter what kind of animals you have you need to be responsible owners. Whether it is dog/cats or chickens.</p>
<p>I look or walk around my City now and I am surprised on how it has gone down in standards in the last few years. I have no knowledge of why(enforcement of by-laws appear to be a culprit) homelessness, etc. adding chickens to backyards just further adds to the decline of a City I have been proud to call home for well over 50 years.</p>
<p>It's helps environmentally, helps ppl save money, good for lawn if done well and saves on chemical and fertilizer.</p>
<p>Chickens are not pests they kill mice , snakes and eat alot of insects and other pest around the home. They are not unsightly as everyone thinks and there is already wildlife and rodent problems in all cities they dont attract them they are already there. As far as smell they don't smell as long as you clean the coop out every month or so. Chickens are a good thing for every home to have if they want</p>
<p>If I wanted to have a chicken coop in my backyard I wouldn't live in the city!</p>
<p>I hope this never goes thru, if some residents want chickens in the yard then please move to a farm. The next thing they will want is cows where does it end. The properties in the city/towns are close together there is no way to contain the noise or smell to where the chickens are housed. If it does go thru then council members and the mayor better be prepared for phone calls to deal with complaints and they had better follow up on them.</p>
<p>Allowing chickens would open the door for other non=domesticated animals. Chickens belong on farms, not in residential areas</p>
<p>I'm afraid chickens are going to be neglected, higher chance of vandalism and ruthless play, stolen chickens, chickens running loose and getting hit by cars, cleanliness will be ignored. Please keep the chickens in the country.</p>
<p>Every person in Canada should have the right to provide healthy food for their families. Backyard chickens will help by removing MANY pests.</p>
<p>I do not like the idea of having chicken coops allowed in residential areas.</p>
<p>As a father of 4, and as someone who has raised chickens for years in a previous township, I think it would be amazing if we could have chickens in Chatham! Both for the eggs themselves, and for educational reasons. More people/kids should have the experience.</p>
<p>None</p>

Living out in country where there are barely neighbors. For myself i believe i should be able to raise and enjoy and eat my chickens.each to there own. As long as they maintain the area and provide shelter and food to requirements. And yes no roosters in town that i agree. Its allot of work to raise chickens ..i come from a farm. Some of these folks in city have no clue how and what its all about. The fact of just having chickens isnt something a person should do. Edcation is the key. A day class should be taken and paid by the resident. At reasonable cost. These are animals and should be taken care as if they are on a farm. Not just a pet ex dog or cat or neglect them for days because they set a pail of food and water for them.. theres work involved. And this is why i say education to raise chickens. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment

Don't license, that nonsense, we have enough licenses to pay for , chickens are productive, you want to license something, try cats, as they are destructive

Question 6 was not looking for true interest it was ridiculous
chickens in the city makes no sense

I went to visit a friend that has 10 chickens, and they were way quieter than I thought they pretty much shut down at night

No!!

None

Chickens are to be in the country not in towns

No roosters would be most important.

It really shows how archaic CK is that this is only being looked into now, some other municipalities have allowed hens for many years. Putting the neighborhood aesthetic before food security is snooty and short sighted. In times where food prices are at an all time high backyard hens are a way to give lower income families a way to feed themselves, so I sure hope the licensing fees aren't restrictive to low income folks.

Chatham Kent is quickly growing and urban areas should be kept desirable so that people will continue to want to move here. Most people are not interested in farm animals being kept in the backyards of urban areas.

I feel very strongly that chickens should be allowed on all residential properties. I find it absurd that people have been charged under the current bylaw.

- Limit should be birds per household member (ie max 4, or one per household resident so large families could feed themselves).
- need to build in and stress bio security to help protect commercial flock in CK
- in order to register birds, reside nts should provide plan for manure and winter housing.
- fines for escaped birds.

Definitely no roosters, they are too loud

<p>If there are proper policies in place, it's possible to have chickens in town. A required fence for example. Up to 3 max, no sales, etc. It would be great to have 2-3 for my household. I've even looked at amazing closed fences to make sure they don't escape and everything looks great.</p>
<p>I think that this should not be an issue at all; provided that the pens are cleaned and adequate for the birds, and they are given proper water food and shelter.</p>
<p>Do not tax or make people have a license to have chickens!!</p>
<p>Next it will be goats, cows, horses, etc: No. No.No</p>
<p>No rooster please No license fees please</p>
<p>You want chickens, move out to the country!</p>
<p>Chickens provide many benefits, they help with garbage waste, produce eggs, chickens.</p> <p>Something to consider; How are animal cruelty laws going to play an effect in the caretaking of these back yard chickens ??</p> <p>I would imagine some people may slaughter chickens, however to do that to a dog is highly illegal. Just not sure about that.</p>
<p>There should be a course in raising and keeping chickens that is mandatory before a license is issued</p>
<p>I support homesteading and self-sustaining food practices like growing vegetable gardens, fruit trees, bee keeping etc. and think chickens could be complimentary to that. It's an opportunity for people to learn more about where their food comes from and participate in organic and local growing options. I don't think a lot of people will want to keep their own chickens because it takes work and commitment but accessing your own farm fresh eggs if you do want to keep chickens should be allowed, provided it is done responsibly. I would prefer that people wouldn't have to get a license to keep chickens but understand there is a cost to ensuring the chickens are cared for humanely and that the rules are followed.</p>
<p>Go chickens</p>
<p>Backyard chickens are good for families, children, really anyone that loves to spend time at home in their gardens enjoying nature. They offer hours of entertainment, cooing, clucking, scratching, hanging out searching for bugs and other treats. The flavor of their eggs are far superior to supermarket fare. Perhaps more importantly backyard hens are good for the backyard hens! Their lives are less stressful in smaller flocks with room to spread their wings, scratch for bugs, dust bath and live peaceful lives alongside their human caretakers.</p>
<p>I grew up raising chicken. Helping raise chickens gave me responsibility. I had to feed the chickens, collect eggs and clean their area. I got educated on how chickens make eggs, the life cycle of an egg and the importance of arguiculture.</p>
<p>We have enough problems to contrôle dogs and cats without license how to you expect to contrôle all those chickens because I'm sure it will be more than one or two or three etc etc .They want chicken next it will be pigs and horses .If they want chicken move in the country so you can enjoy them .</p>

standards for the housing and care of the chickens must be strictly adhered to!!
Homes are too close in town to allow for chickens. They are loud and they generate strong unpleasant smells.
Chickens should be allowed in an agricultural community
I live on 1 acre that is zoned A1, and I currently have 22 chickens. When I moved from the city to the country, one of the main reasons was so that I could keep chickens. Now that I have had a (rather large) flock for three years, I can say that looking after them, and specifically keeping the coop and yard clean and nice-smelling, is actually not a heck of a lot of work. I do have a rooster and he is noisy, and I would not recommend letting people keep roosters in residential areas. But as for the cleanliness, sanitation concerns, bringing of rodents and other pests (I have not had any problems with this since acquiring my flock), I think these issues will be so small in comparison to the many benefits of allowing people in our community to grow their own healthy, organic, backyard-to-table food supply (especially in this economy!). The pros far outweigh the cons from my point of view as a chicken-owner, and I hope you guys will vote to allow backyard chickens in Chatham-Kent.
Having had urban chickens in previous residences, I feel that there is a very high benefit factor in raising these animals. I have enjoyed both the aspect of having fresh eggs for my family and also my children have had the benefit of a great learning opportunity with keeping chickens. I would love to have them again in my current residence.
no
If people are to have chickens in their yards their coops need to be done properly not just slap together pieces of wood they are still animals and they still need to be treated properly it should be a regulation on that
Can I have pigs in my yard? How about goats? Cows? Ducks?
Do not want to be awoken by crowing roosters at daybreak or have children walking is chicken droppings on my yard
Chickens in a dense subdivision is not appropriate. I am not as opposed to chickens in residential areas that are more spread out provided that there are strict guidelines and enforcement avenues to deal with people that are abusing any new bylaw.
Yes to chickens.
Other residents shouldn't have to listen to, look at or smell chickens:/livestock in city. Additionally, grubs, insects, predatory animals are part of this. Property values will decrease. Chickens are only the beginning. Next, goats or Cow for milk
Animal welfare should be also taken into consideration. Are people going to be able to provide the care that the chickens need? This is a lot of new work for animal control and the shelter to take on. Maybe contacting animal control or animal welfare services to get some insight on chicken care. I do believe having chickens is a wonderful idea but there needs to be a lot to consider and bylaws to follow before just any person can go and get some chickens.

no
Being raised on a farm I know what having chickens is like . I dont think people realize how much work they are and how much they smell ,chickens belong on a farm not in the city.
Chatham-kent is a very agricultural area, and I believe that hens (not roosters) should be allowed, having hens and having fresh eggs would be no difference then making a garden in your back yard. Hens are great to have, they eat fleas, ticks etc.
They should not be allowed to have chickens at all in Chatham Ontario Canada
The other concern is "avian flu" and chickens being abandoned when the fad wears off.
buh-gok
Registration one coup per address, similar to fire pit regulations, so as to be able to handle any legal issues that might arise.
If we can smell the odour from our neighbours chicken coop, will there be a mechanism that we will be able to request removal of the chicken coop.
Let's focus on items that council had more control over. Chatham-Kent will not be able to look after/monitor/enforce rules for chickens in town. This doesn't make sense.
It should remain that those wanting chickens must live on properties with A1 zoning. I dont believe property standards should be wasting time attempting to regulate this.
I'm this ever growing world, and with ever increasing inflation, people just want a source of food, that they not only know what's in it (cause they fed it themselves), but also a means to feed their families for a little less.
Would other fowl (ducks, etc.) be included in this bylaw?
This should not be so stringent that it triggers over site costs escalating
GOING BACK MANY YEARS WHEN BY-LAW WAS STARTED TO REMOVE SOMEONES WHITE BIRDS ON RIVER BACK. JUST ASKING FOR MORE RULED WHICH ARE NOT ENFORCED NOW
Chickens belong on the farm or in a agriculture designated area
I know of a veterinarian who was thinking of relocating to Ridgetown from Grey County because she loves so much of what this area has to offer, but chose not to based solely on the fact that she would not be allowed to have backyard chickens. Instead, she has chosen to move to Guelph where she can keep hens in her yard.
If people purchase chicks there's times where roosters can't be identified. People raise them then becoming attached and are unwilling to part with the crowing creatures.
Wish Chatham Office would define Wheatley Village boundaries.
Ward one councillor believes she lives in Wheatley, She Lives on Pier Rd. Romney Township. !!
This will help on chicken zoning. Thanks.
I certainly don't want chickens on our property or roads. We have done fine without them before. Why do we need them now

Having chickens can help every house supply food as well as education on animals to their kids
I think this would be a great idea, maybe even as a 1 or 2 year pilot.
This is important for food security.
I live in a city because I don't want to deal with issues that belong in the country. I am strongly opposed. My enjoyment of my property would be negatively impacted. Just another dispute to have with neighbors.
What about ducks?
People should be allowed to provide for themselves and chicken are a fairly harmless way of doing so.
Leave chickens to those with land. Minimum one acre not within city limits. Noise is disruptive, the increase in predatory animals will be tenfold. Most backyard (city) farmers don't know and upstanding proper care of these animals. I've been working in agriculture for a very long time and animal welfare is a huge issue in areas where people think they know what they're doing.
the disadvantages to neighbours and cost of policing outweigh benefits to few - consider other ways to get cheap farm eggs to those who want them
Hey just a casual resident from forest st! Me n my dad have Been talking about wanting too raise a few chickens in the backyard so we could provide a small amount of eggs for my family
Great idea
My neighbour has had chickens for years the bylaw officer does nothing about it They are nosy they roam and they are a unsightly mess to the neighborhood I think if people want chickens they should move to the country
As long as the chickens are cared for properly it should be aloud. Just like having a vegetable garden ,its just another way to make your own food.
Really concerned about the attraction of nondesirable wildlife such as raccoons, skunks, coyote.
Allow people to self sustain and reduce food waste in our landfil
so many variances... size of properties owned, how close are neighbours, wild animals being encouraged to be around like raccoons , coyotes, etc... how to control, what to do with complaints
This area is already horrible especially ridiculous due to a lack of funding and police presence and an abundance of drugs and stupid people running this area do you really want to add the devils spawn to the mix? Children kent is already bad enough that most people want to move away from here and most people who move here regret it. This area is already a horrible place to live why are we trying to make it worse. Why are we trying to take our extremely dangerous area and make it even more dangerous to live here. I am already scared to live in Chatham kent why are we trying to make it scarier?
They should not be allowed within town limits, or if you have close neighbours.
I don't want the noise or the smell anywhere near my property! What on earth is council thinking even considering this ridiculous idea?
This is not a good idea

Not only will chickens help a family stay fed and nourished it is a perfect opportunity for our young ones to learn the idea of taking care of something and having daily chores, backyard chickens are a win win for our community
No chickens in towns. Only in the country. Who wants to smell chickens when some people will not have a clean area. Plus look at peoples yard now junk all over and nothing done about it .It won't be pretty .
No roosters, egg chickens only. Maximum 4 birds. Concerns re avian flu in Chatham Kent right now. Much harder to monitor if backyard chickens permitted. Avian flu spread is a big concern for public health.
I grew up a farm with chickens, that's where they belong not in town. They are noisy, messy and other animals will be after them. No thanks!
Deal with stray and roaming cat issues first
if kept clean not to close to neighbour's. I see no reason not to allow. In case of complaints should be an inspection if not complying should be shut down.
If you want chickens at home, MOVE to the country.....where it's allowed !
There are many cultures that are in favour of raising animals for domestic purposes. A backyard chicken by-law approval would be another feature to help attract new residents to Chatham-Kent. And growth is good for this municipality.
Absolutely not needed. Will be nothing but problems for the by law inspectors.
Let people have their chickens as long as they can properly provide and care for them.
Like during Covid and everyone needed a dog, I think this too is a phase, that like the dogs are being abandoned in abundance will be a huge problem..
We are a rural community, we should be embracing this.
Keep chickens on the farm!
This will be a huge noise issue
Chickens should be allowed.
We should be able to provide basics for ourselves on our own property if we choose to
People think they're quiet and friendly; they are not.
Chickens are great. As long as people have hens and have appropriate housing for their chicken anyone should be able to have them
Chicken should be allowed if the owners know how to take care of them properly.
People should be able to grow their own food. This is a good opportunity for families (esp kids) to learn where food comes, to learn to be responsible for the welfare of animals, and to eat nutritious food. It works in other countries, it will work here too.
We have chickens in our community and the people sell the eggs and they are the best tasting eggs you will ever find. I see nothing wrong with people having fresh eggs to sell. They are trying to make a living too. People just make too much out of nothing anymore.

We already have a neighbour that has chickens in town.....no one will report him because everyone is afraid of him....the noise is ridiculous with only 2 chickens and the smell when trying to enjoy time outside, sickening. Please don't allow this.
There should be a limit to the amount of chickens based on the size of the space that is available for them.
with the price of food these days I think we should do all we can to allow people an alternative to grow and raise there own food.
I'd rather not have chickens in my neighbour hood. I was raised on a farm and we had chickens. They can be noisy and smelly and the coops can be unsightly if they're not well made.
Many diseases come from chickens and I don't think they will be handled and treated humanely. Too many problems will come from this.
I had chickens all my life. If you take care of the area there's barely any smell. They would get rid of rodents and bad insects. They are actually a very fun animal and educational for kids
Given the current grocery prices and costs of eggs especially, I think it is very reasonable to allow for "backyard" chickens (hens only) to allow families the opportunity to gather their own fresh eggs. I think it's reasonable to allow up to 4 hens within municipal properties. Naturally, a cleanliness and housing standard should be upheld to ensure the animals wellbeing is being properly maintained. Not everyone has the ability to live on an agricultural zoned land so this opens the opportunity up to those who otherwise would never be able to do so.
Zero tolerance to own chickens within city limits. People are not responsible nor considerate enough to start to allow this.
This quiz isn't accurate. It's forced me to pick inaccurate rankings. I don't agree liscensibgbis important at all but it wouldn't let me pick that or any true ranking based on each em question. Ranked answers were shared when it should have been per question.
You want to attract business to Chatham? Backyard chickens isn't the way.
We have an issue with squirrels in our neighborhood neighbors feeding them and them being pest in yards. No one in the city monitors them. Chatham does not have the man power to monitor chickens
As long as they are contained in a persons yard and cared for properly no problem should exist but these people must understand all aspects of care for the chickens
No urban
If this does happen, there should be course you have to take and pass that has the basic of caring for chickens. That way it prevents mishandling and knowledge on proper basic care
Don't make it a money grab with licensing.
The only drawback I can see is enforcement of any rules put into place. As a former rural resident I had my own chickens and believe this is a great idea. In order to have these chickens there should be an education course on proper care and a test in order to have a license to have birds.
Not be allowed
People are starving in this municipality. Letting ppl raise chickens for food should never have had a ban on it.

Concerned with the kill and cleaning to food safety standards
The size of the property on which the chickens are kept minimum 1/4 acre..
Don't overly regulate- but the chickens should not be running free in the neighbour hood and people should keep the coop clean and tidy
Chickens are no worse than listening to my neighbours dog all day.
There are many wards in CK that would benefit from having chickens in their yards. An urban area such as Chatham is not one of them. The proximity of the houses, the variety of housing and the small size of the yards would make it difficult in this ward. The community already has numerous by-laws regarding dogs and yet the municipal government is unable to police and enforce those by-laws. Having by-laws regarding the raising of chickens will be an additional burden on the few by-law officers and the complaints of the non-chicken owners will go unanswered and ignored.
The price of eggs 🍳 !
People are already allowed so many freedoms on their property that disrespect the rights the rights of their neighbors that it's time to draw the line somewhere.
My main concern would be chickens being loose to roam to other properties or onto the road(becoming a traffic hazzard).
I love living in the country and having the opportunity to receive fresh eggs from my kind neighbour. I enjoy hearing the sound of the rooster in the morning. The chickens are always happy to see me visit and enjoy our left over veggies. They are very social and loving creatures that bond with their care givers and each other. My neighbour is Italian and raising his chickens helps keep him in touch with his culture and heritage. His chickens are taken care of very very well and are pets that provide free eggs to neighbours. Having chickens that are well taken care of and contained doesn't hurt anyone and gives living in the country a beautiful country feeling. Chickens should be allowed. Thank you
If my neighbours are ok with it and most would be then CK should worry about more important issues
Worried about who would monitor and control this and how much this would cost
That it be monitored regularly
This issue has been brought up several times before. It is past time that it permanently be put to rest. What is the point if it is only to be brought up again in the future.
Chickens don't belong in back yards you want chickens buy a farm!!!! Chatham council STOP this stupidity!
There are more important items for council to consider ! Just think about it !!
I hope some one reads what my comments in the last box. I hope there is enough people with common sense that don't want to see this bylaw passed. Keep our city and communities beautiful, and be proud of where we live and what we are fortunate to have in Chatham - Kent
With the cost of inflation, it is important that families can provide for themselves in a variety of ways
Also want to have a pig and a calf

Chatham is part of a valuable but shrinking area of agricultural practice, history, and current use. Increasingly these fields are only available to corporations. In a crisis of food affordability and in a region where we can start taking care of ourselves, the government would be infinitely more responsible to REDUCE limits in this area and open up the types of zoning where people are permitted to raise chickens. I don't particularly care if they can sell them, I'm much more concerned with individual use.

Chickens belong in a rural area only. If someone wants to have chickens, buy a farm!

Let's bring chickens to Chatham homes!

Chickens! Hell no!!! What next? Pigs and goats?

I have enough problems with the filthy neighbours next door, their loose recycling, garbage and cigarette butts blowing into my yard, shingles blowing off their garage, (not to mention whatever they are growing in there), piles of junk, tree branches and brush at least 5 feet high, Knotweed and Rose of Sharron infestations everywhere, stacks of rotting wood on my fence that they broke, bugs, mice as a result, dog [REDACTED] large gas cans stored in their garbage 5 feet away from their gas bbq, garbage can and mattress fires the hoard in the shed compost bins they use as garbage cans full of weeds, hornets, etc. Junk everywhere!!!!

Chickens along with other livestock belong in the country not in the city ...

Issues aren't addressed now for other concerns in the city....why would we think the restrictions would be addressed for people raising chickens in their backyards.

Just another slippery slope that Chatham Kent cannot police

Enough problems with feral cats & dog owners who dont pick up after their dogs. Can chickens be butchered on owners property. & are remains buried / burned? Crows & squirrels are already a headache.Why add more?!?

Chickens are a great way for people to provide for themselves and family. Cleanliness is key as we all know some people would let that slide. Not everyone will be running out to get chickens so I think the ones that want to should be allowed. There should be a limit to how many chickens per property based on property size but no licensing. This is about people sustaining themselves. Not about making money for the county. Thank you

In these tough economic times, if we can save a little money by farming our own food and raising our own meat it would be helpful
My biggest concern regarding the chickens is abuse and people having more than what is allowed. This will have to be policed if and when reported by fellow neighbours.
I find it very difficult to believe that the majority of residents in Chatham would want chickens to be allowed in residential backyards. There will be health risks, excessive noise, smells, unsightly coops that go unmaintained, etc. I think it's a small select part of society that would like to see this happen and the vast majority of us are apposed. Therefore, a more accurate means of acquiring public input should be administered before passing a new impactful law that will poorly affect far more than the small fringe group that is pushing for this. These individuals are welcome (as they have always been) to move out to the country and raise their chickens. Leave quiet and clean Chatham residential homes alone.
Research the need for roosters with chickens
This should be a first step in promoting food security. Eg "victory gardens" etc.
There is a food crisis. Educate people on raising them for free. If selling eggs or pet ownership license them. For food, no one should need to buy a license to eat.
I dont think chickens should be kept inside town limits . because the property size in relation to the niebours would be to close . taken the average lot size and the location of the chicken coop , there would be no way to control the smell and the noise . chicken should only be kept in rural settings on say a 1 acre plot of land . or a distance be set from the niebouring property . for example if you live in a rural setting and have a small property of lets say 50 x100 but your niebour was 500 feet from your house then that would be ok . but if you lived in a rural setting with a group of houses within 50 feet of each other then no you would not be able to have chickens .
Have been to Cayman Islands , and lots of chickens running around . Noisy and dirty feeling
The city needs to leave there paws out of this. License for chickens? Here we go a money grab for them.
I see no problem whatsoever in Chatham-Kent following other municipalities in approving backyard chickens, if they are contained. As a retired farmer now living in town (who always kept a few hens), I see many advantages to allowing urbanites to do the same. Hens are quiet, consume most table scraps, provide eggs, and possibly give young children responsibility and joy outside the house (highlight for my grandchildren was to be able to collect eggs). In my opinion, there are far too many restrictions placed on town/city dwellers in what they can and cannot do with their own properties.
You HAVE to HAVE an enclosed back or side yard in town.
This is long over due. It is embarrassing that large city municipalities across North America can figure out how to impliment this but a rural agricultural municipality like ours is late to the game, yet again.
Chickens should be allowed, eggs are expensive and it teaches children responsibility
Chickens do not belong in an urban setting period!

Chickens are farm animals and should be kept on a farm. I can't imagine the smell in the summer, with the heat the smell of ammonia would be overwhelming. I certainly don't want to listen to roosters early each morning. I'm sure the value of homes would take a dive. Because we all know many people don't care about their neighbors.
Chickens should be kept in agricultural areas only. If you want to raise chickens, then move to a farm in the country.
No fees should be applied. Example like dog tags. Times are tough right now. Food costs are out of control and people are just trying to survive.
I'm a kid and love going to get my own eggs from my neighbour. He lets me go in the coop and get them myself. I love chickens and would like to have one. Please let me have a chicken too. Thank you
One of the most beneficial aspects of keeping chickens is the great reduction of wasted food scraps to municipal dumps and transfer stations. Eggs provide added food security by converting lower cost chicken feed to high quality food staple. Any negatives associated with chickens are no different than that of a typical household pet.
The government needs to keep its nose and its greedy paws out of our business
All licenses MUST have the approval of ALL adjoining neighbours.
I really don't think this should be a big concern as long as there's a limit on numbers and no roosters and they have to be kept in the backyard in a fenced in area
We had chickens in our back yard about 7 years ago and were forced to get rid of them. We would like to have the option to have some again if we wanted to.
If a bylaw is put in place - it has to be enforced and monitored. There are not enough bylaw officers to enforce it or even PAWR is not going to look after the problems that are encountered from this. You know that if they are allowed 4 chickens, they will most likely want more, just like cats and dogs, they are limited by the bylaw and that is not enforced. Domestic dogs will go after them and there will be a lot more barking dog complaints (who is going to enforce that? the police) NOT, why would you put the police in this situation and chicken attacks if they are allowed to be free range even though dogs are supposed to be leashed, they do get away periodically. Who is going to be liable if a dog gets someone's chicken? Natural instinct to some dogs. I know myself I don't need a lawsuit because of it. More liability, more insurance costs. I am sure in rural areas, this happens all the time. What is going to happen with real estate? Property values in areas where you have million dollar homes? You know there will be that 1 or more neighbour that gets chickens and houses them right beside your property where you have a fully landscaped yard with a pool and you can't enjoy it due to the odor in the heat of the summer or even the noises. Fenced property is not going to alleviate the odor or stop wildlife from getting the chickens. (raccoons, owls etc) and then the crow problem we have will be a much larger problem. I say we go back to the constituents and put it on a ballot for the next election and see if it is supported by all the population of Chatham Kent and not just a few hundred people in a few wards in CK. You are not going to get accurate feelings for this bylaw just by the survey, not everyone is privy to computers and has access, those people should be allowed to voice their opinions as well.

Council has addressed this issue on previous occasions and should stand by those decisions. The cost of building a coop and fenced area perhaps \$2000 would be a lot of eggs for the homeowner. Council would need to add in the cost of bylaw enforcement to the decision, perhaps up to a .25 FTE to address complaints
No chickens
And who is going to police this and at what cost....more money in the budget to increase taxes. Keep the chickens in the rural area.
Personally, I would love to have a few peacocks, exotic birds, etc
Lack of hindsight and social pressure/links, small town politics promoting this being reviewed. CK has bigger fish to fry this something that is being used to increase the social popularity of that councillor and he's such a good old boy listening to his regional voters. Only merit to this review is for landowners in the country who have the space and etc...and of course some guidelines imposed like survey speaks about...however, regardless where allowed, rodents and disease are a huge concern that may be underestimated and a hindrance to even a country neighbour.
Everything. We have so many people that can't take care of their dogs and cats now. I can't imagine being a neighbour with someone who has chickens
The occurrence and spread of avian flu should be a major concern. It is possible that this flu is transferring to other animals. Policing the number of chickens will pose a problem for administration. Rodents and predators like possums can become a problem. Chickens and other farm animals were meant for rural areas.
I think everything to do with taking care of the chickens health and having proper/clean living quarters is the most important. People in residential areas should be made to get a permit for them and require certain standards for keeping a certain number of chickens. I'm worried about people getting them for the sake of just getting them and not taking care of them properly resulting in an overabundance of sick animals or unhealthy living conditions for the people at the residence. I'd love to have chickens but my current property is way too small, so as a responsible home and pet owner I wouldn't want them currently, but it would be nice to have the option if I later moved to a bigger property in Chatham.
I grew up with chickens ,bunnies, horses, pigs, and for chickens running the streets ,its better than having a goose blocking traffic for 30 min or more
You should really contact the CFIA about this, i think it's a horrible idea.
We have neighbors who had chickens and I didn't move from a farm to hear chickens all day. It's the city, people live here who don't want the country life any longer. You want animals, either move to the country or go to lenovers. This is getting ridiculous, what's next, let cows roam the streets or maybe get rid of all our laws. May as well
This should not be allowed for multi dwelling complex units such as townhouses/apartments etc. only privately owned homes with adequate space for noise and smell control.
Let people do what they wish for their families
Maybe you could consider different limit based on residents' lot size or their zone. I.e. village residential might have a higher limit since they are rural

Think this is a lovely idea
With how much property taxes are across CK you should have zero say on what people have on their property. If the people want chickens let them have it, you work for them.
People should be able to have chickens to provide eggs, especially during these ever increasing food costs and increasing cost of living.
Must have a covered run when there is an avian flu outbreak in the area.
I am strongly against this. The disease, the smell, the wandering, the list is lengthy. If people want to do rural things, they need to do so in rural areas.
No chickens at all
It's quite disturbing that a few chickens are "illegal" within the "Agricultural Town of Ontario" It's even more disturbing if the town would continue this while our food security is at risk and as per Chatham-Kent. Rose-Anne Mayor, food bank usage is at essentially its highest, and unsustainable level. Additionally, we HAVE the university of Guelph, a veterinary university WITH a poultry practice that both the university and residents could benefit from within this situation. From an investment perspective as well, who would invest in an agricultural town that doesn't "allow" the most basic agriculture to take place. This rather should be viewed as an opportunity to be a leading township in what we are apparently founded on. Larger, more populated cities even allow chickens. It's silly, and non sensical to continue these bylaws.
Chickens should be permitted as backyard animals without rigorous guidelines that have to be met. As long as the animals are being cared for appropriately there should not be a concern. Having backyard chickens could help many families cut down on food expenses during a time where the cost of living is skyrocketing.
Properties that have chickens should be required to be registered and an unannounced annual inspection of the facilities should be required. This is for the health and well-being of the chickens and to help maintain sanitary conditions for surrounding properties.
none
If they want farm animals they should move to the country. Farm animals are not made for city life .
Please be a leader for other cities and bring back ability for people to thrive off the land. In todays world of inflation all cost savings are necessary.
Considering the high cost of food, we should encourage this and the keeping of other live stock as well
Survey should have allowed ratings Of 1 to 8 for question 7
Some of the questions about numbers or size could depend on the size of the property, rather than be a fixed number.

We always had chickens growing up, the meat and eggs are far better than store bought. It's so good for kids to learn to care for animals and learn where our food comes from
I do not support any costs being imposed on residents for this initiative. The point is for residents to save money, not funnel more money to the coffers. The municipality should write the laws to allow this to move forward and then take a back seat.
With the avian flu that is now affecting fowl and causing multiple deaths of bird life we feel this is NOT the time to be allowing chickens in urban areas.
I believe lots of families would benefit from this . Kids would get out more and to have fresh produce is a bounce. Lol lol i had chickens and know the cost and rewards lol its definitely for entertainment
No chickens in residential zones or I'm leaving.
Good idea 💡
Stop wasting time of council- all the reasons for current bylaw still exist- raising livestock in city not allowed
Build common coop in country people can rent
Residential areas are residential areas for a reason is someone wishing to engage in agriculture practices they should relocate to an area that better fits their lifestyle choices. Bringing large amounts of feed into urban areas will certainly create a rodent increase. It will also add to complaints of mis treatment on animals and burden our peace keeping force.
It's time for LESS municipal, provincial and federal government interference. Why don't you start focusing on wasteful spending and lower our taxes. Pathetic the amount of money you spend on special interest groups.
No
Chickens belong on the farm. Not in residential areas.
I assume this bill is to allow impoverished ppl to raise thier own food, but if there are property size constraints on the ability to raise birds, the solution will become part of the problem as only those with more money can afford larger, seperate houses. Those that could benefit from backyard birds live in closer proximity to other houses, they don't actually own thier home and/or they would have limited yard space that may, given the constraints, not allow access to those that need it most.
I am totally against raising chickens in urban areas. People complain about fox, raccoons, coyotes, and other predatory animals but we are willing to put food out to feed them?? And attract them? This is going to encourage people to own and shoot guns in urban areas.
It is a fair opportunity for citizens to provide for themselves.
Residential areas are NOT an appropriate place to house chickens. CK is having a hard enough time policing other bylaw complaints (property standards!!), and this would only add to their workload. If complaints are made regarding noise and sanitary standards, CK needs to be able to deal with those complaints in a timely fashion and I don't think they would be able to do so. Please keep chicken coops outside of residential areas!

Let people be free.
I think this is one of the dumbest ideas going. Urban area are designed for just that, urban living. How do you reverse this down the road when it becomes an enforcement nightmare? How do you slaughter everyone's chickens?
https://www.chicagobotanic.org/blog/urban_agriculture/environmental_benefits_backyard_chickens#:~:text=The%20idea%20of%20chickens%20as,are%20offering%20chickens%20to%20residents.
This will end up being a nightmare for neighbors. Chickens are a lot of work, feed is expensive, they are also smelly and dirty. Where will bedding and crap go? Size of yard is a big factor. The cost and disturbance is not worth it!
I have no confidence that chicken owners will properly comply with any standards set out by the municipality.
Farm animals belong on farms where they have adequate space. Teach everyone how to compost their wet garbage if reduction of waste is your motive. Promote an indoor market where eggs, from farms, are sold. (It's ridiculous that Chatham-Kent does not have a market like St. Jacob's or London's Covent Garden. It would be a plus for residents and tourism.). Our expanding cultural diversity would certainly contribute to its array of goods, I am sure,
Why is the government so afraid of citizens being able to raise/provide their own food/income from food, rather than depending on grocers and government inflated food prices?
We want to have a few chickens to have our own eggs and teach our kids responsibility, sustainability and self reliance.
Urban environments should definetly be limited to hens only.
People should be allowed to do as they wish with their property. And having chickens should be allowed without question. People should be allowed to provide food for their family if they so choose.
Shiikd not be allowed in shared years..ie duplexes or complexes

Should city dwellers be able to enjoy the privilege of caring for chickens....I hope infrastructure for the health and care of the animals is considered. Will the expectation be that unwanted chickens become the domain of Pet and Wildlife Rescue and/or Charlottes Freedom Farm when when the novelty wears off?? Like pandemic pets? Will the city provide support for these facilities? Perhaps you could partner with Charlottes and University of Guelph on educating perspective homeowners on what caring for chickens entails.....make the 'license' mandatory completion of an animal husbandry course and utilize the education these resources can provide. This may save the inevitable expense of neighbour disputes that animal control and police resources will be spent on dealing with.....and the stress and heartbreak of the chickens who through no fault of their own and have no voice will become the centre of these self-centred disputes. Chickens do not need to be the next shiny toy that Chatham homeowners start warring over....they are living sentient beings. Do we really need to add them to the list of unwanted pets or livestock that rescues have to deal with because the institutions and systems in place have so little regard for their care and wellbeing because they are 'just animals'. The ranking list you of concerns was so reflective of this lack of care for the animals, and more concern for people's property and convenience. Personally I love my neighbour's chickens and enjoy their company because of the care and diligence he's taken in educating himself about their care. I've learned alot about them via osmosis as they like to visit our yard daily. I love hearing a rooster crow. I'm just not sure city dwellers and council are as invested in the actual care and support of animal well being that is needed to open up a free for all for raising chickens within city limits.

Please do not let the Ministry of Health overrule on this issue. The survey if proven to be wanted by the residents should stand and not be overruled by ANY other department.

With people in urban areas having chickens, you will see a drop in the amount of trash that will go into the landfills.

When chickens are restricted to a confined area/run and cared for properly, they are a good food source of eggs and meat and a wonderful teaching tool for children. I would rather have chickens in my neighbourhood than the roaming cats.

IF YOU WANT CHICKENS MOVE TO A RURAL AREA ! FROM PAST EXPERIENCE CHICKENS SMELL, ARE NOISY, ATTRACT RATS, SCRATCH IN YOUR FLOWER GARDENS, OWNERS LOSE INTEREST AND THE CHICKENS ROAM ALL OVER . IF CHICKENS ARE ALLOWED WHY NOT GOATS, COWS, PIGS, SHEEP, GEESE, DUCKS AND OTHER LIVESTOCK. THE PRESENT BYLAW IS IN PLACE BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED. AS A CHILD LIVING IN CHATHAM I CAN REMEMBER NEIGHBORS WITH CHICKENS, ONE NEIGHBOR EVEN HAD A PIG AND THAT IS WHY I AM OPPOSED TO ALLOWING ANY LIVESTOCK IN CHATHAM.

I think it should also be limited to say only if you own the property hence the licence. I don't think it is suitable for rental properties unless the landlord agrees. This way we are ensuring that the standards are kept.

Basically if the property allows for the availability to have chickens to roam freely without being in a small area without room to move then there should be no restriction. Size of property allows how many chickens person can have.

<p>with limited chickens, and research, some of these issues take care of themselves in regard to the smell, aspect.</p> <p>We already have hawks in the city of Chatham now (In my backyard). We had a family of mice last year in our garage-until we noticed them and dealt with the issue. You get rats from the river. These are normal nuisances.</p> <p>Is it not better to allow people to be a little self sufficient with raising chickens for eggs and having their own gardens to provide for their family? There also is something therapeutic in it as well for people- it can help with mental health.</p> <p>I think I'd rather have chickens next door than a family that yells and screams all the time- I say this from experience.</p> <p>You do a couple years of trial and see how it goes. As long as you keep people reliant on the government for support, you will never truly give them the tools that they need to learn to be dependant on themselves. This could be a start. I know there are those who are habitual to the social system and you will never change that.</p> <p>I know this goes both way. Those who have lots of money and can buy whatever they choose and not see it effect their pocket book, but that is not the case for a lot people who I know or those who do have the money that I know, are trying to be more self sufficient by raising chicken, goats for milk, vegetable gardens for canning. Yes those who have lots of money may not want their neighbour raising chickens because they are about the anesthetic look of their property. As well, those with wanting chickens, who is to say they can't build a good pen for their chickens, and it can still look good. I have seen it where it is not so messy that people say or think it is.</p> <p>Chatham-Kent needs to see the issues at hand in a bigger picture and realize this could be good for your community. If your about family, then let us teach our children, grandchildren how to become a little more self sufficient by learning responsibilities of taking care of chickens, having our own eggs, along side with the growing of a garden. Side note- Our grandchildren love to see our vegetable gardens every year. They are constantly learning, touching, and understanding how to be a little more self sufficient. We have a pear tree on our property over 60 years old. My husband was a child when he moved to this house and it is still here. It use to be part of an orchard. We still get crazy amounts of great pears off of this tree. We have never sprayed it. A little bit of Chatham history we are able to tell our kids that this use to be an orchard. And yes, we are in the city of Chatham. It is probably one of the last trees of it's time from the orchard from what I see in peoples backyards where we live. I know these are not skills learned in school, but now the way the economy is going, these are essential skills that should be taught to kids if not in schools, than we can teach them by them having hands on experience with taking care of a garden, feeding and taking care of the chickens. As a child, I grew up in Chatham. In our backyard, we had quail, and ducks. We lived near the train station and the coup was caged in, they had part of the garage to live in for shelter, it was great to grow up and have that. Our father hunted duck, fished year round. What memories to say we were taught these things and they have great memories.</p> <p>Not only eating what was caught, but the time spend doing these things</p>
No comment
No chickens!!!!!!
No chickens
No chickens please!!

Thanks for putting this survey together. I took a lot of effort. The results were great. It was a well-thought-out approach and is much appreciated. Thanks!
No
there is a need for anything that makes it more affordable for families ,and encourages us to not rely on comercial grocery stores for everything,,like vege gardens ,chickens ,etc
Chickens are not like other pets, they are livestock. Irresponsible owners could pose a risk to food scale farms in terms of disease that threaten the food supply and human health. In the Southern United States, there are strict laws on cotton farming, (monitoring pests and disease, controlled seed import/export, etc.). Mismanaged farms can devastate an entire economy.
I believe backyard chicken owners should be subject to licensing (for a small fee), and random inspection. A one day education class would also be beneficial (much like driver's ed). Coops must meet sanitation, size, and cleanliness standards to ensure the animal's welfare, and ensure the flock poses no risk to human health. There should also be strict regulations on proper disposal of waste, spent bedding, and dead birds. People should be allowed to have chickens if they want, but they need to understand how to properly care for them for everyone's safety.
I agree that people should be able to have a certain amount of chickens for there own use !
I am all about having chickens on homeowners properties. I do however feel they need to be contained in a fenced area, well maintained and clean to avoid rats, mice and other pests
We feel with times the way they are we should be trying to help ourselves
I worked with chickens for approximately 4 years. While they can provide benefits (eggs), they are loud, aggressive and if not properly contained, cover every surface in feces.
If people want to raise their own food the municipality shouldn't interfere in anyway. Fix the roads and infrastructure and butt out of everything else!!
Limit number of birds based on the size of the property. If over an acre meat birds and layers should be allowed. In town or city a few hens only per house.
Self sustainability and food supply is incredibly important.
I feel like 10 chickens per household should be allowed, if you're raising chickens to eat then 6 isn't really going to save you money. Maybe have a limit of 10 without a permit and then allow people to have up to 20 depending on property size with a 2 tiered permit system raising in increments of 5
Let people choose for themselves. Chickens are an obvious win for everyone.
Rural chickens should not even be a debate. We are a farming community and the fact that there are already so many people with chickens shows what the people feel is important to them. My family does not have chickens, but we want them. I know many people with them and they live in fear that one day they may get in trouble just for having them and that's not right to make people worry for just trying to take care of their families.

I live in a country village and have an acre of residential property. I think anyone with an acre or more should be allowed to have chickens on their properties as long as they are in a run... Not running loose.
On a property with a "rural route" but still on Main Street of Dresden. Chickens are wonderful for pest control. They are quieter than most dogs
If people want fresh eggs they are easily obtainable in the country. We don't need the smell and noise in the city.
Please pass this and let people raise them if they want
This should be a no brainer, allow people to feed themselves instead of colluding with business to generate tax revenues!
I don't think a license should be required nor the chance to sell surplus eggs
How different are chickens from other pets?
Other small fowl like quail and certain duck breeds should be considered also.
Perhaps some guidance as to where to take soiled bedding and any dead animals that occur.
With the prices of eggs surging in todays economy it would surely benefit the residents of Chatham-Kent to have the ability to house chickens for egg purposes.
Council must be thoroughly educated on the keeping, care, and maintenance of chickens and their living space. I suggest having Ridgetown College give councillors a seminar before any decision is made
Should have more distinction between rural residential and urban residential and high density residential.
Great idea since more house holds are with little kids
I think it's about time the municipality gives us the opportunity to do something we want to do with our families, our children, my daughter is autistic and I strongly believe the chickens and the entire process would be something I can do with her as a learning tool.
With the price of eggs, unemployment, wages compared to prices, if it saves them money, let them have their chickens
I kept backyard chickens from 2008 until 2019, when I moved to Chatham. They are easier to keep than a dog and cleaning a chicken's box is a lot more fun than a cat's. The thing I miss most about chickens is being able to feed them kitchen scraps. I also like being able to control exactly what goes into my eggs. With the cost of groceries these days, it would be nice to grow my own eggs again. Chickens have great personalities and can be like pets. They can fly and would need to be contained in runs or 6' fences, although heavier breeds would be kept in by a 5' fence. I have never noticed an increase in vermin due to my hens, in fact, they eat mice and insects. Hens make a little noise but nothing compared to a dog or child.

Chickens do not only provide fresh eggs for a family. They also provide meat if you are able to kill them for the dinner table and not sure that I could. Their waste is also an excellent source of fertilizer for us backyard gardeners. My biggest concern is accommodations for the chickens. I would not like to see some slapped together old wood pallets and nasty looking fenced area for them in my neighbours yard. A lot of people that say they want chickens also have no idea how to properly care for their birds. A lot of people do not take into consideration that their birds must be fed and their feed is not cheap. Also - they must have some plan for the winter time. You cannot leave chickens outside in the winter. Being as how this is Ridgeway with our multiple bunnies hopping around - I would not like to see chickens being let loose because someone got in over their heads with their chickens. Personally - I would love to get 4-6 chickens for my backyard.

Please consider letting us have chickens on our property. Thanks for reading my survey

Yes the 8 questions asked with importance isn't really fair because you don't let any other numbers to choose as you feel they are so change it or your choosing questions that are [REDACTED] Have a town meeting and have proper answers

How and who are going to be the ones checking the cleaning of the pens, or yards? Who has to capture loose chickens, or are finders keepers? It is not only the chickens, for rats and mice it is the containment of the grain/feed that attract rodents. A lot of things that have to be talked about before this is tabled to allow it.

Back yard chickens (and other birds) are a fantastic way to allow residents to ensure they have a reliable source of food at their disposal at all times. They provide a sense of security, as well as a very good opportunity for residents to learn to be self sufficient, and potentially stoke an interest in going into the agricultural industry.

Having moved from St Thomas where there is a compost pick up it is hard to see household food waste go to the landfill. This would greatly reduce the amount of kitchen waste in the garbages. My concern is the mistreatment of the animals and the potential of other pests but so long as there is registration and compliance standards I feel this could be a great opportunity for families to educate their kids while ensuring healthy meal options.

Some residents will undoubtedly create a disturbance and do a poor job of caring for their area. This should be treated case by case rather than preventing everyone from the opportunity.

I would be concerned for the well-being of these animals.

Many residents of Chatham do not have the property or the dedication to provide the maximum care for poultry. Residents also think that this will be an inexpensive and easy process to save money on eggs or meat, but these increases are due to rising chick and feed costs to begin with.

This also raises other concerns with the slaughter of these animals. If a family buys chickens for meat, many people do not want to travel as far as Dresden, Tilbury, Leamington or Highgate just to clean their chickens. This poses the risk of inhumane execution of the animals, as well as the potential for bacteria in the meat for people who do not properly butcher the chicken.

This survey is more than a question of whether or not Chatham residents should be allowed chickens, but rather if they are prepared to learn the proper processes that go along with raising agricultural animals.

Backyard chickens can be a source of zoonotic diseases including Influenza. We have multiple senior communities and can cause serious long term health issues. Proper consultation with animal and public health experts are necessary
Please contact 2-3 people who raise chickens in a backyard somewhere and get them to build you guidelines.
I don't think it's a great idea as residential areas are not suitable for chickens
Regarding questions 1 - 8. All questions carry equal weight. The way the survey is set up the results can be manipulated to suggest it is OK to have chickens . Each one should have been ranked on it's own from 1- 10. The should not be ranked against each other.
There should be no fees Example dog tags
If you are allowing residents to keep chickens, you should also make clear guidelines on what the neighbors can complain about as neighbors will try to complain about everything.
Bird flu considerations! Kids and pets living in small quarters and carrying germs with them to neighbours, school, etc. The only properties that should have non-pet animals should be very large, preferably treed-in, where germs, smells, etc can't readily carry and animals can roam. People always end up taking less care of their animals than they promise. Then who will enforce? The Police are already enforcing things they cannot properly do, like noise. Let's not add farm animals into the mix. People can relocate to rural property if they like. Council just wastes time on issues like this.
I am grateful that Chatham is considering allowing residents to have chickens at residential properties. We as a society are moving away from nature and this will be an excellent opportunity to connect with nature and experience firsthand how our ancestors used to live in harmony with animals providing them nourishment. My grandparents always had chickens and it is one of the best memories of my childhood. I wish more kids can interact with farm animals as it is so innate for humans to be with other organisms in an intimate way.
We should be able to grow gardens, raise chickens to self sustain
This should not be allowed!!!
People can't follow the rules with dogs- how will they follow the rules with chickens I was raised in a farm with chickens who had a huge fenced in area cleaned and taken care of daily and they stink in the summer! This will make some neighbors very upset
Chickens belong in rural areas not residential ones
Backyard chickens are a great idea, especially with increasing grocery costs, it would be great to support and buy locally from our friends and neighbours.
concerned about the appearance i.e. location of current home at or near 71 Lemuel Street; they are hoarders
If people want to sell eggs there shouldn't be a problem either. Farm eggs are alot fresher than what you get in the store. They shouldn't have to get a permit or license to sell eggs to family, friends or neighbors.
marijuana smells, just saying.
No

Not only are chickens beneficial with providing eggs, they also reduce the amount of household waste that get thrown in the landfill

This survey is phony, as I cannot put in the value I want as to cleanliness.

Too costly for municipality too police effectively

People that experience animals are more empathetic both children and adults. They value life more

We have neighbours who had chickens illegally a few years ago. When I complained about it, it was three months before the chickens were gone. If chickens are allowed, how long is it going to take for enforcement of rules to be followed when complaints are made. Are you going to hire more by-law enforcement personnel? Who's going to pay for that? Also these neighbours already don't take care of their house and yard. They have trucks parts, at least a couple dozen empty oil jugs and pails, garbage, various parts of household items, ie bed frames, laying around their yard, beside and behind their garage. I have very little faith that they would care about any rules put in place if they are allowed to have chickens. And as far as requiring a fence goes with them. They have a pool but part of their fence has been down for years, and nothing has been done about that either. So I also have very little faith in enforcement of any rules. And if you allow chickens, what next? Are goats going to be next? A lot of people love goats.

Possibly do a test pilot. \$50 per year permit fee only available if property is owner occupied. Have a submission date for each town and draw a limited number of properties in each area to participate. Permit will only be issued within 7 days of a date in which it must be paid in full. Participants will have only 1mnth in which to submit a receipt for chickens on site and pictures of a contained run and roost structure. Roost must be able to be fully secured to eliminate predator entry at night. Failure to put in place a satisfactory component will eliminate the occupant from the program and no refund will be issued. Extra draw winners will be held back in reserve for the opportunity if the original draw winners do not comply with the conditions. Run the pilot for two years and conduct a neighbour specific follow up survey at 6mnths and 1year. Either grandfather the limited participants after 2yrs if abolishing the program or open the program up to all.

I strongly promote chickens in residential area to be allowed. With all the raising cost at the store why not. Children can be taught valuable life lessons and strong work ethic can be created aswell. Another positive note is that we can create a sector of jobs through enforcement of any laws that may come of this.

Governments should not stop people from providing food for themselves or their families. If there is a ban on selling the eggs then there should be no restrictions other then the no sales as it is for self consumption.

Avian flu has been detected in our crow population. So backyard chickens would probably get it. It is very contagious . Ask a chicken farmer. Can spread from yard to yard by humans. Not worth the risk, particularly to a chicken farmer.

Granted I came from the countryside and was raised with all types of animals but we never killed the chickens and hung them in the front yard or tried to say that property their on is a farm. Seen it and been their with a neighbour who had only 1.5 acres. Or less.

Chickens are going to bring more disease . Properties are going to be a mess . People's backyards are a mess right now , & if you have chickens it's going to be worse

I appreciate that this is being considered and don't hope it passes
If chickens will be allowed people will miss it for sale and will be inconvenient for other communities
Less regulation and a more "country life" is why so many residents enjoy, and many others have chosen to move to communities like Shrewsbury, enhancing Chatham-Kent's diversity
I love Chickens
We want chickens for our children to learn
I don't think this is a great idea
Thanks for considering. I am really hoping we can all work together to make this happen in CK.
Was raised on a farm and no how to maintain them
Opposed
People should be able to feed themselves, They are able to have gardens to help sustain themselves so why not chickens as they can provide eggs and meat and also they are small in comparison to other farm livestock and therefore should be allowed.
be concerned about avian flu
No reason for this not to be allowed- as long as it's kept clean and tidy I think it's fine
No
We should have the right to feed ourselves and my family. We need to get back to past way of living.
Though I don't personally want chickens in my yard. I don't see why others should be kept from doing so. Especially residential properties with lots of land.

I mentioned earlier, but I feel there is a hypocrisy around the chicken debate.

Dog owners do not stick to reasonable standards of a) cleanliness b) location of dogs with respect to houses c) proper fencing d) noise e) basically every argument that is being made against chickens is an argument that should be made against dog owners.

Our neighbourhood has several houses that dogs bark constantly and all hours of the night. We leave it up to the owners to decide what constitutes proper care of their dogs and the municipality only steps in when there is a complaint of abuse, etc.

Chickens pose less of a threat in almost every way than dogs. Less noise, less mess, they will not attack humans, etc.

People should have to register that they will be keeping backyard chickens, and they should have to sign a pledge to keep proper care according to certain standards. (Not have inspections or show coop designs, etc)

Because dog owners aren't required to do that. Just buy a dog tag and the municipality for the most part stays out of your business.

And absolutely no roosters is just common sense.

Please let me have a chicken! I'll be the best chicken mom in Chatham and that chicken. Will have the best life imaginable

Diseases chickens can carry, cleanliness, ability to keep chickens on own property, (I shouldn't have to worry about stepping in my neighbour's chicken), main reason property values, AND THE ONLY REASON CHATHAM KENT WOULD EVEN CONSIDER ALLOWING CHICKENS IN RURAL AREAS IS GREED, LICENSE FEES, TAXES

1. It has to be policed by municipality on an ongoing basis, not just complaint driven.
2. Based on recent news articles on avian flu, why is this even being considered.

I don't have any issues with responsible individuals having backyard chickens. The risk comes in when people are not educated on the reality of having chickens. This article demonstrates that owners have limited awareness of the human health risks. And another concern is are there bird illnesses that will impact the commercial poultry industry in our area.

Too many people think this will save them money and will soon realize the work, responsibility and money it will actually cost to properly take care of the chickens isn't worth it. Then what happens to the chickens? Who's going to make sure the chickens don't get sick? What about rodents and coyotes? What cost will fall on tax payers to enforce rules?

The amount of B&E events in Wallaceburg create a climate that invites more opportunity for mischief if live birds are in residential areas. Exactly why is this issue so important and pertinent to our community that people want to do this?

With the cost of living here in Chatham-Kent anything to help people make it is a help

This would be an amazing opportunity for our community and residents to be self reliant!
This would be an amazing opportunity for citizens to be more independent, self-reliant, and financially secure.
The city of Sarnia has great success with chicken ownership. The guidelines in their county will make good framework for what is appropriate in Chatham-Kent. Ideally roosters would not be allowed within city limits. Multiple roosters within a city block would guarantee noise issues. Roosters that are able to hear other males engage vocal competition, and given opportunity physical altercation.
My property backs on to a field, but we are fully fenced in . We will still get rodents and such it's unavoidable. We have a massive rabbit population. Which brings them in.
Perhaps that residents who move into a community should MYOB and talk with the person who had chickens to voice your concerns instead of running to council. This has been discussed before and I'm not sure where that went? I grew up on a chicken farm, For me, it's a non issue.
as long as they are fenced in or housed and kept clean I have no problem with it.
I understand in the city of Chatham, keeping chickens in smaller yards can be difficult to approve. But I live in a "residential" are of Charing Cross, have room for chickens and my neighbours down the road can keep them but because of "zoning" I cannot. Perhaps council could consider the chicken issue on an area by area basis and not a blanket ban on all "residential" areas.
We are, first and foremost, a farming community that needs to be able to keep in touch with those roots. The education that raising livestock provides is beneficial for all.
A course should be required to keep chickens and mandatory annual vet checks. Most people are going to watch a 20 minute YouTube video about chickens and claim to be experts. What controls will be in place to protect neighbourhood domestic pets from the inevitable arrival of coyotes within residential areas? What will be done to check for avian flu during outbreaks? Vermont control?
We are civilized with laws on animals in cities for reasons, including health. Don't go backwards. Who will you govern if there is bird flu spread? disposal? You are risking human health and added CK oversight cost if you allow this.
Vancouver has allowed this and has been great there for years!
Provided that sanitary conditions are met, it would help those who wish to be more self sustaining in today's food economics.
We weren't put on this earth for profit but rather to learn and feed thi self and be good people and helping others

While I understand the need/desire for the ranking system in previous questions, quite frankly, a lot of the choices are of equal importance to me. People will take advantage of the approval and take things way too far. It is already too difficult to police all the current bylaw complaints. This will overburden inspectors unnecessarily for a small group who wish to have this. Also, what happens when the "novelty" wears off and families/people don't want to keep up with the responsibility of care? The animal shelters are already over capacity, now add chickens to their list of unwanted and abandoned animals? Plus the potential growth of "Cock Fighting" rings. Remember the dogs in Tilbury? And the traffic jams and collisions this will cause when the animal escapes and runs on to the road with a child chasing it, not paying attention to the traffic. That will lead to Mental Health trauma issues. This is a bad idea. I have other concerns as well, but will leave it here for now. Chickens belong on a farm in the country, not residential areas.

year sago my grandmother raised capon chickens to sell to the local butcher Mr. Bolus. this provided not only extra income for her but also No 1 grade chickens which were cleaned and ready for Mr. Bolus to sell to his customers. No one complained. her chicken coop was in the far end of her back yard and it was cleaned everyday. Dorothy Dwisplaere before she died told me my grandmother sold the butcher shop the best chickens they ever had. why not let people if they keep the chicken coops clean, the noise level down and the chickens free from running on other peoples property. why not ?

If you want chickens move to the country and build a coop.

Residents should only be checked into if there are complaints and keep their chickens in the back yard

Ppl need to start feeding themselves with the price of food

Chickens do not belong in urban areas. Move to the country

Just support our local chicken farmers...buy your eggs....

I'm all for it. Let's raise chicken's.

I am excited to see where this goes.

Like gardening, any form of self sufficiency could be beneficial. I think there could be a lot of benefits. But those benefits are limited by overcrowding and health (ie. flu).

What happens when the chickens get out and become wild? Where will the money come from to contain the problem.

It's bad enough listening to someone's dog barking!

If you want to have birds or livestock move out of the city.

Let them have chickens!

I have seen chicken runs in other communities. If people are responsible and take care of their investment, there is no odour or inconvenience to neighbours. I would like to, at least, see the opportunity be available, as opposed to, having it killed by council once more. Other communities have made it work...

Amount of chickens should be determined by available yard space.

Coyotes, free range - then on others property, smell
Chickens are quiet, great for keeping bugs at bay and great for the grass. With rising cost of food, people should have the opportunity for food security
I believe that the Chatham kent shpudk not be able to make people get permits for a animal, chickens are an amazing composters and could help quite a but cut down on garbage waste
We can't get the run down properties cleaned up. I think thus is asking for a massive disaster!
I had chickens for over 11 years on my property that was D zoned with agriculture permission until this new bylaw. I have almost 2 acres. There was never a complaint of smell or noise or anything. They were in a large closed run with a large coop and well taken care of. My neighbours that lived next door for 70 years said they've always had raccoons, possums, foxes, coyotes, stray cats and hawks. That's why I built my chickens a safe fortress to live in and these predators were unable to get to my chickens, yet were still all around. We STILL have these predators in the neighbourhood despite no longer having chickens. Wild life doesn't stop existing because you don't have chickens. That's illogical thinking. I had roosters and my neighbours loved hearing them when they were outside. You couldn't hear them when indoors and you couldn't hear them over the robins chirping, blue jays squawking and dogs barking in the neighbourhood. Also, if someone has a complaint, it should be a legit complaint and not just 'I heard a chicken or rooster'. With that logic we'd have to kill all the wildlife and dogs in the area! Also, if it's not a reasonable complaint then the one who complained should not be able to complain again. The write ups or phone calls should have to come from 3 sources, not just someone trying to cause trouble.
If standards are in place and proper measures are taken, I personally don't see a problem. Our town is surrounded by agriculture and I think it should be a right to grow and obtain food sustainably and independently and raising chickens for their eggs and meat is a great start.
How about we worry about something that may actually have an impact on our community. Quit spending time worrying about chickens and try some actual traffic patrols and handing out tickets as the degradation of people's driving abilities is of far more concern. Can drive around town all week and never see an officer. But they have to make their 100k with yearly raises and budget increases. That is an actual issue. Try some self funding g through enforcement of the laws and ticketing
having chickens in a residential area is more about a hobby than commercial enterprise. raising for personal use is fine, having a commercial business is another. for this they need to be in a commercial area only
As long as the chickens are properly cared for by responsible and mentally stable adults who are able to afford the set up and food for chickens, I think it's an excellent idea for our community.
If this can work in Toronto, Kitchener, Newmarket, Halton Hills etc then this should be both manageable (based on our relatively low population and population density) as well as encouraged if we are truly and "farm" community.
Chickens do not belong in the city

This will cause numerous issues from neighbours complaining, attracting unwanted animals, and the list goes on. Who has the time to deal with all the potential problems that can come from this. I believe that chickens belong in the country for a reason.
Livestock belongs in the country. Period!
I think we should be able to have as we wish on our property as long as its not disturbing others no different than having a barking dog
Food security is an important issue and being able to grow and raise our own food contributes to that important goal.
If we can grow cannabis, we should be able to have chickens.
Encouraging individual self-sufficiency will help our economy
i love the idea. thee shpuld be weekly inspections from public health an classesfor owes to take to learn abot upkeep.
No chickens should be allowed to roam free off properties.
I think chickens would be beneficial to Chatham/Kent.
Residents of a small Belgian town were offered three chickens per household to anybody that wanted chickens. Roughly 2,000 families participated in this homesteading experimnet and adopted the three chickens under the conditions that they would not kill or give away the chickens for the first two years. As a result, this chicken "experiment" proved to be quite beneficial to both the families that participate and the environment.
In the first month, these chickens helped reduce tons of food waste for entering into the landfills since the chickens would practically eat any kitchen food scraps that were given to them. Additionally, these chickens and hens provided fresh eggs to the families that cared for them.
If approved....do so on a two year trial then renew every 2 yearsbecause there are sure to be new issues.
Nope, I'm all good.
No
People need more freedom s fewer restrictions!
If existing long time owner of chickens maybe consider a grandfather clause for them with no additional birds (if residential properties are not approved)
Please allow us to have chickens.
I think it's good to have chicken to provide for family with eggs in meat. Everything is so expensive
Having to register would irritate the masses. Wouldn't advise. The people that wouldn't get it wouldn't care. Unless it was a free registration I order for the municipality to know where the birds are due to avian flu. If you have only 4-6 chickens there would be no threat to commercial production. People would sell eggs privately anyways. People just need to be aware that raccoons and possums will get their chickens so advocate for enclosures. If not...they will find out soon enough!
This should NOT be allowed. My neighbors had them, the smell is terrible, the noise, raccoons, rats and opossums. Definitely not in the city

Chickens belong in the country Not the City!
I currently have chickens outside city limits. While I would love for everyone to share in this opportunity, there are so many things to consider. If not cared for properly, chickens can be stinky and loud, coops and runs can be very unsightly, and free range chickens could cause friction between neighbours. It's really a tough call. Unfortunately, some will be great pet owners while others will create massive problems for neighbours. Who will manage all the issues? More tax payer money going to created jobs.
I support having chickens but definitely NO ROOSTERS to control crowing.
None
I believe that chickens can be valuable pets. They provide food for the resident, insect control, something that the owner has to care for.. Great for the mental health of the owner. I think chickens should be allowed. They will be contained in the backyard which is more than people do that own cats. I love animals and I may indeed enjoy chickens if I was able to.
I think it is a great idea.
Would taxes on property go up and would it be only single dwelling residential homes that would be allowed also would it only be people that own and live in the residence that can have chickens or would rental single homes be allowed
If people want to have chickens, move to the rural areas. If you permit them in urban areas, there is nowhere for people to go who do not want to be around chickens except outside CK
no
Please allow chickens.
It is necessary during these day to move toward growing our own food as it is to expensive to shop at the regular stores. This is about survival.
If you want to raise chickens...BUY A FARM!!! Chickens stink, are noisy, and a nuisance in town
There should be educational tools people must read/watch before being able to register to have chickens
Chickens belong on a farm with farm animals .If aloud there would no end to allowing other animals goats, pigs, cows.
How would this be monitored? Another issue for CKPD to handle?
If people are respectful to neighbors and keep things clean and contained to their property I think it could be done
I am definitely against this. Chickens belong on a farm, in the country! Whose ridiculous idea was this??
No grace for those who do not keep tidy hygienic areas. Perhaps quick learning requirements re health & cleanliness should be required

No govt body has the right to tell ppl they can't grow their own food especially with rising costs. It's wrong and cruel and selfish. I've heard some yell oh the smell and they will be roaming all over. How about the four dogs in the neighbors yard full of dog crap and always getting out loose running all over the road, possibly causing an accident or biting another dog or person/child. Now how many times has a chicken been the cause of that? Humm?? If you can have four dogs, I can have four hens. Imagine the fear of a loose chicken vs a 100 pound dog running at me. Well?? What am I going to be more afraid of..

I, as well as many others would be more than willing if this passes to provide free classes to educate how to care for chickens, medical issues, how to make a coop, feed and other .. community will step up.

Again, the govt has zero right to tell a family they cannot provide for themselves. Do the right thing. Do. The. Right. Thing.

The town of Bothwell was not on your list of wards. Sellers of eggs should have regulations, eg.kept cool, washed etc

yes,, another idiotic idea from chatham kent , wasting resources.

Chicken are a great bird that eats ticks and other bugs and some left overs as long as kept clean

Single-family units or rural only. Not in multi-unit urban sites.

Should still be restricted to rural areas

Do to the cost of food this would be a great help to families. Plus chickens eat bugs and table scraps.

I would not want my neighbours to have them . They belong in a country setting not in the city .

As a Shrewsbury resident I believe that we are not "urban" in the sense that Toronto is. People who move here from genuinely Urban communities like Toronto London or even Surburban Chatham often do so because of of our village community that is non urban.

Lumping communities as urban or rural and enforcing centralized conformity is the antithesis of community.

Ontario Municipal Act provides a framework for municipal governance, it does not require municipalities to legislate homogenously. Instead, it allows municipalities to develop their own laws and regulations that reflect their unique circumstances and priorities.

The unique circumstance in this case is that keeping chickens in Shrewsbury predates Chatham-Kent and is, in the opinion of most residents part of our community culture.

I don't find it a big deal if hens only. I wouldn't want any but don't care who do.

the price of eggs is very high, please allow people to have backyard chickens is they want to do so...

<p>I really feel that livestock, poultry etc belong in rural areas.. bringing chickens into town/city limits encourages wild life which could be dangerous for small children or small family pets.. I imagine if a substantial number of home owners brought chickens into town that on many of our hot, humid days , we would experience heavy unhealthy air. Thankyou for affording the public the opportunity to weigh in on this matter.</p>
<p>I believe chickens to be very beneficial to anyone with a garden, especially if they live in a rural village like myself. With all the pesticides being sprayed on the fields directly behind my property, all the insects are deterred from landing in the commercial fields and migrate very quickly to my garden. Chickens, in or around my garden, would greatly help to mitigate the insect presence there. And chickens are also excellent for eating much organic kitchen scraps, in turn, helping to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill.</p>
<p>Mostly that they are properly cared for and in a good safe containment for year round weather.</p>
<p>I think keeping chickens will help with keeping food security a priority for Chatham Kent residents. Chickens not only provide a source of food but their poop is an excellent form of fertilizer for gardens. As well chickens control the insects in the gardens that harm the produce.</p>
<p>Must complete a poultry training course. Must have access to offsite area for manure.</p>
<p>there is a definite smell to chickens that would not be pleasant if they are too close to the neighbour</p>
<p>Roosters should not be permitted in urban areas due to their noise factor. Obviously clean healthy living conditions must be maintained for the keepers and hens.</p>
<p>Size of property should be considered. We live on a 1 acre property with no close neighbours on either side (surrounded by farms) yet because we live in Chatham Kent, we can't have chickens. We are not zoned agricultural. I think if people have a large enough yard it should be permitted.</p>
<p>Chickens encourage rats, mice, snakes, raccoons and foxes. The control and spread of avian flu is a concern. The manure they create would be an issue to discard. Chickens are barnyard animals.</p>
<p>Raising animals for food is essential in our economic times.Lack of education of agriculture is at an all time high. This would change if families raised their own animals. Raising and caring for animals has long since been proven to be good for children, Having a chore or a goal when raising pets or animals for resale or consumption is highly motivating and educational.</p>
<p>Everyone should be allowed to have chickens if they want. Just like you can a dog or cat which are way louder and dirty then laying hens.</p>
<p>Cities in Europe have done studies on backyard chickens and they have all shown to be extremely helpful in promoting good health and reducing poverty It's very narrow minded to not allow backyard chickens.</p>
<p>This proposal is just a bad idea all around. As if there's not enough noise pollution. (Cars, trucks, motorcycles)</p>

Eggs and meat are expensive, we should be allowed to raise our own food regardless of where we live, we need to feed our families. Food is a necessity NOT a luxury!!!
Thank you
Thank you
Chickens are fun and educational experience for kids. They also provide food for the family.
Thank you
I am entirely against this allowance as chickens are considered livestock/farm animals and should remain on agricultural properties as such.
Our CK residents deserve to have chickens for egg production. The economy is not becoming any better and people should be permitted to produce their own food no matter their location
Do you limit to only chickens! Should you encourage rare breeds! Educational class on how to raise healthy free range birds and avoid the pitfalls. Is it worth the high cost of poultry feed these days!! Everyone should be aware of the pros and cons of raising birds.
Who is going to police this??
No chicken within city limits
I think their should be some sort of inspections done to ensure the cleanliness, safety and sanitary conditions. Also guidelines need to be very strict and clear, no loop holes or "grey areas"
With the constant rising of food costs, people should be able to have chickens so they can take care of and feed their families.
I really wish all of Wheatley residents could have chickens if they choose. Backyard chicken can be very beneficial to people and also for keeping pest control down without having to use chemicals. I don't agree to roosters in town but hens definitely are a bonus. They are great pets also. We are a farming and fishing community. They should be allowed.
Farm chickens on farm not in towns or city's.
It is the roosters that are noisy, not the hens. We use to own chickens and was nice to have fresh eggs daily, easy keepers as well
Chicken in the Back yards can be harmful full human health .because in city already so.many type of pets allowed .may be 1 can be fine .because if it over 2 it will be ao bad for smells amd oyhertype of cleanness
It's the home owners property, you control enough already.
Obviously there would have to be certain guidelines to follow like no roosters, fenced in yards and obviously you can only have a certain amount per sq foot of yard space, but I think it's important to not be so restrictive that it's not worth it. People just want to raise a few chickens for eggs and meat/hobby/compost for gardens etc.
I just do not think the average person is educated enough to keep livestock in the city limits. If they get sick or diease. Plus we already have a stray cat problem. We do not need chickens added to the mix. There are several other reasons too numerous to name in this small space

Stop trying to make and tax people on everything. Chickens are a means of survival during soaring prices at the grocery store.
Many other areas allow chickens and I think that chatham can give it a shot.
I don't think you can stop people from producing food for themselves.
Urban chickens should only be allowed if all neighbouring property owners agree. Further, they should only be raised in rural areas...
Question #6 did not give the opportunity to rank each section 1-8. I would have preferred to rank each one, from 1 to 8. Due to the various bird flus, there should not be in a city anyway.
It is all well and good to make regulations if you go ahead and allow people to house chickens within the city limits. However, who is policing these regulations? It is a waste of taxpayers money to hire someone to supervise the raising of chickens. Without supervision, humans being as we are will push the rules to the limit. A recent example of this is the protesting of Covid protocols and vaccines. I grew up on a farm where we had chickens for our own use and for sale to neighbours. I know first hand how noisy. smelly and disgusting they really are. I have zero desire to live beside a pen of chickens. If I wanted that, I would have stayed in the country.
I like the idea of being able to have chickens to produce fresh eggs. But I do think their should be some restrictions to make sure chickens are well cared for and things are sanitary.
I think this a great idea for people to save some money at grocery stores. Help Make some extra money because this economy sucks.
We have chickens, they aren't that much work to keep so 4 hens would be pretty easy. Noise would be a minimal issue (without roosters) as they naturally awake during daylight hours when I could be running a chainsaw or playing music or anything else that would be much louder. This really shouldn't be that big of a deal other municipalities have already done this.
My question would also be who will regulate this on a regular basis , our animal control is already stretched the municipality is also street not only are poultry very diseased animals and attract predators the feed will also attract vermin this proposal is a disaster in the making and if it is voted yes then you won't be able to take it back because that would be considered infringement of people's rights
There are significant differences between rural and urban areas. Those who feel that their lifestyles need rural elements should seek residence there.
If I wanted to see, hear and smell chickens, I'd live in the country.
I think its a great idea. Provided proper license obtained and regulations followed. The location is on a generous sized yard 1/2 acre or more. Fenced in property and fenced chicken run to deter animals. Hens only to cut noise down.
We just want to raise pur own healthy chicken not the stuff that is mass produced.
I feel this would greatly benefit a lot of homes and the community as a whole

No
Can hear the dogs barking alrdy
Chickens do not belong within city limits.
For the cost of raising chickens for eggs/foodit is just as economical to go to the grocery store.
If you want livestock buy a rural property. People don't realize what's involve. Just look at the stupid comments on Facebook. You don't eat laying hens huh? So you get 4 and eventually they stop laying, are they now just a pet, I can't see people then chopping there heads off to make soup.
Roosters no.
Who would handle complaints from neighbours who opted not to have backyard chickens and would there be fines . It seems there is the potential for a lot of lawsuits between neighbours all over a few chickens.
Food prices are so high, chickens are a common and traditional food source.
People have the right to raise chickens on their own property, and there should be NO licensing fee. obviously, cleanliness should be considered, and keeping the koop in order.
I really believe with proper rules and regulations and also a limit restriction, having chickens as "pets" or for the purpose of laying eggs would be a positive. Yes I do agree in rules and I do believe they should be followed and done properly could be great for families! Please consider!!
Who polices this? The bylaw officer (s) can't keep up with their current workload now. For example, responding to complaints about junky yards. What are fines set at? Is it going to be set up like people having dog tags? Is it going to be added to the owners taxes? Chickens belong out in the country..keep them out of towns.
Consideration for location and management of chicken waste/manure, bird death disposal, who takes responsibility of diseases if spread over neighborhoods.
With the rapid increase in the cost of living and specifically groceries, chickens give people an opportunity to easily produce their own healthy food source. Properly contained hens make good neighbours.
This is great hope it will be passed
Please allow chickens!
If chickens are allowed they should still be under a distance bylaw of 1500 feet from any neighbour just like any other livestock in Chatham Kent
I think it's a good thing for both chickens and families. Chickens have a safe home and families can save a bit of money on eggs but can teach caring for animals to children.
In today's economy, it should be every Canadian's right to have chickens to provide themselves with nutritional food source, If they so choose
and incisive critical takes that drive the conversation
Proper disposal process of fecal matter to be in place prior to receipt of permit or purchase of live chickens.

I believe raising your own chickens for eggs and meat is a way to help combat rising food costs.
Chickens do not belong in residential areas, I lived on a farm all my life and they are noisy, smell like hell and [REDACTED] all over. I would be extremely upset if my neighbours were allowed to have chickens it's absolutely crazy to think this would work in a residential area I am extremely opposed to the idea of it
I would absolutely love to keep chickens at my house!
In this world we are living and the price of food we should be able to raise and have our own food supply if we want.
Let Wheatley have chickens please
Let Wheatley have chickens
It our right to be able to produce our own food as long as the regulation are followed there no reason why they shouldnt be in residential area other than more government control
Please provide the feedback from all departments, including Public Health, to all residents prior to the council meeting addressing this topic. Administration should not paint all residential lots with the same brush--each household is different as is each community within CK. The size of the lot, it's proximity to neighbours, types of neighbours (ie other houses, commercial buildings, churches, farms, fields), and so forth, should be the defining factors as to how many chickens can be raised. Some residential properties are acreages, which should not have the same limitations as zero-lot-line shoebox houses in the city. The initial start up cost will be a few hundred dollars, depending on the household, so fees for licenses should not be used as a deterrent. Responsible animal ownership is the key. Most choices provided for Question 8 are irrelevant. When I completed this survey, the residential property link did not work.
Neighbours in wheatley had chickens and a rooster prior to explosion. Currious why this bylaw was not enforced
Chickens do make a constant noise. Many houses are very close together and that would be a constant noise intrusion.
Chickens should not be kept in residential areas of the city with the small lots we live in... We all have pets .dogs etc
Some people already have 2 or 3dogs living on small residential city lots. Totally against chickens in residential areas.
I pay my taxes,, I should be able to raise chickens to help provide for my family
The chickens make a noise, even though not loud, it is constant. It would be very intrusive to surrounding neighbours and not relaxing to be in the yard with that noise
I pay taxes so I should be able to provide for my family in my own back yard
I don't feel there should be any concerns at all as long as owners keep the property tidy for the sake of their neighborhood!
I support having chickens.
Please look at the chicken study done in Toronto!
I think that backyard chickens should be allowed as they are very educational for children that live in cities or small towns. They are also a great source of food for homes bringing eggs and meat to the dinner table. I have lived around backyard hens and roosters and there is no complaints from me about them. My children grew up with backyard chickens around our area and they loved it. Please allow people to have them.

This is a way to save people money, in a time where food prices and housing costs are the roof! I support people having the right to have chickens.
I would support rural areas having back yard chickens but definitely not in urban areas
Please consider the people's God given right to eat healthy home grown food with out all chemicals when you pass laws
If people wants chickens because they cant afford eggs then how are they going to afford feeding a chicken. They eat alot of food and I think this is just going to lead to chickens being mistreated. I think it's a bad idea and have bigger problems to worry about
The risk of avian influenza is too great to allow backyard chickens.
In regards to smell, it should be no more of an issue than pet owners who do not clean up after their dogs/cats (even in own yardsmy back yard neighbours never picked up after their dog, sitting outside in my backyard was not possible some days - they've since moved). Regarding a license... Until Cat Owners are made to license their cares (especially "Responsible" Cat Owners open their doors and let their cats wander free all day using the city as their litterbox), no further "pet licenses" should be required. (while on the topic, Dog Owners who have paid their licenses and have never had to use the city's services for their dogs should be partially refunded...).
I don't have anything against the chickens but no roosters
such a great educational experience for kids and for those that know chickens, they understand the amazing animals they are - incredibly social and entertaining to watch - they do need great hygienic care
Let's pretend it's 1990, do what you want on your property; as long as it doesn't look disastrous. Food sources also shouldn't be prohibited in my opinion if you have enough land space.
As long as the chickens are hens and the coop and yard is clean with fencing who cares?
They should be allowed and a license is not unreasonable
Bird Flu in skunks in BC? Bird flu in chickens be a problem?
There are enough farmers who sell fresh eggs and chickens that people can go and purchase from them. People should not be forced to endure living next to chickens within city limits due to 1 person or a small percentage of people who desire to raise chickens. If it is their desire to raise chickens they should do so outside of city limits far away from neighbours. Why are we going back in time? It's taken how long to have a beautiful city and now you want our city to smell like an agricultural farm.
The way this world is headed it will be a shame if this isn't allowed.
Nowhere has it mentioned veterinary care of chickens. With avian flu looming everywhere, and other illnesses, this is also a consideration and an expense.

You have worst and more important issues than chickens
If chickens are allowed goats should be too
I don't believe this should even be a topic. A person should be able to have chickens for many reasons such as pets, food, teaching their children how to properly care for these animals. What next a survey on how many tomatoes we can plant?
Chickens shouldn't just be allowed they should be encouraged for their many benefits (environmental, financial, nutritional, mental health, etc.)
Not at this time
Leave people alone to create food sources on their property. Especially I'm these uncertain times.
Chickens provide food and they actually make good pets. No different than a parrot
If this stupid stupid idea is approved, plan on hiring some chicken police.
Please god NO !!
All of Shrewsbury should be allowed to have chickens.
Allow all house holds to provide food for their families.
If there where to be licensing I don't believe it should cost but it should come with helpful information for the person.
As with most things, there will not be noise/smell/pest problems with responsible owners. There are greater health problems with homeowners that have multiple cats or those that allow their cats to roam - and cats are not required to be neither registered nor licensed.
Please also remember that not every resident will go out to get chickens. They require daily care and are not inexpensive to own. Many will not be interested in that. The idea that people will get chickens in order to get "free" eggs is rather ridiculous considering cost of feed.
Personally, I believe owning my own chickens would be an advantage in my knowing where my food comes from (I garden extensively both veg and fruit). They would also be wonderful for my grandchildren to learn and understand the importance of caring for things that can provide food for them.
I shouldn't have to worry about other peoples animals on my property, you can train a dog but not chickens...
If you allow this to happen then I'm getting a goat!!!! Farm animals belong in FARMS
If you want farm animals live on a farm.
I think this would be a huge benefit to our community and would have a positive impact if implemented properly.
I had chickens when in the country, it was a great experience minus the angry rooster. Back then I was a city slicker who thought a rooster was required to produce eggs. 😞 With the cost of eggs, I'd love a chicken or two or 3 again. Also, I hate support factory farming, so I'd know my own eggs came from chickens who were raised in a humane manner.
You should be able to sell your eggs and also there should not be a fee to have chickens

It makes so much sense. Opportunity for kids to do some chores, produce local food results in less packaging - opportunity to use mitigate waste as chickens would eat marginal foods
All Rural Residential properties should be permitted to have backyard chickens. For urban areas, the number of chickens permitted should be based on the size of the yard/property. Smaller properties should be permitted 2 max. Larger properties 4 max. Rural residential 6 max.
People can't take care of their cats and dogs, so now we let them have chickens. It is going to cost the tax payers to police this issues. Then who pays for the clean up? Let's try to get the feral cat population under control before we add to the problem.
Raising livestock in town is not appropriate. If someone had a cow roaming on their property it would never be debated.
There are many reasons people should be allowed to have chickens, but it's also important to ensure they are taken care of and have similar expectations as pet cats/dogs
City people should be allowed but they should be required to keep things neat and clean, having chickens isn't for everyone,,rural people should be allowed more chickens because neighbours are farther apart and most are surrounded by farm land. No one will get enough eggs to put large companies out of business.
So long as they are only allowed for the consumption of the owner. There needs to be a committee that enforces the rules like how they're housed, minimum square foot area for the chicken and tu insure they're brought up humanly.
I can't wait to teach my Littles about proper care of animals and they can get something like eggs out of it 🐔
This should not happen. Would have to be calling in complaints all the time .
Let people enjoy raising their own chickens. I'd have concerns if urban areas eased cows
Please, no chickens allowed in urban areas.
1. This City can't enforce the ""EXISTING"" bylaws you have now. You fail at that. 2. Put to a "VOTE" next election on a Ballot. I don't want chickens because a few people want them. 3. Is there not anything more important. This is ridiculous, tell them to move to the "COUNTRY" Pigs will be next!!!!!! 4. If this Council and Administration can't realize the "Insignificance of this issue and the amount of Time they are wasting please "RESIGN" 5. What's more Important—— thePolice Corruption you are too "SCARED OF" to deal with or Chickens You guys are all a "JOKE!!!!!"
Hens only/ no roosters and you shouldn't have to get a license to have chickens that would just be a money grab. Eggs are expensive enough. Chickens should be allowed up to 6. Like anything else if there's a complaint then you access the situation. You only get one chance per address if they don't adhere to rules then they are prohibited to have chickens under their address
I think with the rising cost of groceries, this is a fantastic way to ensure healthy food can be provided for our families. It will also provide a great experience for children, allowing them to learn new skills and the importance of responsibility.

I have absolutely no problem with people having a few chickens. I believe they should be in rural communities.. Shrewsbury,Dealtown,Rondeau..etc.
People are allowed to have household pets such as; rabbits, birds, dogs, cats, etc. Chickens can provide food for my household which is very beneficial given todays economic environment. There are ways to regulate this, for example - permits that outline cleanliness and rules that protect the community. Thank you and I hope I can purchase my hens.
A variety of methods exist to live in proximity with hens. Rules should be flexible enough to accommodate different schools of thought
No
It's a great idea!
Some kind of bylaw needs to be established so enforcement is easy for neighbours with issues.
Will cost more to. Feed than they will get in return such as eggs and or meat
Do not want chickens in the city. That's what farms are for.
I don't think they belong in town. We already have some and they make the yards look like junkyards.
I bought my property knowing i could not have chickens and so did everyone else.If you want chickens should have purchases property that would accomodate.You can still buy outside city-go ahead.This would accomodate a few people at the expence of many many other people.If you wish to change your way of living you need to make the change to live elsewhere.You change your lifestyle without changing mine.To allow this changes your lifestyle at my expense.
I appreciate you asking for community feedback. This is a very important topic and with the need to become self sustained increasing, it is important to live a community that allows chickens. So my only question for you is what type of municipality do you want to be? One that controls and dictates a person's freedom and ability to feed themselves? Or one that is for the people? Thank you for your time.
I think instead of individual people owning chickens in their own backyards, there could be a Communal Coop that runs like a Co-Op. Everyone puts in money for feed, vet bills, maintenance, effort in the coop by cleaning it out and the eggs get shared out evenly.
Although the pathogens circulating in the last 3 years currently concern me, I can see micro-egg farming as a therapeutic activity.
Im afraid of loose chickens getting in my yard and my dogs gettingvahold of them
In the times we are living in, having chickens is very beneficial. Just because the bylaw changes, not everyone will jump on board and get chickens, but it will at least allow the individuals who are interested in this the chance to be a little more self sufficient.
No to residential chickens - keep rural!!!
Please offer instruction and best practices for raising and keeping chickens so residents who want to keep them are successful

I see no problem with anyone having chickens
I do think at this time with families and food and feeding them .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If contained in a fenced in area min 5 ft high with mesh overtop, chickens pose little risk to chickens walking on neighbouring property - Yard size can be a large factor, residents in duart, ridgetown, muikirk , morpeth may have much larger yards to accommodate a few chickens than perhaps Chatham - eggs are extremely healthy, all nutrients packed in a small package - 2-3" of wood chips as a base where chickens forage will go a long way to avoid smell issues - world wide egg supply is threatened due to bird flu, allowing residents to produce a few eggs will benefit the health sector and keep eggs prices down in grocery stores
Constant checks on the people for their cleanliness because farmers need it to keep chickens why are these people any different.
<p>You don't have the resources now to take care of the issues.</p> <p>Like speeding vehicles.</p> <p>Boats going up-and-down the river way too fast a lot of boats aren't registered.</p> <p>Property standards a lot of homes and buildings.</p> <p>Junk and vehicles on properties.</p> <p>People are getting broken into on a regular basis.</p> <p>Dirt bikes and 4 wheelers unregistered racing through town.</p> <p>Idiots on bicycles on sidewalks.</p> <p>Barking dog, People with a lot of cats.</p> <p>Who is going to take care of these issues and make sure these chickens Owners are doing this properly.</p> <p>Where you guys can't even take care of the stuff that's going on now. This is a waste of time.</p>
Please Please please for God sake do not allow chickens
With the price of eggs and Chicken it's a good idea
Don't. Chatham Kent is gross enough already. Chickens carry dangerous pathogens that even bleach can't kill.
With proper guidelines it can be done safely.
With intentional and clear guidelines in place this can be put forth ensuring the health, happiness and safety of all concerned
As long as the chickens and property are well taken care of, I do not have a problem with this.
Chickens belong on farms, not in urban areas.
I don't care if someone else wants chickens but they better be kept out of my yard so my children won't be playing in chicken ████

Chickens require knowledge of their nutritional needs. Furthermore what does an urban resident do with the refuse from cleaning their coups? What do they do when the chickens are at an age when their egg laying productivity ends, or are unhealthy? How much strain do we really want to put on our Veterinarians? No chickens should be allowed in an urban setting. They should be allowed in the country where lots sizes measure 1 acre.

Should distinguish between egg layers and/meat chickens.

Allowing Chickens is not only necessary to sustain ourselves but a great learning tool for our children of the future.

Minimum lawn size must be determined so that lawns are not killed off by free ranging hens. Scratching and defecating will kill off vegetation. Lawns must be large enough and coups small and mobile enough to permit frequent relocating on the lawns. Lawns where Hens are run must be maintained and over seeded when needed to encourage manure absorption into soil. Manure tends to sit on bare soil. Cages and coups must be cleaned every day if the hens are allowed to void in the coup to prevent odour emission. Determining how and where to dispose of manure must be finalized prior to permitting raising chickens

Chickens pose no threat to anyone and are kept in enclosures.

This issue has been brought up ,I believe, 3 times..stop wasting my tax dollars on this,there are agricultural and urban areas for a reason...if you want farm animals live in a rural area..and put this to rest permanently please

I have no problem with people having chickens ,or any other small animal. I think the city should be looking at maybe stop wasting time on tedious things and maybe making Chatham kent a better place ti live and stop wasting taxpayers money.

We are in a time of food insecurity, having chickens may help some family's eat. Also being able to know what is in your food is very important.

No license fee. Why even think of a fee?

I think that if you look at the same by-law in other communities, and have a no rooster policy (that is a must) & definitely limit the # (no more than 6), this will be something that people will respect. There should be care standards as well. With all animals, they need to be cared for properly. Thank you for thinking honestly about allowing this in our community.

This is a great opportunity for children and Adults to learn what it takes to raise you food.

Disease and predatory animals are a real concern

I definitely think this is a bad idea

No & No

No differe t than other pets

I grew up on a farm with chickens and they're a very smelly bird and carry disease easily, we had to keep other animals away from their coop. When I lived in town I would have hated to have them next door. They would smell and drive our dog crazy.

I own a small flock of chickens outside the city limits. They can be absolutely disgusting, loud, smelly, the food attracts varmin, coop was visited by racoon, door was left open (obviously not going to close it) birds where everywhere.

They must be cooped and run, absolutely no free range.

Need to consider the distance from personal garden to prevent food borne illness from the manure.

Need to consider education program for non rural residents over proper coop keeping etc.

While CK may be rural we are we not attempting to move our area into a more competitive stance with larger non rural communities??

I think that most people who respond to surveys such as this are people who are in favour of the surveyed issue. I think that there will be many problems and complaints that will result from chickens in residential areas. Who will pay for an enforcement officer?

Not to concerned if hens only

Dumbest idea ever, a nightmare waiting to happen. Don't forget about the [REDACTED], you might as well let that happen also. I will only sit back and laugh when it all blows up in your faces. Don't do it !!!!!

This is a great way to keep a small town feeling in an agricultural community.

I understand why people want back yard Chickens but there are many issues that could come of this. You have greater risk of spreading disease with animals within city limits. How do you plan on monitoring the health of the chicken to avoid sale of eggs if the animal is sick. Who will be caring for these chickens? Which vets in town are going to take on sick chickens? When the animal dies, what will be the process for getting rid of the carcass? If a person ends up with a rooster in town, how do they get rid of it? If the city is able to put together a full plan that outlines every details from care, disposal. Purchase, housing, sales, etc. Come back with a solid plan and hold another vote.

I do not believe the government should have any input on individual property/ property use; Taxes are paid by the property owner, not council members

Very hopeful this goes through and we are able to!

Please do not ask people to rate importance of items in previous question. I don't find half of those things important yet now you will report that I do, because I was forced to rank as per your survey. Poorly written questionnaire.

Good for food especially with inflation the way it is

I believe we should have the right to grow or raise you're own food source, especially in a country where our healthy food is more expensive than junk. Rising costs means we need better ways to provide for our families. Including small livestock.

This is a need

should be able to sell eggs. Licence is just a greedy money grab. Chatham kent wastes enough money & increases are too much.

chickens belong in rural farm settings where your closest neighbor is down the road.
The opportunity to keep chickens presents the choice to be sustainable in their own way and everyone deserves that option in today's world with the cost of living being where it is. Just no roosters, as this could pose noise and aggression complaints however hens would be great
If people of Chatham Kent are taking their well being and sustainability into their hands, why would a community want to stop them?
So long as animal cruelty/healthy living standards are kept up by owner, on penalty of fine or removal of chickens/euthanize. Also in the event a chicken gets out due to poor construction of coop or improperly taken care of and is killed by a neighbouring pet ie. dog/cat no fine is laid on the owner of the dog/cat. If the dog/cat gets into the coop/neighbouring property and kills a chicken only then should the fine be given to the owner of that dog/cat.
It's high time that Chatham-Kent allowed this activity. People should NOT be required to obtain a license but there should be clear, reasonable guidelines. It should be introduced in a positive, community-affirming manner, one which educates citizens in proper animal husbandry but doesn't burden them with overly restrictive rules.
We have had no problems. It is a source of food for many It is enjoyable to hear them in the morning.
I would think twice about purchasing a house if neighbouring houses had chickens.
You haven't considered the impact of the present bylaw has on rural properties that are zoned residential! Some of those properties have "acreage" but technically are not permitted to have chickens (or other animals for that matter) according to how the zoning bylaw is presently written. This also needs to be modified.
We should be entitled to provide food and sustainability for ourselves within our community.
No roosters in residence is a must because of the noise.
This will help many people financially
This probably won't pass but thanks for letting the people have a say. Lol
So long as it's done in a respectful manner to the community I don't see this as an issue what so ever
I have no problem with people having a few, 2 to 6, hens
The more you take from people the more people will turn into robots doing what we politicians tell us . That is not what living life is about!
Permission from neighbors. No roosters.
Licensed...fees...if serious...clean...no roosters allowed...max 6...suitable enclosures
I see NO PROBLEM with people having chickens in their back yards.
Raising your own food would help with the high cost of living and we already pay property taxes to have our yards so we should have the right to do as we please

Chickens are better than a yard full of dogs.
Locations should have an area for chickens to roam with a set amount of area per chicken. ie 20 m per chicken
I technically live in Ridgetown but live in Morpeth and am zoned residential. We currently reside on approx. 2 acres of land with 6 acres of barns and woodlot next door. It's difficult to group everyone as residential into one category without considering homes that have more space than inside the town of Chatham or Ridgetown. If a family wants to have a clean coop in their backyard, thats their business. However, it would be problematic if chickens are running around free range down any main street. Without looking at several other counties and knowing what others do, perhaps permits and leg bands on chickens may be the way to go. Please check out what the City of Guelph pertaining to chickens in their Animal Control By-Laws (In particilar, Animal Registrations: Amended by By-Law (2018) 20313 for the City of Guelph), as they allow residents to own chickens and I didn't see a single one downtown.
We have raised laying ducks; eggs attack skunks and raccoons. Animal care unfortunately is a novelty for some and the waste /straw will need to be cleaned routinely. Residential properties doesn't have a field to rid of it .
Social animals so I would think more than 2.
We have enough Rabbits destroying everything, we dont need stinky Chickens Nobody wants to do anything about our Rabbits destroying everything in our yards
no
A big concern for me is the waste. I don't want a pile of chicken manure in my neighbours yard. A lot of people are not very good at keeping their yard clean to begin with but I do think it is nice to have a small coop with a couple chickens for fresh eggs if a person wants it . It all depends on the regulations and enforcement. Thank you
Food is expensive- people have a right to feed themselves- why people allow chicken in city.
People should be able to have chickens for eggs as well as to eat.
With the cost of meat and eggs, only allowing 2-6 chickens is preposterous. Yes, you could have enough eggs for maybe a family of 2-3, but that is it. And definitely not enough meat. As well, not allowing roosters forces residents to purchase hatching eggs or pullets, which can raise expenses. Perhaps allowing only one rooster is a better option.
I believe chickens in town is unsightly and can cause disruption with neighbours. We already have chickens in Wheatley and it is unfair for those who have neighbours who complain. If chickens are allowed we need a strict oversight for all owners.
I think rental be properties should be excluded. If you are renting you should I d not be allowed to have a coup.
Nope .
This should NOT be allowed
It's cheaper to keep chickens then buy eggs with the current market and inflation positions chickens should be encouraged to help the house hold have an alternative to over priced products in store

Chicken's must not be allowed in residential areas.
As long as they are contained in the person's yard (not roaming thru the neighbourhood) I totally agree with having chickens and NO roosters.
Allow people to eat natural food and reduce waster
Allows for reduce waste and health food
If we're made to register, it needs to be free.
No
I think fowl could be a more contained and more productive and less disruptive animal than dogs or cats honestly. With the rising price of groceries it's a worthwhile thing for people to take responsibility for the food they eat and this could be a great first step towards people gaining passions and knowledge about the process of where their food comes from and respect for the entire process of farm to table, as well as taking a greater interest in their diet and nutrition and health. Not to mention the way that this could be an opportunity for people to learn about animals and have a greater respect for nature and learn about birds and have empathy for more natural things after having these positive experiences they wouldn't have otherwise. My greatest concern is the welfare of the animals and the information able to be found of how to care for and what is needed for proper containment and care and safety, and honestly for the safety of humans for which diseases could be transmitted and how to prevent that. For example, dogs can carry rabies so they get vaccinated and have vets available that can assess health and make decisions about the health of the animal, so while it's not 1-1, for example bird flu is a current issue for fowl so there should be information about how to prevent and recognize that and there should be appropriate personnel to be available to assess fowl health, or information that can educate about where there is salmonella risk in the poultry management systems and how to minimize the health risk.
The responsible people will follow rules...the others no...and when asked to fix it...Chatham Kent will do nothing
No chickens
Cities and towns are not the proper place for farm animals. Period.
We pay way too much for taxes at least let us do what we want in our own yard
Having hens in our backyards will reduce kitchen waste, enrich our soils, lessen bug, tick, mice and rat infestations and help our community members become more self sufficient in providing healthful meals for our families.
Chickens in residential areas will be noisy, dirty, and unsanitary. Out in the country where there is a certain distance from your neighbours, maybe. No where in the city of Chatham should chickens be legal.
It's [redacted] you [redacted] stick your nose into people's business on their property. We [redacted] pay the taxes. That pay you. [redacted]
I wouldnt want to live close or be a neighbor to chickens
If there is complaints about chickens and you remove them from one source, it should be proper to enforce the surrounding area as such.
I have had a chicken coop before and would love to have one now. I had no problems at all and I only want 2 hens

People should be able to grow and provide their own food on their own property. Too much going interference
Chickens can be pets too.
People can't pick up they dogs, and now everyone wants chicken. I am not agreeing with having chickens at all. Especially in town the houses are so close, I have a small dog, and having chicken brings predators. There will extra mice and snakes. In hot summer days if there are not cleaned out they will stink. I am afraid that people will get them and not look after them, when it hot out, when it really cold out. That these animals will not have adequate living space , and care..They will be alot of calls made due to this problem. Having chickens in town will open a can worms for sure.. If we have chickens in town why not a pet pig.
3 max. (per household.... For example if someone has a duplex etc. would be max 3 hens for the entire "structure". Not per family. No roosters (would be noisy and prevent breeding/increase of hens....part of licencing) Should be maximum allowed size of coops. Roaming in yards allowed if hens wings clipped to prevent flying out of fenced in yards. Significant fines for those not in keeping with the licensing/bylaws.
I do not think chickens are gross of disruptive if taken care of properly. In an age where the cost of living is so high, family's should be aloud to grow their own food to whatever degree they are capable of. Not to mention, taking care of and hatching chickens are both amazing learning tools. This can help form responsible, compassionate members of society.
I believe that they should be protected and have the same rights as pets. There are going to be irresponsible pet owners and they should be held accountable.
I think we need to find ways to use our land most productively. Also feeding (appropriate) table scraps will help to cut back disposed of waste
Let's do this don't think there is no harm.
Chickens are a novelty to many people. Once the novelty wears off.....
As long as the owners keep the chickens in their own yard and properly care for them and abide by guidelines set out in regards to cleanliness, noise etc. that would work.
People should be able to raise their own food
If they want chickens go live in the country because next thing people will want is a pig or a cow and if you say no they will say it's discrimination...watch it will happen...thanks

Keeping livestock in urban areas was outlawed a century or so ago for the very reasons it should remain so. People and animals do not belong in close proximity.

I come from a farm. It is a given that rats, weasels, racoons and vermin in general follow where poultry is kept.

If people want to get into poultry as a business, they can establish themselves in a properly zoned place, of which there are plenty.

If people want a chicken as a pet, then let them have one - indoors with them.

This is just another fad, and it will cause no end of problems and expense for the municipality, not to mention mismanagement of the animals.

But if Council is going to cave in to the "activist" pessure, then it should require an annual licence, at a cost sufficient to fund dedicated chicken police and prosecutors, with a firm mandate to actually enforce the rules, unlike most other by-laws that are ignored with impunity it seems.

I'd seriously contemplate relocating out of this area

Please stop trying to control everything

It's good idea with the cost of good nowadays

The cleanliness and attraction of rodents and other animals like raccoons and foxes is a huge consideration. Also an inspection plan to keep all coops and runs within specs, which then becomes a cost to municipalities.

People should be able to raise chickens for food for their families without fees & permits, we already pay to much for taxes!

No thanks

Can we please allow households to own chickens?

Sure would help families provide fresh eggs and meat for their families

I will complain if my neighbours get them. Daily. Several times daily.

No license let people make there choices

I don't really think the government should be able to make us get permission to raise chickens.

Please do not allow chickens in the city. If people want chickens they can move to a rural property. We choose to live in the city to NOT have these issues. What will be next after this? Thank you for doing this survey.

Please refer to Danish studies about 3-4 hens per household, which saw a decrease in landfill, increase in community interaction, decrease in pests such as ticks and without increase of rodents. CK need chickens WITHOUT licensing. Please allow the CK residents this simple pleasure.

We (our family) have lived in a country with zero chicken regulation and it was fantastic. The city should not prevent this educational experience to provide healthy, NUTRITIOUS eggs for our own families - much like we grow our own spinach.

Thank you for sending a survey - it is long past time to bring chickens to CK!

What's wrong with roosters?

Have witnessed chicken coops in other municipality of our relatives. Chicken coop was in the backyard neighbours in suburban subdivision. They had to set traps for rats in their own back yard - caught up to 9 rats /week. Smell in the back yard in the summer especially was offensive.. They lobbied and got the coop removed. Have not had any rats since. Also attracts coyotes into the city I love chickens and fresh eggs and crowing roosters but NOT in the city. In rural settings ok with some restrictions.

Between attracting predators, dogs will make noise and try to get at these chickens constantly. As an egg producer myself in rural east Kent we have guidelines we follow (HAACP), who is going to hold people accountable to the guidelines and how is it going to be enforced by the municipality?

I think inspections should be allowed to ensure chickens are housed in appropriate sized coops, and have adequate space for foraging.

Chickens, cats, dogs have similar considerations. Dogs barking all day are noisier than chickens. Cats need to be kept on their owner's property at all times, not allowed to roam. There is no need to prohibit chickens.

Your survey seems to limit my input on requirements of having chickens . Not very accurate of my feeling on the matter.

Can't get people to pickup up after dogs and are overrun with cats running free crapping all over the properties dogs barking no stop all hours day or night, why add to this problem ,we already have goats ducks pigs in this town, no one does anything about them either

Makes sure its clean, maybe a place to bring and dispose used straw/bedding

I hope if this passes that there are good regulations for it. I am all for having your own chickens but there does need to be a limit on how many and they must be well cared for and contained properly from predators.

Great opportunity for locals to provide for themselves

Save the coops for the farmers they do not belong in town

eggs are not that expensive and chickens are noisy so why is this even up for discussion, if you live in city, my opinion is no chickens. you only need a rooster to make more chickens so that should not be allowed at all. who wants to wake up to the rooster. i would not want to live net door to a chicken farm. this is city life, so let leave as such, why would you permit somebody to do this and the neighbor has to put up with it, not fair. people live in the city so their is no farm life. it is bad enough we have crows and hawks and ducks everywhere and chickens would create more racoons. do not allow this. you would have to have a lot of chickens if you want to have a business to sell eggs. if you allow this, then people are subjected to something they do no want to be around and we all pay property tax, so just NOT allowing is fair for all. NO CHICKENS.

It should be permitted.

CK is known for agriculture, fresh food and green initiatives.

Plenty of retired farmers in the city limits now with expertise to share and be able to do in backyard.

This is a complete waste of time for municipal staff. This isn't what we should be paying them to do. Get back to work on something worthwhile.

People have them in their yards already and they are disgusting.

And who is policing this?

Nobody it seems.

Chatham-Kent is a rural agriculture municipality born on farming and livestock.

Worried about rodents and predators. Noise if roosters. Concerned about winter issues. Chickens running loose. Even feed brings in raccoons.

Chickens belong on a farm. They are not pets and do require regular maintenance and care by trusted, respectful owners.

Chickens are disease carry ,rodent and predator attractors.

People need to actually take a course to raise them ...for their own safety as well as the neighbours, and for the knowledge and humanity of care of the animal.

I don't want smelly noisy chickens damn dogs are bad enough and cat's running loose!

Who would do inspections to ensure standards are met?

Please read The War in the Country by Pawlick.

No

Times are getting harder for Canadians. Allowing us to provide for ourselves in any way possible should be considered seriously within reason. These methods should also consider low income families. Over regulating and restricting canadians is cruel and unnecessary. Hopefully our area will take these facts into consideration. Not just some posh families who can afford \$10 per dozen eggs.

No roosters

I feel 4 productive layers per household maximum and 12 meat birds per year is a suitable number. Otherwise manure and sanitary issues could cause public health concerns. Those concerns could stem further than the household that has the chickens.

It don't matter to me, let the people have the chickens but keep it clean and enclosed.

Dogs & cats are bad enough in town don't need chickens too

It gets cold here. Frozen chickens will be an issue next winter.

I think it's important to consider that this could really help families with getting healthy food and also using food scraps. I think they also make great pets in lieu of dogs or cats. I think like anything else responsible ownership should be required in order to ensure harmony with neighbourhood but as always people's perception of what responsible is varies so detailed rules & responsibilities must be clearly lined out for success in my opinion.

Would be interesting to see chickens

Come on Chatham, what is wrong with this community!!!! Stop with the dirty, smelly chickens. Alot more is needed here that damn backyard chickens. How about places to shop for clothing. Nobody shops here, but yet you want backyard, I give up, stupid town!

Chickens belong in an agricultural zoned area. Keep them there.

Chicken ownership would help allow low income residents to have eggs a much needed protein resource that is often very expensive. It would also allow residents the option of having chicken for meat. This would save them money even though feeding chickens costs money it's still less expensive than paying for groceries at this point.

In addition to helping low income individuals this would allow the sale of chicken feed to become a commodity more locally. This is good for local businesses and would offset the lost revenue from eggs and the even smaller lost revenue from chicken breast (let's be honest most regular residents won't be willing to butcher their own chickens). Chickens keep down tick populations and that helps us lower Lyme disease. That's a win.

Forcing people to pay for a license would be wrong. So would prohibiting the sale of eggs and chicken for those who are willing to put the work in to do so.

People have the right to support themselves and feed themselves. A lot of these people own their properties and pay ridiculously high property taxes and should be allowed to do as they see fit on their property.

That said provisions for landlords to have standards (NOT BANS) on chicken ownership in the LTB regulations would also be needed. People should be allowed to have chickens regardless but they should also absolutely have to be responsible for all care and clean up and leave the property in the same condition it was when they move in upon move out.

There shouldn't be a limit

For the ranking many are top of list and all should be considered... some pro take pride in their yard/landscape and don't want neighbors over running with chickens

No thanks

Chickens are a lot of work that require many hours of dedication. They need to be kept in locations where the owners have the resources and knowledge to look after them properly, i.e., not residential back yards.

I'll get my chickens and do what I want to do.

no

Should not be able to have in a rental unit or in a duplex/4 plex location. Coops must be in your own private fenced in back yard.

Their [REDACTED] smells like strong ammonia

It really is not the town or neighborhood to say what you want on your back yard, you should be able to raise chickens for food or pets

If chickens are allowed then do not Trap Feral cats or other animals that will feed on the RATS and MICE that will multiple with this city Making Chatham employ a Pied Piper for rats
If people take this responsibility seriously it would work well. The few may ruin for the many though
It is ridiculous that there is a law against raising our own chickens, Dogs are a whole lot louder then chickens are, we should be able to raise our own chickens whether it be for eggs or meat.
Not interested in all the neighborhoods smelling and sounding like chickens. Or attracting predatory wildlife and putting children and others in danger.
Environmental impact should be done, we are located in a heavily populated migratory fly way. Could have a large impact to other species at risk if not managed properly
With the rising costs of living, using a more sustainable approach seems to be the best option.
If chickens are ever allowed, it won't matter the rankings if none of them are enforced/followed up on. Which lets be serious, that won't happen and is it really something our municipality has time for?
With the rising cost of living this will be a great opportunity to use this a a sustainable growing platform for many uses including gardening and composting. This will also help with the reduce in taxes dollars for garbage pick up and the carbon foot print per house hold.
Groceries are becoming an extravagance. I have a large family and am a working ft student. Having chickens would provide food for my children along with some responsibility I can help them build.
Why can we not feed our self's
This could work with a lot of supervision .
People should be free to raise birds for their family needs if they choose to do so
With food prices and food shortages in our near future people need to ability to feed their families it's a human right
Let the people have chickens.
I dont see anything wrong with keeping chickens in your yard. As long as they are contained and not travelling the neighbour's yards or others it should be fine. I wouldn't keep roosters in my yard because of noise but hens would be great for egg purposes. The price of eggs is ridiculous
This is a ridiculous survey, it shouldn't be a discussion, people can own chickens
A further issue I could see, would be dogs in neighboring yards. Chickens could set off more barking with dogs. Dogs have prey drive. Also people's cats possibly getting the chickens.
Food stability is omportant
Chickens are rural and not city animals. Next thing will be requests for pigs and goats to be in neighbourhood backyards. Please squash this discussion.
This is an idea whose time came a long while ago.

I use to have chickens when we first move to our house in Chatham Township now your telling me my property can't have them why.
This should be allowed. People need to have save food
I would like the opportunity to have a choice of having a coop. I would expect the municipality to have licensing not only to protect the chickens but to make sure rules are followed. This would require someone checking to make sure the rules of owning are not being compromised and neighbourhoods are being protected from bad owners. I would also like the fencing to be put in so there are not free roaming chickens. We have to have some limits in town.
I think it is a ridiculous idea. People don't take care of the animals they have now so why would they take care of chickens. Dogs love chasing and killing chicken and it will cause nothing but problems between neighbors
No chickens please
if we are truly free Canadians we should be free to grow our own food
Please allow chickens
I think this is a great idea. People would save money and have a fun hobby
A licence to have chickens should not be required. If people are trying to offset food costs, it negates any benefit if we charge for a licence
No
Within Inside CITY limits have restrictions and boundaries. Different from Towns and rual areas.
With the current price of eggs & chicken, this is a really good idea...
Please let my family have chickens. My children would love to have silkies running around, and I would like them to learn to care for them.
Be considerate of your neighbours
Who is responsible if they get loose and wreck other peoples property or make a mess this will just become a nuisance any problem the city can't control and won't do anything about
The less our municipality gets involved the better this can be for those people that want to have these animals. It never fails that when council wants to get involved more money will be wasted trying to keep their thumb on things then if they would have just stayed out of it in the first place.
If allowed the owners of the chickens should make sure they are not a nuisance to neighbours. They must keep them in good health and not neglected.
Avian bird flu!
Let us own chickens. Please.
If you are going to start requiring licensing don't do it. I personally think chickens belong on a farm
There is already enough noise in the city. Obviously your vehicle can be as loud as you want and go as fast as you want, any time of night or day, without ramifications. Also there is the threat of avian flu...have we not been through enough already? I spend enough time chasing cats off my property, , if I wanted to chase chickens I would live on a farm!

Dumb idea. Just because some cities allow doesn't mean it is a good idea!!!!
no chickens in town
I think the people who want chickens should be able too. Especially with the crazy increases in food prices now.
Having chicken helps children learn responsibility and the life circle. Chickens eat leftovers so not so much garbage. Chickens do Not smell and or bring in rodents that wasn't there already. Years ago I had chickens and my grandchildren always looked forward to visiting and collecting the eggs
I'm all for chickens. Just think there should be a registration by law and appropriate fencing and areas for chickens :)
Don't need chickens as we already have possums, racoons. stray cats and kittens rats all in town of Blenheim
Other locations have backyard chicken regulations and probably not necessary to re invent .
This is a can of worms just waiting to be opened sickness, for bird flu is real , as well policing the bylaw would cost way too much we don't need added expenses in this day and age .
Most people are uneducated in what is necessary and too lazy to deal properly with chickens and their environment. Having chickens in the country off farms is risky, in towns would be a huge fiasco on many levels.
The people have no faith the municipality will uphold or control this properly. Why doesn't the municipality start making requirements, and proper inspections with the bylaws they have now? Have bylaws that uphold standards even when it's requires more of yourselves, eg. Grass cutting. We have so many complaints of people doing whatever they want and causing problems for the general public without any help in the end eg. Jay walking. Yet no police presence at intersections or proactive public education campaigns. Homeless allowed to panhandle and loiter on medians. Public drug use, vandalism and trash everywhere. Written in the bylaws or not, we are inundated with backing off of standards to save money or make things simpler for their smaller workforce and general uneducated populace. Instead of holding up standards and enforcing proper level of education, eg drivers licenses. A realization that dumbing things down hasn't helped anyone and figuring out how to continually circulate informational campaigns to the young is essential. Topics that teach civic disobedience and duty; pedestrian traffic rules, rules of the road etc. To really step it up include conflict resolution skills and other basic life skills as camps or merited courses.
We live in an age where many don't want to upset anyone by asking them to know something too well or seem too pushy with rules. So you don't have officers who care enough to deal with difficult situations or willing to stand up to wrong doers. Officers who would be willing to take the chickens and license away from people who invested money in it and have sob stories, would be a necessity. Mandating an educational course with a passing grade of 90%, routine inspections, specific rules even regarding smell to make sure things are handled properly are extremely important.
I know of people that were trying to stop a chicken farm as it was too close according to the bylaws. It is creating a constant odor on their property now as it was allowed by the municipality.

I think people should register with the municipality that they have chickens but I don't feel this should cost anything as the entire idea behind having the chickens is a food cost savings.
Anyone wanting to keep chickens should have to take a course on proper chicken care.
Chickens belong on a farm not in the city. If you want farm animals, live in the country. It's bad enough with cats roaming around.. we don't need chickens.
Chickens are livestock and only belong on a farm, not in the city.
I feel residents should be aloud to have them as long as they own their home. Not renting or apartments. If pens/coops are not being taken care of residents can face the risk of losing the animals. Growing up kids were always selling cookies or lemonade to make an extra buck. Why not allow them to sell eggs. I know a lot who are struggling with everything going up from mortgages, heating their home, fuel prices and now food cost. I believe more would benefit from having the option to have chickens in their backyard. From feeding their families or making an extra buck I see nothing wrong with it.
Although I suggest not having rosters in an urban/city limit setting, those outside the city (country area with limited population, subject to neighbour approval) should be considered having one (or more) rosters for the purpose of populating and providing chicks for other families. This could be based on population density and lot size.
We should be able to provide our own foods as long as it does not effect anyone else's lives within the area. A little clucking is no big deal but a person who doesn't clean there house, or after there dogs isn't going to clean up after there chickens. Keep each case of complaints as an individual case and see if problems can be resolved before removing of hens. Thank you.
If approved health inspectors be provided to review all complaints.
Should not be allowed at all. Chickens belong in the country.
Doesn't Chatham-Kent have higher priorities to deal with rather than dealing with residential backyard chickens? I know the community is more concerned with 2023 residential tax rate increase. I would hope council's focus would be to establish more businesses and job creation to the community.
With the price of everything going up, I think it's a great idea to allow people to have chickens which allows them to have fresh farm eggs. Also meet birds so they're able to provide a more cost effective food for their families.
If people are concerned about noise they should know all the dogs in the neighborhood are far louder than the chicken would be
Health inspections required on regular basis.
Personally, if chickens are allowed in anyone's yard I think a responsible person should be allowed. However maybe a good idea to make it somewhat difficult to obtain the license to ween out the less committed. Chickens are neat animals, but they smell and deserve to be treated properly.
Health inspectors as a requirement.

<p>Having chickens is a good thing. My next door neighbours have them & they aren't noisy or smelly at all. With this economy, you as a government representing its people should be looking for ways to make sure people, families, children have access to healthy, affordable food.</p> <p>Where I live there is no compost pick up, so chickens could eat the kitchen scraps reducing the amount of garbage collected. They also eat bugs like ticks, which is an issue in this area. The chicken poop is excellent fertilizer... the list of pros far outweighs the cons. Done within reason, everyone should be able to have a few chickens if they choose to.</p>
<p>I am not sure if having chickens around apartment building would be a good idea or work. Strict rules and regulations on sanitary conditions and no roosters crowing with no one starting an egg business should be very carefully monitored at all times, no exceptions.</p>
<p>You want chickens and other outside animals move to the country</p>
<p>It doesn't really matter to me, as long as people take care of them, keep their place clean and respect their neighbors yards, I don't really care if they want backyard chickens or not..just as long as they are taken care of and don't cause any disturbances.</p>
<p>No one cleans up after dogs ,cats roam everywhere crapping all over too ,do u think they will clean up after chickens we don't !!!!!!!</p>
<p>It's high time this was allowed considering the strong ag tradition in this area.</p>
<p>Farm animals should be kept to rural areas. What will people do with the chicken poop and straw???? What about all the flies</p>
<p>Don't overthink this. Plenty of municipalities allow it already with no real issues. Just make it happen with reasonable restrictions and guidelines.</p>
<p>no</p>
<p>Since our neighbours have had them illegally, there has been an increase in the number of snakes, coyotes and raccoons in our yard....</p>
<p>Please do not allow chickens in residential areas. The added cost to the municipality for chickens at large and impact on our already stretched animal shelter is not fair.</p>
<p>commercial poultry egg production is highly regulated and monitored through out the year and unless people are willing to submit to the same rules and regulations as farms need to then this should not be allowed</p>
<p>People should be allowed to have chickens if they want</p>
<p>Another aspect to consider is the associated costs to Chatham-Kent taxpayers in order for Chatham-Kent to responsibly monitor chickens in backyards, compliance with rules and regulations, complaints,</p>
<p>Amount of chickens should be a size of property to # of chickens allowed so no overcrowding of coop. Will also keep sanitation issues down.</p>

If chickens were allowed they should not be allowed any property lines they should be made to be within 15 ft of the owners house only.No roosters. They should be made to stay in pens only. I think there will be people abuse this big time best to stay out of the chicken business within town limits the same as it is now.
No permit or license required to keep chickens. Otherwise it is just another CK money grab.
Fees should be low enough to be affordable but substantial enough that the person raising chickens is committed enough to pay for whatever fee is set in place, sort of as a sign of good faith they will keep their chickens well taken care of.
No chickens at in town
If we pay property tax, we should at least be able to do more of what WE want on OUR OWN YARD.
Stop regulating every damn thing. Its disgusting and absurd. Let people live how they want to live. Enough is enough.
Hm, I think we already have places for chickens, they're called farms. As if there's not enough problems with cats and dogs and now chickens. Pigs would be nice. Seriously NO.
There are many rural agricultural areas i CK, the chickens need to remain there not in an urban serving. Will add to the increase in rats and illness .
I believe with reasonable regulations & oversight, residential chickens could benefit many families in a number of ways, including education for children, and help save money at home to combat inflation at grocery stores.
No chickens in urban settings, there will be mismanagement of coops causing sanitary and rodent concerns
Don't worry about chickens. Worry about other important things. Like abuse and neglect.
I think this is a terrible idea. Being involved in agriculture and previously chicken industry things aren't as simple as some people think they are. If these chickens die where do they dispose of them and in the summer months they can create quite an odour in a short period of time. Agriculture should be left up to those that know what they are doing. There are many smaller producers in rural Chatham Kent that sell those products and are not overly priced.
None
https://dengarden.com/news/chicken-project
Education that roosters are not necessary for hens to lay eggs.
Some chickens would be great!
I believe that it would really help out families. The price of everything has gone up, so being able to produce our own eggs will help a bit. Also taste great and we will know what type of food they are fed.
Great way for family's save some money on groceries to have their own access to fresh eggs
Chickens do not belong in residential areas. This is a step backward in my opinion.
Not being able to legally have chickens already is tyranny and a vast encroachment on the freedoms ALL Canadians should be afforded.

Who will ensure chickens are well kept and live in sanitary conditions? Who will ensure neighbours are not bothered by noise? If dogs need licenses, chickens should too.
Chickens for everyone 🐔🐔🐔🐔🐔🐔
Having kept chickens on our property before we moved into town, they're FAR less of a nuisance than the local dogs!
No licensing should be required Sanitary and site is important but reasonable fair rules should apply
Absolutely no roosters! If neighbours complain they have 2 weeks to fix/solve problems.
To my understanding chickens, for the purpose of sustenance are a basic human right and therefore the current byelaw is not legal
It's not a terrible idea. There's studies from UK that correlate waste reduction and back yard chickens. And with the cost of food, growing your own isn't a terrible idea. More people should take an interest in where their food comes from.
This shouldn't be allowed in city areas. If people want this they should move to the country
There should be an emphasis on self-sufficiency among citizens, and chickens could be an enabling avenue worthy of consideration. There should be no fee whatsoever re. licencing.
Stop getting into peoples personal lives if they want chickens let us have them.
No Rooster just hens
would it only be the homeowner that would be allowed to get the chickens or could rental tenants also be allowed to have chickens
With inflation out of control it makes perfect sense to allow citizens under reasonable regulations to be able to benefit to nourish and feed their families.
Predatory animals are a concern with having chickens but we have these animals in Chatham even without chickens in backyards...is this really relevant
We must make sure they are cared for and the coups must be kept clean
Stop this craziness, two or three people approach council and all of a sudden issue or request needs to be dealt with. You can say NO. This will end up being a taxpayer responsibility, because its obvious there is not self accountability or self responsibility left in our society.
We have a right to be self sufficient as human beings. Where we can afford to live (l.e urban vs rural) should not affect this give a year trial basis
Someone else may like the sound and smell of chickens but I would not and while there may be the intention of controlling some factors through municipal regulations this is unrealistic. How often are animal hoarders discovered without anyone having previously known about it? If someone wants to have chickens it should pass the approval of all their neighbors - who can vote anonymously.

Like dogs chickens should have to be regulated owner should have to pay a small fee to keep the chickens and if they are not taking proper care/ or safety precautions then they lose the right to keep the chickens.
I think this is a very good idea, food is expensive
Some urban residential home owners within the municipality are getting ridiculous about what "they" think they can do with "their" property. This discussion in itself is ridiculous and a waste of councils time. If you want to be a pretend farmer move into a rural area of the Municipality. I already have a large pig living in the neighborhood and can't wait to see milking cows approved after we get the urban chicken farmers up and going.
Will staff be able to enforce this and have resources to complete regular checks on properties and Deal with complaints. Home values will be negatively affected bringing farm living to residential areas. This would also add to concerns/cost to landlord rental properties who already have little support from LTB and having to pay for repairs and damages when negligent tenants move out
None. Thanks for the survey.
With the cost of food on the increase, we need to encourage gardens and self means for food sources.
As long as the guidelines are followed I don't see a problem
I personally believe that people should be able to have chickens with proper rules and regulations put into place to keep clean and sanitize especially in more secluded locations such as Shrewsbury/Ragland
Chickens attract many predators and with the rising issue of coyotes being seen in town, and in Chatham, this would only increase their presence. It could put pets and other household animals in danger. We are fortunate in Canada to have the quota system and the eggs being sold at the grocery store are reasonably priced compared to what is happening in the US. Continue supporting Canadian farms and local farms to purchase eggs instead of having backyard chickens.
This survey is not fair you forced answer by limiting value of answers on most questions
Trying to get in touch with bylaw officers who are scarce as hens teeth usually difficult so have no faith in the system working for this idea to police the bad eggs
The city should be encouraging responsible chicken ownership with licensing (annual renewal), and offer incentives to purchase chicken coops (perhaps work with a lock business as a partner) to ensure the safety and care of the animals are up to par. Perhaps even an information course should be required as a licensing component that the city could host.
I support chickens (no Roosters) in all households. If Toronto and other municipalities can house chickens in small yards successfully then why can't we? Chickens if properly taken care of help compost food scraps, provide fertilizer for gardens and provide food for a family in the way of eggs. We want people to grow gardens and not just plant grass that does not provide much to anything and we can help provide other sources of food as well. We just need to look back to world war two and England where people grew food in front and back yards and kept chickens and rabbits for food.
Please for the safety of our large commercial flocks don't allow chickens
I currently have a neighbour who has 3 chickens. They have never been a bother

Council has previously ruled against keeping chickens in residential areas, and council represents the people of Chatham Kent. Please uphold their decision
I think this is long-overdue! There are many other municipalities that allow keeping chickens (Kingston, Guelph, Kitchener, Brampton etc) that are far more developed and less rural than CK. With the rising costs of inflation, I feel it offers residents an opportunity to provide food for their families and can offer children valuable life experience learning where their food comes from and the responsibilities of looking after the animals. Having been around chickens, they make far less noise than my neighbour's constantly barking dog & most people would not be aware their neighbours had them. Irresponsible owners exists for all animals, but it isn't fair to punish the collective when the few issues that will arise from improper care/containment of chickens, can be addressed on an individual basis.
This will teach kids on how to properly maintain a cope, and what all goes into raising chickens. Everyone thinks it's very easy, but it's a lot harder than what people think. I believe that this will also help the shortage on eggs, and may even help reduce the cost of chickens. As long as people maintain a healthy living space for them, and that generally gets cleaned about once to twice a week too keep the smell down. It'll show every single person in the township what it's like to care for and raise chickens.
It seems almost comical that we might restrict people from raising stock to feed their families and force folks to buy everything commercially. It, to me, is akin to stopping people from installing solar panels. People want to be more independent and with the sorted history of the poultry industry, it seems silly to force folks to support something they may wholeheartedly object to.
This was stopped many years ago for many reasons including disease, filth and smell. Who is going to police and enforce the restrictions and guidelines at who's cost. Absolute no! We can't keep up to the cost of policing more serious issues.
I think this could potentially be really great. I as a kid raised backyard chickens with no issues. I think depending on size of property restrictions on #of chickens per sq foot of coop/ property. Keeping the coops sightly, hens only without roosters. Less noise. (even though I've had neighbors with dogs that are louder) this would be great for people looking to supply themselves with they're own food source from the eggs ect. I think like anything there will be some that respect it and are great chicken owners and keep things proper and there will be those that won't. In my experience in the service industry there are houses I wouldn't allow my dog to walk in they are kept so dirty and obviously they would not be ideal candidates to own chickens if they can't keep they're own house in order but there's nothing stopping them from owning cats and dogs that are just as dirty if not cared for. So overall I think it is a good idea but like anything there will be a few that could ruin it for everyone and that is where local authority's will need to keep things in check like PAW. The few that could abuse it shouldn't ruin it for the rest.
This is ridiculous to even have to fill out! We don't live in the country for a reason!!
Very unsanitary . Regulation standards same as commercial poultry producers to be put in place for disease.
I think the distance to neighbouring properties is a huge issue to focus on. Many folks aren't fans of excess noise.

<p>Keeping a small flock of chickens in your backyard has many benefits, from supplying you with fresh, healthy eggs from well-cared-for animals, to giving you great fertilizer for gardening, to providing lively pets—as well as being part of the drive to local, sustainable food systems. It is important part of life and a great teaching opportunity for children. If cared for properly and in a fenced in area (within city limits) chickens do not smell or cause annoyance to surrounding neighbours.</p>
<p>There should be a minimum property size for having chickens and that should exclude most city properties. If people want to raise chickens, maybe there can be a coop on the edge of town.</p>
<p>On require licensing, u give no option other than 7. I do not think they need a license</p>
<p>That is a disgusting 🤢 dirty and very inconsiderate idea.</p>
<p>It's my property</p>
<p>Given the cost of food right now, we should be given all opportunities to provide for our families. This will help those in need.</p>
<p>With costs going up for groceries, having free,fresh eggs will help many people.</p>
<p>I live in town and my neighbor has lots of chickens and a few roosters. Lots of Chickens are zero problem. Roosters can be annoying with noise. Don't go and regulate egg sales. That would be ridiculous. Imagine fining someone for selling eggs. Much bigger fish to fry then waste tax payer dollars on policing egg sales. We buy all our eggs locally and they are WAY better then commercial store eggs. Don't take that away from us.</p>
<p>The community of Wallaceburg has so much to worry about already. We have people checking our car doors nightly, and we can't go for a walk at night without seeing someone high. Why do we want to introduce another disturbance within the city limits? Outside of town, where people have more property, sure, but in town is excessive. On my walk last week, we were attacked by two dogs in 40 min. Dogs that were tied up could reach the sidewalk or in a fenced yard but got out. Honestly, people in this community aren't super responsible. They are currently pretty angry with the government, and I don't believe laws will be followed, and I don't think the township has the resources to police the issues that will occur.</p>
<p>Chickens should not be allowed in town. You have to concern the manure removal, The attraction to rats, weasels, raccoons. The smell on a 100 degree day. Should not be a town option.</p>
<p>If this passes this would need to be highly regulated. Most people don't purchase houses in residential areas to be in the vicinity of a chicken coop. Also how are these animals going to be taken care of in the cold days of winter? Are people going to provide proper heating for them, and space to run? Are people going to clean the coop daily to avoid the smell wafting through the neighbourhood in the hot days of summer? Can people afford the operation cost to having a coop and to keep up with the standards?</p>
<p>I honestly think that everyone should be able to be able to do in their own yard what they need to do to survive rising prices..ie food gardens and chickens if they so desire as long as they are respectful of their neighbours and neighborhood.</p>
<p>As grocery bills rise, tor many the keeping of chickens is starting to make economical sense,</p>
<p>I don't know chickens. I think it's just going to cause more neighbourly dispute.</p>

I think there should be no fees collected by the city or any other federal or provincial government. This includes licensing fees or tags.
I think Chickens are a lot of fun to watch very entertaining and such gentility creatures. And great for the environment.
Chickens are only a start to a slippery slope. Next will be livestock etc.
I pay high taxes to be protected and have property values maintained. This will only serve to erode them.
they need to have a license to be able to have chickens. Many of them have no idea the risks, the problems that avian flu could pose(which is a huge risk), the foods they need for best health and all the neighbours will complain(because that's what they do) Chickens can be VERY smelly as there is an ammonia smell that they give off in their biproduct. Just not a good idea in general.
Very unclean birds. What's to stop people from allowing them in there houses and creating unsanitary living. Children want to put everything in their mouths. Some families views on cleanliness are worse than others and I can see it happening where kids and even adults getting sick from lack of education about chickens. LEAVE THEM ON THE FARMS WHERE THEY BELONG !
Let people do what they wish.
No thank you
Proper manure and deadstock management should be strictly enforced to the same or higher standards as agricultural operations in order to prevent the spread of disease.
Many cities across the US and Canada allow backyard chickens. Please allow people to have the choice of doing so. It is embarrassing to say that our farm related areas do not allow people to have chickens on their own properties
Backyard flocks can be contributors to AI in larger commercial flocks. This is very irresponsible.
People who would like to have chickens need to know how to take care of them. It was a common theme during covid for people to get a dog. Now a lot of those dogs are not wanted anymore. I could see the same trend happening with chickens because they are the next 'thing' that everyone wants
Politicians should not be making decisions based on surveys that are not statistically valid (like this one)
It will be the wrong people who have the chickens. How are we going to police a situation like this, people won't have the proper drenched in areas or coops to keep this chickens in. This is a way bigger problem for residential neighbourhoods.
This is another step to help families be self-sustaining in this time of inflation crisis we all face.
The questions on the ranking page are sqewd. You should be able to rank EACH question from 1-8.
Residents should not have to indicate what Ward they live in.
If done properly this is an enjoyable experience for families and neighbours together
Proper enclosures and cleanliness are the most important

I could see how some people in Chatham might not like the idea of chickens in their neighbor's backyard. But where I live in Thamesville it is a farming community and we already deal with the fun smells that come with farming. You should do a trial in small towns and see how it goes. My area would be perfect. 5 year pilot project to startup and as bigger towns see how it works they can move into it!

None.

I am adamant that they should not be allowed in the city. Pass some fresh chicken poop for counsellors to smell before they vote.

Noise Pollution: Chickens are known to make a lot of noise, especially during the early morning hours when most people are still sleeping. This can be a major disturbance to neighbours and may lead to complaints and conflicts.

Smell: Chicken coops can produce a lot of unpleasant odours, which can be offensive to neighbours and even attract unwanted pests such as rats and flies. This can negatively impact the overall quality of life in the neighbourhood.

Health Concerns: Chickens can carry various diseases, such as salmonella and avian flu, which can be transmitted to humans. This poses a significant health risk, especially for children and people with compromised immune systems.

Property Damage: Chickens can cause significant damage to property by digging holes, scratching up gardens and lawns, and even damaging property structures such as fences and decks. This can result in costly repairs and can negatively impact property values.

survey should be split into 2 categories residential urban and residential rural. For example if a person lives in the rural area which many do with no neighbours in any direction for 100-200m I cannot see them affecting any neighbour.

I am against this concept for many reasons, the main one being that the chickens will ultimately end up being destroyed when the novelty wears off.

This issue has already been debated by past councils and voted down because of too many potential problems. Too much money to pay for administration, by law enforcement, investigations, animal control (pests, varmints & predators), and legal costs to the municipality to prosecute violators. Simply a bad idea and municipal councillors should know better.

It costs more to raise your own chickens than purchase the meat or eggs at the retail outlets; rats will definitely be attracted to these outdoor coops so that will become a problem for the nearby urban dwellers.

Keep them in the country where they belong! We do not need chickens running on everybody else's property, and everywhere else! Whose idea was this anyway? It shouldn't even be a discussion! They are stinky and dirty and not handled right diseased as well.

If people want chicken, please move to rural areas.
No roosters!!
None
Absolutely no fees!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Stop taxing us to death, people want to raise chickens to help solve a food waste issue and to feed their family cheap.
Should be based on location if you have 1 to 200 buffer
Citizens for ethical & cultural reasons, should be allowed to own chickens on residential properties. Bylaws instead of a ban would be the right choice!
I believe chickens should be on agricultural land only
Just want emphasize how important it would be to not allow roosters. That would be a deal breaker for my support.
I think if you want chickens then you should live in a rural area, not in a city neighbourhood.
No roosters pls
I think a license fee to pay for the enforcement is needed so another cost is added to taxpayers.
This should never be allowed in an urban area. We know this will only snowball to allowing other types of animals.
Please do not allow for all the reasons mentioned some residents do not take care of property let alone chickens
Chicken owners to be responsible
I would pray that if this goes through I would never have to live beside someone with chick!
Chickens do not belong in residential areas
licenses would help the city ensure that safety and animal welfare standards are being met while allowing residents to enjoy chickens in a responsible way. I doubt that, considering the rural nature of Chatham, that this would be an issue for the most part!
Do people understand the cost to start up? Coop, bedding, heating,fencing,feed,medication, cleaning,disposal and chickens don't live for!
With the economy and high food prices, it would be a huge benefit to have a supply of eggs. As you know, eggs are one of the most nutrient foods out there. If people are struggling financially, it would go a long way to help feed those in need.

<p>Benefits far outweigh the negatives.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 chickens are quiet 2 chickens are clean 3 eat insects, keep mice away eat weeds 3 eat food scraps therefore less garbage in landfills 4 the bedding and poop makes great compost 5 economically eggs provide food for family 6 raising chickens can teach not only children but adults proper care and responsibility 7 chickens are not aggressive <p>I am speaking from experience that I raised 7 chickens in my backyard and had no issues and provided family and friends with enough eggs to supplement their egg requirements....no disease, no unwanted animals etc but my chickens were protected and enclosed in a suitable area as anyone who has animals should do!</p>
<p>With rising cost of living we need to enable people to sustain themselves and their families. I believe with properly run programs through CK we can increase the standard of living through enabling self sustainability and education.</p>
<p>There is a bigger problem. The rodents they bring, neighbouring dogs and cats go wild, coyotes looking for a meal, noise at 6 am, the smell, the decrease in property value. The list goes on and on. Buy your eggs from local farmers Support our local vendors. We would not even be having this conversation if we had a decent Farmers Market. It's a disgrace not to have a top notch class market in this area with all its wonderful produce</p>
<p>We had chickens in Sarnia , and someone complained so we had to get rid of them,. The kids adored them and we got fresh eggs everyday. As long as you keep the coup clean, there is no smell and it wont attract other animals.</p>
<p>Please, please, please, don't allow chickens in the city!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Don't allow the very small minority change the rules for the majority!!!! Not all people will see this survey.</p>
<p>If citizens wish to have chickens in their yards, and can follow guidelines that do not impact others (ie. neighbouring homes), I see no problem. Most people wish to have them for their own benefit (ie. their own eggs). These chickens could be therapeutic for some as well.</p>
<p>No licence should be required to have chickens</p>

Backyard poultry, like chickens and ducks, can carry Salmonella germs even if they look healthy and clean. These germs can easily spread to anything in the areas where the poultry live and roam.

You can get sick from touching your backyard poultry or anything in their environment and then touching your mouth or food and swallowing Salmonella germs.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious disease and sometimes DEATH. Children under five, adults over 65, and others with weakened immune systems are most likely to get sick from Salmonella.

Chickens could be at risk of catching bird flu when they have access to the outdoors. Infected wild birds can spread the disease by direct contact with your birds or by contaminating your birds' environment. This includes ponds and other bodies of water. There is currently no treatment for infected birds.

Will help with the Tick and bug problems.

Yes, I think it is currently ridiculous that chickens aren't allowed in backyards. People live in such a variety of living spaces that to have a blanket ban is extremely unfair to a lot of residents. They don't buy them willy nilly like people do with other animals - they do their research and they plan to make sure they can provide for all their needs. There are no further risks to having backyard chickens than any other pet. The key is responsible pet ownership. It's unfair to tell a responsible pet owner they can't have chickens when an irresponsible pet owner can have dogs making noise at all hours of the day including night, having their yard smell of feces, letting their cats wander the neighbourhood, killing all sorts of wild bird populations and trespassing onto people's properties while also leaving their feces in other people's gardens. Chickens can be maintained in coops with fenced runs. Their feces can be composted and turned into fertilizer. They help provide self-sufficiency of food to families by providing them with eggs. In the current economy with inflation so high, eggs would be a huge financial help with families. Eggs are packed with protein and other nutrients and are currently unaffordable for many people in grocery stores right now. Families don't have to worry about the living conditions of the chickens that are providing the eggs or what they're being fed, as they are providing all that themselves. It is educational for children to see where their food comes from and gives them an appreciation for the work that goes into putting food on the table. Responsible owners won't leave excess food out which would attract rodents, as that's wasteful. I have seen every sort of predator on my security cameras without having chickens in the backyard. Predators are in the neighbourhood whether or not there are chickens around. A well-secured coop for chickens won't attract anymore as the animals will learn that contrary to what they smell, there is no extra food available to them. Since roosters wouldn't be kept, there should be no real complaint about noise and their clucking is not loud. They also head to bed the minute it starts to get dark. The same can't be said of the neighbourhood dog that barks constantly late at night. During the day, people deal with screaming kids, loud cars, barking dogs, blaring music etc etc. A few clucks from chickens won't be noticed and frankly, if it were it would be a lot nicer sound than any of the ones listed above. Rules can be put into place regarding coop size, number of chickens, placement in backyard and/or distance from neighbours, cleanliness standards, etc. People that break them can get a visit from a bylaw officer. However, to ban thousands of people from being able to enrich their lives and reduce strain on their bank accounts by owning some chickens, just because there is the potential for a couple irresponsible owners or a couple complaints is grossly unfair.

We have had neighborhood chickens run all over our yard, costing us thousands of dollars in re-landscaping each year.
We cannot have vegetable or flower gardens because they dig in them, eat them & ruin them.
We are now having to pay for fencing, which is quite costly, because of someone else's chickens.
If you have chickens, then there should be coops AND they must have a fenced in yard.
Anyone that has had to put up a fence because of someone else's chickens, should be refunded.

If it is allowed in NYC, it should be allowed in C-K.

I feel it is wrong to have chickens in the city PERIOD

This is absolutely absurd to be considering this topic about chickens in residential areas. You should be focusing all your attention to more serious matters accumulating in our communities. Like more job creations, shortage of doctors, homelessness, mental health, infrastructure, climate change, tourism, gun control. These are IMPORTANT issues.
Everyone should have chickens and a backyard garden
Question nine is broken.
DONT WANT CHICKENS IN RESIDENTAL AREAS
My neighbours wouldn't take care of property and this would just bring a rat infestation.
Fresh eggs are important part of my diet, same as people growing tomatoes!
Chickens belong on a FARM!
no chickens period
No
allow it. after a few months 90% of the people doing it will quit because it is work and responsibility.
This is a great idea that needs to be brought back !
I do not want this, we already have two neighbours who are junk hoarders and the town has been called many times and nothing gets done these are the type of people who would want or get chickens, chickens belong in rural areas!
I raise chickens. They are fun little birds and grandkids love them so also educational
Houses in most residential areas are very close together. The yard do not allow sufficient space for a coop and run. The distance required from habitated buildings would not allow for chickens.
I don't want them personally but I think people should have the choice whether they have some like up to 4 max.
Distance from other homes and enclosed backyards are top priority.
There are 2 distinct points of view that should be considered. Keeping backyard chickens in an urban setting vs. in a rural setting
Sorry but this concept is a bad idea
Don't forget about the noise by-law. No people to police it. You will be lowering my property value. If I wanted chickens I would have bought a farm. To many problems foreseen for the city that has not been thought about. Leave chickens on farm. (what's next goats to cut grass).
My neighbour complains about children playing in a pool. I hate to think how he would receive clucking chickens.
They should be allowed in all areas people need to survive with the increased prices
Chicken belong on farms
I think it provides minimal benefit for a few people and the potential for a large negative impact on others. They could instead spend their money on co-operative community supported agriculture where zoning is already in place. Licensing fees should have to cover all enforcement costs before this could go forward. I suspect that this would make licensing prohibitive in cost and therefore not the bargain on eggs some would hope.

Concerns with the proper care and health of chickens. Licensing and regulations should be extensive so the chickens are healthy and cared for. If not enough resources to enforce violations, then no residential chickens should be allowed. Chickens should have the same care as dogs and neighbours should have the right to report improper care. Only allow eggs for household consumption, no selling eggs or killing of chickens.
Number of chickens should be dependent on property size and coop size.
if people are not allowed to have chicken then dogs should not be allowed dogs bark and poop all day and night and people walk all over so why not chicken. from you get eggs and meat what do you get from dogs bark and poop big poop.
Outside of town and city limits should not be a problem for having Chickens
when are the Police going to stop Speeding in Chatham, its like a speedway around here anymore.
Biggest concern is avian flu If this was permitted there will not be enough by-law officers to deal with the many issues and complaints that will come the noise, smell and the residents who are allowed to have them especially if the coops are allowed to be in close proximity to the neighbouring yard
I prefer a common sense approach. I myself have no interest in having chickens, however am not opposed to the idea for others. If residents care for their livestock and their property I am sure that all people's rights and responsibilities could remain intact
Need to be licensed and inspected
The risks are far more worse than the rewards. Who properly disposes of dead stock? Who ensures biosecurity measures are in place. The entire concept of this is absurd and disrespects the agriculture community and core fundamentals of zoning. As I stated before, where does it stop, why not goats for our growing ethnic community or cows for milk: this will set a precedent
I grew up with chickens and it's a lot of work. If not cleaned properly the coops stink like crazy. It gets to 50c here in the summer who wants to try and enjoy their backyard with that stink and/or noise next door. We already are having coyote issues in town what do you think will happen introducing chickens? Also one more thing for bylaw officers to enforce. Talk about potential bad blood between neighbors. Farm animals belong on farms not in cities.
Chickens attract mice and other rodents, if not kept up, they don't belong in town.
After three complaints and no agreeable conclusions you should be deemed not allowed to have chickens !
Lived in a city where neighbour had chickens, smell in the summer was sickening.
People live in the city so they DON'T have animals around them. Go live on a farm
FARM ANIMALS BELONG ON THE FARM NOT THE CITY

I feel I pay enough taxes and I don't feel chicken should be allowed in a residential area -their homes are in farms where -if this is being considered at all then maybe the council members should do a pilot run and have them on their property first to see all the situations that will arise from them -it's very unsanitary for them to be in the city and and I worry about small children being affected by their presence - these animals have been farm animals for centuries and I believe they should stay on farms

Chickens are great for compost and getting rid of kitchen and garden waste. Insect control. As of course backyard hens produce a fraction of manure in much smaller footprint and turn it back into soil and fertilizer.

The rats and mice in the city will quickly become out of control and will stink like a chicken barn.

We need bylaw officers to make sure they only have the number of chickens permitted and making sure they clean them regularly. Neighbors shouldn't in any way have to suffer with the smell. Let them sell their eggs if they get too many. It's good for everyone not everyone wants chickens but they want lower prices eggs. And absolutely no roosters. They are too noisy especially in the morning when people on midnight are trying to sleep

The size of the property should be considered.

My neighbours are already allowed to have "weed" growing in their yard which makes my pool unusable due to the fumes. I cannot open my windows. The city to let fresh air through due to fumes. I cannot imagine if neighbours could have chickens how much worse things would get with noise and smell. I grew up in the country and believe these should not be permitted in the city as people just get loose in following rules and no one would have time to enforce anything.

With inflation, it is my feeling that many are trying to mitigate some of the high price of groceries. Not sure if this is an issue how've r that was my first thought why some one would want to raise chickens.

I'm all for having backyard chickens however I'm very concerned about the welfare of them. There needs to be some kind of registry and licensing program (like for dogs) and also physical inspections at the cost of the owner (not tax funded). Another issue that could arise is people that have bought chickens and then decided they are too much work. Where will those poor chickens be dumped and also do we have any livestock vets in the area?

There are many coyotes in the country. They love chickens, so this will probably result in many more issues.

No chickens

if Toronto can have chickens, there's no reason we can't!

big cities have chickens, no reason we cannot.

the rodents will follow. when the novelty is over there will be loose chickens everywhere

I've owned chickens. They don't cause too much trouble. The usual reason for complaints is there is a rooster. Which isn't necessary for egg production. Or a neighbour that doesn't like you and calls in a complaint. Otherwise no one would really know you had chickens.

No

Chatham-Kent's by-laws are enforced on complaint. This issue appears to be very divisive and has the potential to pit neighbours against neighbours. If chickens are to be permitted, is there a way to make them permitted on residential zoned properties outside of urban centres?
This is a fantastic initiative and I hope it becomes possible.
This survey makes no sense. Roosters should be and 8 and was only allowed to enter 1.
Less government involvement ... please cut admin by 30% . Get out of the "business" of managing our lives.
Stop virtue signalling about climate and housing affordability when you won't allow humans to produce their own sustainable agriculture.
I know too many people who love the idea of baby chickens or collecting their own eggs in the spring, etc but don't realize how much work it actually is and takes away from our local farmers!!
It shouldn't cost anything to raise your own food.
Priorities were misleading because you couldn't choose multiple low priority
no [REDACTED] chickens
It's time for ck to catch up to other communities. Chickens are no worse than excessive cats roaming neighbourhoods.
I disagree with loose free range chickens, unless of course they are in the owners own fenced in yard.
There are NOT enough officers to police this issue. There will be fights between neighbours ..WHY would the city want to sign up for this .
Dump this issue
People in urban settings should not have livestock that's why people buy farms
'- absolutely no reason for backyard chickens
- exception: allow if is rescue bird sanctuary purposes
What's it to the Municipal/ anyone what animals anyone has along a there taken care of and contained in the yard !
Would help with kitchen scrap waste since we don't have a municipal food compost system
People should be allowed to have chickens as long as they are responsible for the chickens health and safety,as well considering their neighbours.
The government doesn't want us to be self sufficient and tough times are here! Food prices are insane! We should be able to farm as many chickens as we want to wherever we're located without restrictions or taxes!
I believe they are Not properly taken care of. Maybe 2 chickens as Pets Only - not "food items", with outdoor time Supervised Only, and in safe Fenced yard.
Health and safety key with license registration
No
There should be some kind of monitoring for cleanliness to make sure the animals are taken properly. Residents should have to apply and have the area approved first.
Absolutely not in agreement with chickens in backyards

I think chickens make the best back yard animal. They provide food, responsibility, and liveliness to a property. I hope to see this bill pass.
With inflation being the way it is right now I feel people should have the option to raise their own food , and enjoy organic quality without the price tag. Not everyone can afford free range / organic from stores .
Should not even be considered
Attracting rodents to area is the most concern I have
Great way to reduce food waste as per European test. Also great learning and development for young children. As long as people do not over do it and keep a manageable amount of chicken this would be a huge win for our community
Please don't allow
Why is this even being considered , I grew up on a farm , does Chatham Kent not know what a farm is , if I wanted chickens I'd move back to a farm.
Health, safety and quality of life for chickens must be standardized. They need adequate area to run however can't bother neighbour's. And must be clean. Chickens should not be in town.
No
No chickens in areas designated residential
Should be different limits for urban or rural or depending how close the nearest neighbour is
Where does the limit to farm animals begin? If chickens are allowed , what next a goat and cow. I can see this on properties with at least 5 acres but not in neighbourhoods. How would this be controlled? We can't even control the cat population.
I already deal with the accumulation of junk in my neighbour backyard. I don't need to add chickens to the mix.
NO chickens in tilbury use your heads
I think that chickens should NOT be allowed inside of town limits. the yards are to small to keep chickens . if you have property that is 100 feet wide and you put the koop in the middle do you not think the neighbours will not smell the chicken █ , and were do the owners of these chickens dump the chicken █ ? if they clean it up, in the trash ? over the fence in the neighbours yard ? keep in mind that chickens have wings and can fly , so what happens when they fly over the fence and eat all the tomato plants next door . chickens should only be kept in a rural area that has at least a acre of land or neighbours that are at least 2 to 3 hundred feet away. just my thoughts .
Workshops on what one needs to know about having chicken in residential areas would be beneficial if - hopefully - this goes through. It would be nice for the municipality to be totally supportive of this project from the very start. Information and education would help the program have a smooth start. This is an awesome idea by the way. Very progressive and it shows you are looking for creative solutions to help our CK community in today's tough economic times. Bravo CK for being proactive!
Have a happy-go-clucky day!
As a municipality, I can't believe we're even considering this.

This is a ridiculous consideration
That's gonna be a no from me, dogg.
Please god no
I vote no
not in apartment buildings or rental units
<p>Who is going to inspect health of chickens for diseases like bird flu that could impact the health of neighbours? I am very concerned that I could be exposed to bird flu and who would know where it originated. Short of selling my home, I cannot escape the risk. Neighbours with chickens may not recognize bird flu or other diseases, or report it if they do realize their chickens are sick or die.</p> <p>Can owners or the municipality be sued for adverse effects on neighbours?</p> <p>What rules would be placed on those who have chickens in their back yards?</p> <p>Who would deal with complaints about those who are breaking the regulations in effect, or who are infringing on their neighbours' rights?</p> <p>Who will round up chickens that escape their backyard?</p> <p>What will be the tax increase for personnel needed to enforce regulations and problems that arise? Hopefully those who have chickens will be required to pay a fee for associated costs for enforcement and services, like dog tags.</p> <p>What kind of space restrictions will be in effect? eg. Can people with small yards still house chickens? That means it will seem like the chickens live in the neighbour's backyard. No distance for smell or noise.</p> <p>What if chickens escape to a neighbour's yard and create a smelly mess? Who cleans that up? Who would enforce that?</p> <p>Who is going to check to see if the animals are being properly cared for? Farmers have many regulations to follow and there are inspections. I don't imagine any of this will happen for a few chickens in multiple yards.</p> <p>Overall, this is a very bad idea!!!</p> <p>If you want to have farm animals, move to a rural area. An urban setting is not fair to either the animals or the neighbours.</p>
If we're allowed to have chickens on our property in the city of Chatham, I'll be slaughtering them on my front lawn.
As a Chatham resident for 3 years, raising chicken will definitely provide my own eggs and meats which is more wholesome than buying from the supermarkets, because I believe many of the chicken products sold were feed with restricted chemicals in the feeds more or less.
As a town resident the worse thing to happen so far was when ATVs were allowed in town! Chickens, ATVs and ANYTHING else farm related needs to stay there!! If I wanted to live on a farm I would have bought one! The last thing I need is when sitting in my back yard having to listen to ATVs ripping up and down my road is to smell smelly chicken poop too! If people want chickens move to a farm!!
Thus is very important in today's economy that families are allowed to raise their own healthy choices.
Please allow chickens. I have had them for years with no issues.

Time to get rid of dog licensing too like other cities have
Recommend against this.
Just let it be. Ppl who don't keep it clean should at that point be unable to have the chickens
I would welcome any neighbor to have chickens providing they are contained within their own yard.
We can't even get a fence bylaw yet we want to allow chickens, cart before the horse
As long as people are clean let them do what they want.
They should be allowed in rural residential properties, but not urban residential properties
Biosecurity measures and spread of avian bird flu are very real concerns. There is not away to control this in town.
I think we should all be allowed to have chickens.
I would like about 4 and that would be enough eggs for my household. With price of eggs being so high can't afford them.
Restricting any person from providing for oneself and family, while counterparts in provincial and federal government's fail to maintain affordable needs, or controlling market prices, should be dealt with as a crime against humanity.
I think this will attract a lot of unwanted predators and noise
Farms were meant for farming
Less government, more freedom
I think there should be a minimum property size requirement.
In properties where houses are close it should not be allowed. Especially in duplexes and town houses
I live outside of chatham in a rural area and am still zoned as residential. Zoning needs to be addressed.
If this goes thru, I can see many neighbors not talking with one another.
If allowed, strict compliance must be adhered to, complaints will be acted on and fines given immediately. Must only be allowed for home owners not tenants.
This would be a great initiative
There is already a problem with feral cats. Dogs need a license. I do not want to see chickens in town. People say they will keep them cleaned up but they won't. Also as stated previously, the threat of bird flu seriously needs to be considered for our chicken farmers.
I do not believe that most residents who live in an urban setting are equipped to maintain chickens 24/7.
Just please no. It seems like a nice hobby to have a couple backyard chickens, but anyone who has been raised on a farm with chickens knows they don't belong in a residential neighbourhood.
What a waste of money to even do this survey.....NO chickens in city's towns or villages!!! They should be on farms with all the other animals!!!
Stop the nonsense and do your jobs. Worry about bigger concerns you avoid.
THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAVE THEM.
Do people really know how smelly a coup can be! i have worked on a farm and they stink bad in the hot summer.
There is no limits ,how many dogs or cats in property,why should be for chickens?

i think an exception should be for property size of over one acre. Then could have up to 6 chickens.
Provide Licensing Dept hand written comments- as not internet savvy and Customer Service has entered the answers on their behalf.
this is a fad thing...un sanitary....chickens create a lot of feces....adjacent neighbor hood roaming cats will spread and bring new filth into peoples homes for example...what about avian flues?...these animals dont need to be that close to humans...i also worry about the inhumane treatment of these animals with half assed coops , etc...also the short supply of vets already in chat kent ..i dont think there are any financial gains to off set feed and lodging costs for theses birds..eggs and chicken aren't very expensive anyway....disease mainly my concern...and urban folks with little experience raising these types of animals...they are not toys !!
I have no objection to the raising of chickens in residential areas however there should be a minimum area requirement and distance to neighbouring properties. Consideration should also be given to the well-being of the chickens in all weather conditions
#8 part of survey not responding correctly
I'm not against backyard chickens in some residential areas but it would have to be monitored in some way. The overall idea of backyard chickens is a good one.
Registered and licensed properties should be inspected randomly to insure compliance and welfare of the chickens
Maybe some people that live in apartments will also want to have them on their balcony
no no no
Should not be allowed
Why allow them to have farm animals in town when they could have bought a farm if they wanted to raise chickens. What's next a cow, pigs, a goat...
Chickens should never be allowed in urban areas. People who wish to have farm animals ,pigs included should live in rural areas . I grew up on a farm and know that chickens wander, pull out garden flowers ,can be noisy and are messy. Local farmers sell eggs at a reasonable price ,so, for those who want farm fresh eggs, they can support their local farmers! For those who are trying to save money , then what is next! Will they want to start raising their own pigs and cattle in their own backyard ,for their meat? !We have seen foxes in our area ,and chickens are going to attract them to these residential areas. Definitely, against this crazy proposal!
Be smart and say no chickens
Chickens are the original garbage truck, landfills take too much organic material that chickens should eat, cutting down the CO2 emissions collecting garbage, moving garbage around landfills etc..
Please keep it simple. Avoid or at least minimize regulatory impact. Thank you!
4 chickens, hens not roosters, enough eggs for a family help of 5, cuts cost of groceries, something we all need now
must be in back yards only
Chickens should only be kept in rural areas!

Let the people raise their own food!!!
Chickens should not be allowed in the city. Older neighborhoods especially have smaller yards with houses close to each other. Given the lack of space the noise and smell will make being outside in your own backyard unenjoyable.
Dint se the need to allow chickens on residential properties.
I recommend registration/licensing for keeping backyard chickens, but it should not be prohibitively difficult or expensive; a test or proof of experience in caring for chickens should demonstrate that the owner is competent to care for them adequately, and proof of adequate accommodations for the birds should be required.
No chickens
A country has done a study and gave 3 chicks to anyone that wanted them and it greatly reduced household waste. I think having chickens would be beneficial for the community.
Chickens should NOT be considered to be allowed within residential areas!!!
Let people grow what they want eat
Farm animals belong on a farm
<p>How many times will council revisit this ! Seems like every year this issue comes to council how many times does it have to get turned down and voted no on this issue, its like whack a mole this issue keeps popping back up. Whats next raising cows in the city because beef is expensive. Why didn't council have the backbone to say this has already been decided, I expect better from the people I vote for to represent me on council, and will take this into account during the next election</p> <p>Eggs only cost approximately .30 cents apiece, at the grocery store, so everyone should be able to afford to buy eggs if they really want to This is one off the stupidest ideas behind only the purchase of a railroad. If you want to raise chickens buy or rent a house in the country where its permitted and expected</p> <p>Chatham doesn't even prevent households from having piles of junk and garbage and old cars etc. on property's even with the existing bylaws so there is no way they will be able to keep chicken coops within any standards no matter what bylaws are put in place. If you have ever seen and heard and smelled a chicken coop this would never be brought to a vote to have it within a municipality</p> <p>Chatham kent is trying to attract new people to the municipality and this will definitely go against all those efforts as who would want to live beside or near a chicken coop in the city or move to the city when your neighbour is allowed to put in a chicken coop and then your property value drops precipitately and your unable to sell your house without taking a huge loss</p> <p>There are many important issues facing Chatham and other cities and towns in the municipality like unbelievably bad roads, extremely high property taxes etc. that council should be concerned with, so please vote this down for the umpteenth time and pass a resolution that once an issue has been voted on unless its a matter of public safety that it can't be revisited for 5 or ten years</p> <p>Thank You</p>

The ranking of 1-8 is not accurate when only one of those things are a concern and the rest should not matter on question (I think) 8. People should need to clean up after their chickens like cleaning up after a dog.
The cat population is another issue
WE are a city not a farm, no chickens
I love all kinds of animals but allowing them in the city gives the potential of many not abiding by any laws at all.
Terrible idea to have chickens in residential zones.
In general I think outlawing the ability for people to grow their own food, whether that be plant based or otherwise is wrong. However, it is important that guidelines are set and bylaws created to ensure that it does not cause significant issues within the community and that any animals kept are well cared for.
WITH THE COST OF FOOD - THIS SHOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE AS LONG AS THE CHICKENS ARE PROPERLY CARED FOR AND PROPERLY MAINTAINED. OFFER CLASSES FOR THOSE NEEDING DIRECTION.
I think it would be a good thing
Pass this. Chickens are good for the family
It's crazy in the city. Bad decision. Selfish.
Don't overregulate this too! Don't start with more permits ! More taxes etc! Just stop with the money gouging!
I don't even see this as an arguable debate. We are a farming community, our children will learn, the benefit of food, etc. I think it's a win win
Therecate sightings of coyotes in Ridgetown because of the domestic rabbit issue - no need to give them another reason to hang around!
If you have no neighbors around, and you have half acre or more you should be allowed to have up to 25 chickens
Chickens belong in more rural areas, not urban neighbourhoods where lots are small and neighbours are close to each other. I worry about the SMELL of chicken POOP, GERMS, VERMIN!! Property values would really go down if a neighbour had chickens!! Once someone was allowed to have a coop & chickens, I think it would be very difficult to ensure rules and regulations were abided by. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CHICKENS TO BE RAIAES IN RESIDENTIAL URBAN PROPERTIES!!!!
I like the idea but not in the city
There should be some sort of course or test in order to obtain permits/licenses to have chickens in town
No matter what is decided someone will be unhappy.
Go chickens
If you were to allow hen's only it would cut back on a lot of the potential issues, I think this would be a good thing for the community. This community is based on farming all around chatham kent, if other places like Toronto can make this work we should be able to as well. The pros would outweigh the cons, they eat bugs and hens would not make much noise especially breeds like silky chicken which are small. I do think that it should be restricted to a house environment with a backyard, not someone keeping them on a apartment balcony or something.

if you want to help the environment you would allow chickens in backyards
I do not agree with chickens on my street
We have our fingers crossed that chickens will be allowed a fair rules will be made.
No chickens . We don't live in country. I'm opposed.
We need chickens
Give the people the choice to provide for their families thanks !
This is really not something that the over baring intrusive government should have any hand in at all. You do not have the right to tell people if they can eat and what legal right does someone with who is zoned agricultural have a higher right to eat than someone zoned residential. You really need to all stop being communist marxists down at city hall and get out of small things like this. And spend your times fixing up our horribly kept roads, Patrolling the out of control atv stunt driving problems and cleaning up all the poop pit properties with busted drug houses and broken down vehicle junk all over everyone's property. In my opinion you all have your priorities backwards.
I think it all depends on each area. Shrewsbury is considered in the county
Most people would not have chickens. The few that may
Case by case situation
Just be fair.
If someone has been doing it for a long time. Grand fathered
Could be his or her hobby or pets.....
Just be fair
You're wasting money on this just allow it you fascists
Owner must sign contract according to city bylaw. Not a license but a binding contract that after 4 valid complaints and the chickens have to go.
This is a terrible idea. Please don't do this.
Chickens would help reduce waste and promote local commerce
We have people living under the bridge and are homeless and Zck is ssssoo worried about the damn chickens in the city!!! How about you scratch the chicken idea and SERIOUSLY HELP THE HOMELESS AND CLEAN UP CHATHAM KENT!!! The chickens will only add to the pile of ■■■ that is already being thrown on us!!! Taxes are high enough!! If you want chickens.. MOVE TO THE COUNTRY!!

Rural residences should be allowed to host chickens.
I'm not going to pay higher taxes because ol' McDonald wants to move to the city!!! If my dog attacks a chicken I'll be damned if I'm getting fined for any reason!!! Farm animals are to be in a farm... not in a city. I will be damned if I have chicken [REDACTED] in my yard because of this ridiculous bylaw you nonsense people that's supposed to be our mayor, council and everything else you want to call yourselves !!! I take pride in my yard and if a chicken comes in my yard.. we'll... my property.., I do whatever I want!!
Chickens or whatever is no different than owning dogs and cats. Be responsible if you own them.
I think given the crazy price of groceries not to mention EVERYTHING these days that it should be allowed. As a household who eats eggs every day my husband and I would definitely consider having a couple just to save money on the cost of eggs for sure. Friends of ours live on a farm in Thamesville and have many chickens which save them money on eggs. I think it's nice that you're reaching out to the public for feedback before making a decision.
I feel as though land size should be looked at as well. We live in the heart of town but on .2 acres and I found in shocking that I wasn't permitted chickens for eggs for my family when owning so much land. I understand if you're in a new subdivision and the lots are small that chickens would become an issue.
They are aloud in other places so why not here? Chatham is a farming community!
please vote NO
Looking forward to finally moving ahead on this issue in a positive way!
This survey makes it seem like people are asking for better tax rates or more effective politicians. It's just chickens, not that big of a deal. We have cats and dogs making noise and dedicating all over the city. I don't see how chickens would be any worse. At least eggs would be the up side.
This will be positive for the families of Chatham - Kent!
I do NOT want any chicken's in town at all . The chicken's need to be free range on a farm . Thank you .
Let taxpayers utilize their properties to the fullest. This is a great addition for many struggling families.
Time to move forward on this issue. Chickens will benefit many families.
If stinky cannabis greenhouses can be placed by my house and kid's school without my input...why not chicken to help feed people? This is ridiculous it's even a question of debate.
Chickens eat pests, allow a degree of self sufficiency, teach where food comes from and responsibility

<p>In light of yesterday's article, the link can be found below. https://blackburnnews.com/chatham/chatham-news/2023/03/22/bird-flu-found-ck-poultry-flock/ This is an obvious health concern with possible crossover potential to other living things including humans. Is someone going to be hired at an additional cost to tax payers to monitor for the bird flu or will this fall upon the honour system whereby someone has to report a violation or health concern in that someone must report it similar to a bylaw infraction to be investigated? We all know where this goes! I would not knowingly live next to a property which had chickens on it if I were looking to purchase a home & am concerned for the value of my current property in that it will decline.</p>
<p>Allowing for chickens in everyone's yard is just asking for the city to look even more like a dump. These chickens were not meant to be raised in the city they are FARM animals for a reason. This does not make any sense. You all want to improve the living in Chatham Kent I suggest you put your time and energy into something else that will actually improve the lives of the citizen rather than causing problems.</p>
<p>I think if people want to have chicken they should, but to know how to take care of them too.</p>
<p>You never cared before for years why now?</p>
<p>Just let people try it. We need to be able to feed our families.</p>
<p>We are allowed to have many different pets, from multiple cats, dogs, birds, etc. I don't understand why chickens don't fall under the same category. They are extremely practical pets that feed us and take care of SO much food scraps! Their poop is the best fertilizer for gardens as well. They are just so incredibly helpful all around! Not to mention, they are sweet, friendly animals!!!</p>
<p>Backyard chickens should be allowed.</p>
<p>Your ranking of concerns is difficult. Should have been able to use rating numbers more than once.</p>
<p>Question number 8. I would have ranked all the issues a number 1. Question 8 is inappropriate set up. We live in a high end neighbourhood and pay high taxes. Having chickens in my neighbourhood infuriates me and other neighbours! What next!</p>

I think it is VERY important to start getting back to our roots and learning how to do things the old way. Keeping chickens is an amazing way to support your families health and happiness. With the way our food is made now a days many people really like knowing where their food is coming from and what went into it, why would you not want to know? Chickens are just like dogs, dogs bark and poop on lawns but were allowed to keep those. Chickens are probably quieter than dogs barking AND you get eggs and potentially meat out of them so its a wise investment, more than just a pet.

I am strongly for chickens. There can and should be some rules to keeping chickens with neighbors but i think if you are going to go through the hassle of getting Chatham to pass a law for chicken keeping, you are probably going to ensure that you do everything right to keep your neighbors and the county happy. If you do not than you can call animal protection services or something just like any other animal.

Chickens are so beneficial in so many ways plus you cut down on scrap so less waste/garbage! They also eat bugs from the ground so they keep bug count down. The smell is none existent if you keep the coop properly clean so smell is no problem.

Also i strongly disagree that you should need a permit to own chickens, that's kind of crazy. That goes back to dogs, you don't need a permit for those why should you for chickens? cause they aren't your typical animal? cause they provide food? I don't get that. No permit should be required just rules in place for proper coop size and run size and maybe a fenced in yard if they chose to free range.

Food security is critical right now and chickens is an easy way to start.

Please strongly consider allowing chickens, even if you test it out for a month to see if itll work out. Please allow chickens! Love Chatham Kent and want to see more chicken people!

No chickens should be considered.

I would love to see chatham have chickens! they are incredible little animals. No different than other pets!

Plus way more benefits than other pets!

Please allow chickens

I can see a lot of issues with this if it becomes legal. Mainly noise, smell and unsitely backyards

One of my sons had a neighbour with chickens in a residential area and the smell and noise was unbearable!

This is a a really bad idea that runs counter to all public health standards, not just sanitation about the keeping of chickens, but the inevitable problems with vermin that will certainly follow.

Bylaws meant to control problems will, like most Chatham-Kent bylaws, not be enforced.

Hard to choose a number in the survey when only one number pops up. No need to license rural communities. Maybe in the city of Chatham. Not all of Chatham - Kent.

Screening and registrations for people wanting chickens is a must in order to maintain the health and well being of the animal and the eggs they produce/ meat quality.

If you want chickens or any other livestock move to the country and do your thing .People already are inconsiderate of other people they do not need any help to be more inconsiderate within the city
Chickens belong in rural areas, they do not belong in residential ones
I will move out of CK if chickens are permitted in my neighbours back yard.
This is ridiculous. If you want chickens go to a farm
How would you be able to control of bird flu if you are able to have them all over the county
If people want fresh eggs and chickens, then support our local chicken and egg farms. Most backyards in CK are too small to support private chicken coops.
AVIAN issues , Duhhhhh
If you want farm animals move to the country
Owners should be responsible for a plan incase of intense weather
Roosters should be allowed.
Overall i believe this is a terrible idea, which is why it has been shot down so quickly in the past. We have enough strays roaming the city we do not need to add chickens to that list. If we really want chickens so desperately maybe set up a community coop just like the community gardens and keep it to one or two community areas as opposed to everyones back yards
Coyotes, rats and bird flu.... what more can I say. This goes against all public health principals.
Chickens should only be allowed on farm property or properties that are out in the country, not in a town or city.
Should be max of 2 per household for food purposes strictly no one needs a chicken as a pet, roosters should be restricted for farmers only.
Should be a standard set for yardage and coop health standards
If more households can have chickens available, they will eat nearly all compostable garbage, this can actually help cut back on household waste, and chickens smell better than compost. Not only that, but with the rising cost of groceries, having a self sustained source of eggs/meat in your own yard and on top of that the waste from chickens makes for great fertilizer, furthering the point for food self sufficiency. If the township needs any involvement besides allowing residents to have chickens, I'd suggest that resources and education be given to those interested in having them to make sure it's safe and clean for all households and the chickens.
If your going to allow chickens, the next person may want a cow etc... how can you say yes to chickens and no to other FARM animals.
I feel back yard chickens will be a great addition to Chatham-Kent. Companionship, pets, and food are good examples.
If you want to raise chickens buy a farm

They just slaughterd chickens 100 km. from Toronto last week at a poultry because of disease. These places are monitored. Who is going to monitor these homes with chickens. I do not want the smell, noise and predators roaming my neighbourhood. I have a small dog, who is going to protect her. Throw this motion into the garbage where it belongs forever.

Chickens are omnivores and will eat most table scraps limiting household waste and providing the benefit of fresh eggs. People should be encouraged to have the ability to feed themselves.

I don't think you should change the law . A person can't save much money as they still have to feed the hens so it defeats the purpose by having them in their backyard.

Chickens belong on rural property.

If you live in or close enough to the city, then that is because you enjoy city life with no animals that would fit under the agriculture zoning by law. We live in a community where, living in the country is really only 5 minutes out of Chatham. If people want to raise chickens then they should be looking to move to an area zoned for this. The cleanliness, and yard space, are a major concern. As well, has this by law not been proposed in the past few years and already rejected? How often do proposals for by-laws get re-proposed and rejected?

There doesn't appear to be any concern for the welfare of the animals in this survey. As much as I appreciate the concern for our citizens, I question how the welfare of the chickens will be monitored

Please keep in mind who is going to enforce the by-law. CK already depends on the police to enforce parking, noise complaints and barking dogs. Handling chicken bylaw complaints really shouldn't fall on the police. Perhaps CK should start looking to expand what their by-law officers are allowed to respond to.

If this goes thru, it just opens the flood gates to other animals in towns - ie, pigs, reptiles, etc
What is the point? You want fresh eggs? Go down the road to your local farmer and buy them.
You're spending more money for a coop, feed, etc then you're saving.

Current agri-business practices are harmful to the environment, have inhumane practices for raising chickens, and produce unhealthy and unaffordable food. Backyard chickens is a solution.

Only to feed your family that lives on the property where the chicken's are.

With cost of food I don't see anything wrong with someone keeping 4 to 6 chickens for eggs

There s a Chicken Flu in the Chatham area wright now ! I heard that on the Radio today ,Nice! Ive been a resident of Chatham for almost 50 years,and i dont want Chickens in my neighborhood.

Make it easier to make money everyone gotta eat

Prices of everyday things are high for the average consumer due to factors outside of their control, make this easy to start and lightly regulated and work backward as you find more cases of necessary restrictions or changes to chicken ownership. Eggs are amazing food and the ability to get 80% of breakfast for free every morning for a family cannot be understated. Also, this will take effort. Not everyone, in fact, not even most people will do it. Few will, and those that will are likely to take it seriously, but if you make it too difficult, they'll say 'Guess I'll just pay 7\$ for eggs because they made it too much of a hassle to own chickens.'

With 1 in 5 households in CK experiencing food insecurity, the issue of backyard chickens should be seriously considered. There are studies evidencing how backyard chickens reduce food waste and are beneficial to families/ communities.

No chickens at all within an urban area. Ok for residence in a rural setting with minimum 300' lot distance separation or road separation. People keeping chickens must pass a course on raising chickens and/or have graduated from an accredited ag college.

There is such a thing as over-regulation. When you make these rules, you end up creating limits back up by an enforcement process that never requires a complainant to prove the worth of his allegations. It starts neighbourhood feuds, which is how all this fuss started. When Chatham-Kent has maintain the ditches in Shrewsbury, perhaps then they can decide exactly the right way for backyard chickens to be raised. That should be your priority.

THE NEWS HEADLINES TODAY ARE ALL ABOUT "BIRD FLU" OUTBREAK IN CHARING CROSS. I CAN'T IMAGINE A DUMBER IDEA THAN OPENING-UP EVERY BACKYARD IN THE CITY TO CHICKENS AT THE START OF A BIRD FLU PANDEMIC. HONESTLY WHO THINKS OF THESE RIDICULOUS IDEAS? I CAN BUY ALL THE EGGS I'D EVER WANT AT SHOPPERS DRUG MART FOR LESS THAN \$4/DOZEN (33 CENTS EACH). NEAR AS I CAN TELL THAT'S BEEN THE PRICE OF EGGS FOR YEARS. EVERYBODY IS GOING CRAZY.

I think it's a great learning tool for children about responsibilities and caring for animals. It's also a great way to keep people active and motivated to be outside and be self-sufficient

Limit roosters to 1 per pen and only houses in residential areas with large enough yards so they don't bother other neighbors

I feel that it is important to be able to provide for yourself. Fresh eggs are so much more healthier for us and we all need to get back to the basics

I know people who rent in Chatham keep the chicken inside. Don't have permission from landlord. House stinks. It is important that something is written to exclude chickens from rental property. Landlords don't want to deal with tenants who abuse. There must be provisions to not allowed inside due to the many virus flue e. Coli etc issues. This also protects the landlords property. Since it take forever to evict and the whole time the chickens are destroying the property. Cannot allow chickens in complexes with common land. Not fenced in and not inspected for health and safety!

Avian flu health risks (ie. jump species)

In the city where yards are close chickens should not be allowed. The smell would intensify in hot weather. Chickens attract predators. Dogs in the neighboring yard will be barking. Even outdoor cats may kill chickens. Rural towns/villages should be allowed even though not zoned agricultural. Size of yard and distance from neighbor should be a deciding factor. Ability to contain birds in an area necessary. Avian flu will be every where with roaming birds.

In theory, this sounds like it could be a good idea. But the implementation would be another story. I never thought about it needing to be regulated - making sure that people are following the rules! I guess if you really wanted chickens, you wouldn't have a problem following the rules.

Would there be a fee to get your license? To help cover the cost of the "Backyard Chicken Checker"? So many factors to consider. Is this the best use of our community resources?

People don't know what to do if a chicken gets sick and they don't know how to help it. There should be support if a chicken gets sick. There are few vets available for small flock help. Chickens enclosed in small pens don't have enough free range grasses to eat and the pen ends up being muddy and stinky due to overgrazing. This increases the chances of chickens getting disease. Mobile pens may help solve this problem. Hens need greens and vegetables to pick at all day long. Vegetable waste can be diverted from landfills to backyard chickens.

It's not financially viable for urban residents to have chickens. The biggest issue is the threat of disease to the commercial flocks in Kent County

I believe the requirements are overdone. Size of coop and run are the only important ones. Proper coop maintenance will not smell or be unsightly. Lots of carports and sheds out there already and coops look no worse than those.

As far as noise and sanitation they are less troublesome than dogs and cats.

If I wanted to live in the country with chickens, pigs, and other animals I would have bought a house in the country.

My neighbour had chickens for one summer. The smell was horrible and my dog, who hunts birds, barked continuously at them. The chickens just ran wild all over the backyard. Also, if chickens are allowed, I don't want to have to be THAT neighbour who calls the city to complain about neighbours not complying with regulations. This would cause friction and tension with our neighbours which I don't want so we would just have to live with our annoyance quietly. If people want chickens, they can move to a rural area.

Chickens are a great thing to have they eat all sorts of insects they are great composters if you have fruit rines or vegetables from the garden the bugs have gotten to before you they eat that up to.. they produce eggs which I can say personally there is nothing better than a freshly laid egg ☺... there are surrounding communities Dutton being one of them many people have chickens in there back yard in town.. I think chickens are a great idea and a great growing process from egg to bird for children and chickens can become great companions also.. it's always fascinating to go out to the coop and see if your girls left you any presents it's like Easter every day!!!

As seniors who have lived in our home and invested in our property we don't deserve to have noise and smells ruining our enjoyment of our backyard!

<p>NO Chickens. Stinky, smelly. Insect and predators attractors. We already have enough skunks and raccoons. The question where you had to order your responses was poorly written.</p>
<p>Dumb idea, as chickens will not be dealt with humanely, and animal officers don't have time or resources to investigate and enforce.</p>
<p>I think allowing chickens in residential areas is a BAD idea People that have no idea what's involved will cause untold problems It is NOT a potential cure for food insecurity</p>
<p>A few years ago when we lived on Woodland Rd in Wheatley we had a neighbour who had a rooster and some chickens. The rooster cock-a-doodle-dood at first light, which started the neighbourhood dogs barking, and that thing kept it up all day long, every single day. To top it off, the neighbours were oblivious to their rooster's racket, their own dog barking like crazy for hours on end and the neighbourhood dogs barking. Left a bitter taste regarding chickens in back yards.</p>
<p>This not only brings in predators, which endangers other domestic animals, small dogs, cats, bunnies ect... and Avian flu is a concern.</p>
<p>I do not see the need for chickens in the residential zone of chatham kent. Yards are not big enough to sustain healthy living for them.</p>
<p>I was raised in a rural area and have relatives in such areas still. Chickens require coops for the seasons and runs. They are not cheap to maintain both dietary and health needs. They also attract wildlife predators. Thus they need to have enclosed coops and runs. One of my relatives in a large rural area had to protect against hawks, foxes, and other wildlife by fencing around and on top of the runs and coops. Disease can be a concern. Eggs need sanitizing. Coops and runs need regular cleaning. It is not a hobby for the people. Just handling a chicken can result in potential salmonella. There is no practical way to prevent eggs being sold or given to others. Each transfer without the proper cleaning is risky. How many Council members were raised with chickens? Do they know what daily routines are needed? What happens to hens who are past laying? Where are they put? Hopefully, not in garbage cans. Please deny this request to become protect all of our urban and closely housed rural areas.</p>

A lot of brain storming needs to take place of the negative effects the birds can cause.
Chatham-Kent needs to put in place many NEW policies and rules in place with no grey areas before any decision is made for or against.
All counselors need to ask themselves do they have any experience or knowledge of this chicken area or are they just trying to appease this area.
Also is the Health Department on board to have chickens and is the health department ready for any and all health related issues that can happen.
The core of Chatham-Kent "CITY" is not a farm we need to separate farm from city. What will be next pigs, cows you name it. Farm is farm lets keep it that way.
Thank you

Chickens help to keep bugs under control

Chickens are excellent insect and small rodent control. If you have them contained in your yard and no roosters they are fairly easy going. They are also good for garbage reduction because they will eat almost anything and reduce food waste.

Owners are responsible and not allow roaming birds on neighbor's property

This is a great idea, let people be more self sufficient, the community be more resilient, less food scraps would end up in the landfill. It's a win win win situation.

If people can't sell eggs then they also should not need to buy a license. We don't need a license to plant and harvest a garden. There won't be noise unless you allow roosters.

I can hear my neighbour's rooster(s) and it is pure delight. Almost as good as listening to the lions from down the road roar. My grandchildren used to run past me when they visited. They went straight to the hen house. They named each hen. I got jealous so no longer have hens. Big disappointment to my grands. CK has my support to allow having backyard chickens. I see a whole lot more benefit in chickens than I do in the proliferation of dogs and cats. Get crackin and welcome the feathered ladies and gents.

You want chickens, go live on a farm. What next, goats and pigs

Back yard flocks are instrumental in spreading Avian Influenza as demonstrated presently in Chatham-Kent.

Animal welfare is a concern in cold and hot weather conditions.

It is a bad idea in urban areas, it will increase mice/rats and other predators such as coyotes which are already starting to take over Chatham. Please don't approve this!

When I was a child many families had back yard livestock, chickens ducks rabbits, a pig or a cow. this was before municipal water and more modern services. The ability to have chickens etc. should be governed so that property size is a consideration. Large urban lots should allow chickens small 50 foot lots could pose problems. Too many children today have no connection to where food comes from.

Chickens do not belong in residential areas

People should be allowed to curate their own food.
No
Standards around hygiene and cleanliness to be enforced
Afraid that this could become a reason to argue and fight with neighbours.
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.
Information regarding responsibilities need to be available - both for the 'owner' as well as for the health of the chickens.
Buy or move to a farm
We have a nice clean area. And they stink. And it will hurt farmers bottom line.
Regulated chicken keeping should present few problems
chickens are a good provider for food, for family and friends
I believe that people would be enthusiastic when they first get the chickens, but do not understand that there is a need for housing, bedding and feed year round. In the winter, they must have an animal heated waterer to keep the water from freezing and an indoor area with bedding. This could also be a potential fire risk as an extension cord is normally required. As well, when chickens get out on the streets who will be required to try to figure out who they belong. Will this also increase calls to the Chatham-Kent Police Service to deal with chickens on the road or when chickens are stolen? Where will the straw and shavings be disposed of? Depending on the age of the chickens, they will need to have their wings clipped to keep them from flying over fences and up into trees. Chickens do not belong in town.
Chickens are allowed in many other urban areas in Ontario. I see no problems if owners are licensed. And inspections done yearly for chicken owners.
I feel rural residential and D zoned properties should be granted chickens.
if more than three violations they must remove them from the property.
Chickens are great for communities. Enough communities around the world have proven that chickens can reduce household waste, in reality they PREVENT pest infestation (they love to eat ticks, mice, etc), and are one of the 'greenest' initiatives that would help future-proof Chatham-Kent.
they belong on a farm with open space where noise and smell are mitigated by distance from home
Many other counties with much huggers populations. Why not very rural Chatham Kent?
Please don't.
Chickens belong in rural areas

Do not recommend having chickens in residential areas
There should be a licencing fee just like I have to pay for dog tags
We always seem to be in the midst of an Avian Flu epidemic. Isn't this the third wave???
Not the right time and it may never be the right time to consider this issue.
Concerned about avian flu transferring species
I think this would bring a threat to domestic animals small dogs, cats,bunnies ect. From predictors coming into city plus bird flu threat
The Municipality of Chatham-Kent should not be providing a Survey to residents of this community without also providing research and education on this issue to properly inform constituents. Information on health hazards and a potential pandemic due to Avian flu should be provided to residents before they complete the survey.
<p>the idea of food security is a non-issue when it comes to keeping chickens.</p> <p>A chicken lays ONE egg per day. In order to provide food security to a family they would need at least 4-5 chickens. When these hens no longer lay eggs, will these people be willing to take their "pets" to one of the local abatoirs to have them slaughtered for further food security?? We also have the problem of avian flu. Unless the keepers are well educated on the keeping, feeding, and health care of chickens, we have the problem of transmitting avian flu. We cannot allow untrained keepers of a few birds risk the business and livelihood of chicken and egg producers. There are multiple bird illnesses/diseases which affect chickens, some of which are transmittable to humans. Prospective keepers should be required to take a course on chicken care, disease prevention, and yard care (as chicken excrement is not pleasant smelling) before they are able to acquire a permit (both of which they should pay for to ensure that they are serious about this venture) for "up to" X number of chickens, hens only, as roosters are noisy critters.</p> <p>We also have the issue of predatory animals. In my end of Chatham we see coyotes daily. There are free-roaming neighbourhood cats, and a murder of crows. All of these will find backyard chickens easy prey unless they are confined to chicken coops/runs.</p>
Chickens do not belong in residential areas. They belong in rural areas only
There is a lot of work that goes into raising chickens. If allowed people should have to take a mandatory course before getting them. Plus they are known to draw rats and mice.
Rats
If this is allowed, people tend to push the parameters, would neglect rules. Also unfair to next door neighbours. Dogs are already problematic.
Vet checks and vaccination against avian flu

<p>By allowing this, the municipal will have a lot of people putting their house up for sale. If you have already lived in an area that it has happened you would know that once it starts it will not stop.</p> <p>Maybe the municipal should look into making home owner register their cat(s) that roam around and leave their crap in others home owners yards and dig in their gardens. Or dog owners that let their dog crap on other home owners lawns. There is so many other things that should be done before allowing chickens in yards</p>
<p>Has this been tried as a test project in Chatham yet? If not, please consider. What happens when chickens don't lay eggs? Will owners still keep them? What happens when the bird are too old to lay eggs? Will the owners kill them?</p>
<p>I think it's a wonderful idea to allow people to connect with the practice of raising chickens, helping the environment and creating a healthy hobby</p>
<p>Municipalities exist because they are closer to the people they govern than the Provincial government. Climate change is an existential threat for future generations. Municipalities are in a great position to implement policies which can challenge the status quo in a way which permit people who want to make sustainable changes to make such changes. Allowing backyard chickens can be the first step to moving people towards more sustainable, self-sufficient food production while connecting with the physical land in their immediate area. (I'm not envisioning a utopia where everyone is off-grid and self-sufficient - just pointing out that current policies discourage this type of living.)</p>
<p>Given the proper measures are in place, there should be absolutely no reason to prevent citizens of this community from creating their own food sustainability, within reason. The husbandry of chickens will also help with controlling other public health concerns such as ticks.</p>
<p>inviting Disease pressure like bird flew will be detrimental to commercial producers and where will wastes go into garbage pickup ? This will turn into a disaster and will make lots of disputes amungst neighbours if you want chickens move to the country</p>
<p>job opportunity for regulation and monitoring, paid for by licensing and registration fees of those who want chickens educational and guidelines provided about egg and meat consumption- how to do this in a safe, humane healthy way many countries do this and many municipalities do this also so information is available to do this in a safe healthy way</p>
<p>With the prices of food going up, the government doesn't want to step up at least make other alternatives. I was at a grocery store last week and it was packed because they had a good sale. When I got in the car I had said to the person I was with, it really goes to show you prices do not need to be as high as they are. I feel for our next generation, you want people to stay in Chatham but as small as Chatham is they can't afford to live here.</p>
<p>I think many other municipalities have allowed this and a look at their guidelines would be best. I also think that there should be something said about how much chickens can help with food waste too. Thank you for this consideration.</p>
<p>Ridiculous to even consider this!</p>
<p>Chickens are the vectors for influenza and avian flu. Will public health be monitoring human workers and owners in our population. The industry already has monitoring for this will the municipality be inspecting all operations within the city for cleanliness and compliance?</p>

If you want Chickens you should live in the country. What's next, goats?? Terrible idea. Should not even be considered!
Please refer to question 10.
a fowl idea what a mess they would cause
I think the number of chickens should depend on square footage of yard/coop
Chickens need to be on a property that can adequately provide for space, heating, lighting etc, i.e., rural not urban
Other municipalities are already doing this now. Much safer to have around than larger dogs.
Don't want the smell or the Noise
Let's stay grounded in Nature.
Don't do it !!!
Chickens are farm animals therefore should only be allowed on farms.
Chickens are farm animals and should be kept on a farm!!!!
Are you Mad?
Just don't think it is a good idea and is the city going to hire chicken police to enforce code. Too easy to break the rules for profit.
They attract coyotes, wild animals like raccoons, as well as rats, mice etc. Also the noise would be terrible
Why should chickens be registered or require licensing when that isn't even required for cats that roam all over, defaecate all over the place, carry disease, and continue to multiple and create even more roaming cats with no recourse and these poor animals are just roaming around with no proper shelter or food?
The councilor that brought this ridiculous motion to the floor should withdraw the motion. As council, you surely must have many more pressing issues to deal with in Chatham-Kent other than this nonsense. Look around at the decay of our area our streets and infrastructure, the homeless and all the carnage of litter and filth being strewn everywhere. Police who take up over 35% of our budget yet are not acting pro-actively and only react and respond to calls and don't even bother patrolling the community anymore. They turn the other cheek in many situations to save themselves the chore of doing their due diligence and avoiding burden of paperwork.
Surely Chatham-Kent has more important things to be concerned about, other than chickens. Who would enforce the operation? Everything I see, with no current enforcement of even basic property standards, allowing this, the chickens would all come home to roost.
Throw this ridiculous motion out!!
Self sustain
Avian Bird Flu is also being verified in some mammals. Is this a good time to consider this issue?

All chicken runs must be predator proof. Fence should be deep in the ground , enclosed sides and top. I would like to see the pens 5'-6' high . Birds like flap their wings (exercise).
This is ridiculous. The smell is awful and it will attract predatory animals into the city limits. Chickens should not be allowed in back yards. Thanks for asking for resident feedback.
Chickens are known to attract all kinds of bugs, flies, fleas, lice, and I don't want this around my yard when I'm having a bbq or enjoying the peace and quiet of my own yard.
People do not respect others property and chickens will be let run wild. Bird flew will spread like wild fire as idiots shouldn't raise chickens. There are restrictions and standards put in place to regulate farms for a reason. Chickens should not be allowed in any other situations other than farms where they will be properly raised. Someone in Chatham needs to grow some balls and just say no. Big waste of tax money policing a free for all. Ridiculous.
None
I think having chickens should be allowed, they are pets, provide food and help with compost. It is no different and less nuisance than some people with constant barking dogs. Chickens are the least of our worries as a Municipality and just because we allow it does not mean everyone is running out to get chickens. I don't think it will be an issue.
Smell and cleanliness are the most important factors for sure. With the price of food going up wouldn't it be nice for a family to be able to easily supply all their own eggs.
Having a few chickens will not harm anyone
People in Chatham-Kent are not even capable of caring for or cleaning up after their dogs/cats. We are asking for more cruelty and neglect complaints, animal control complaints, noise complaints and smell complaints if we allow chickens in non-agricultural zones.
I would be very worried about my small dog an predictors this could attract also diseases to my dog an other cats & wildlife...bunnies ect...
Please dont allow chickens in the urban areas
Please vote No
Waste of employees time. This should not even be considered.
Who is going to monitor all of these chickens? Waste of time, money and resources!
Minimum lot size of five acres should be a requirement!
Chickens belong in rural areas. What's next? Cows, lambs, rabbits???
People should be aware that mortality is common for non-farmers, proper feed is expensive and draws rats and mice, weasels are a danger, manure smell and disposal is a problem and as we see, many irresponsible pet owners can't even look after dogs/cats.
I think anyone should be able to have chickens, within reason. It is a great learning experience for children and provides food. If kept clean, there should be no harm. Composting of the manure is also good for gardens.
Had to choose and rate issues to take part in this survey which I disagree with.

I'm sure people will complain about poop in the yard and people not caring for but this is no different then any other animal/pet.its a newer concept so people need to accept change with the cost and availability food is so high this definitely needs to be allowed

I think if pens are cleaned on a regular basis and animals are cared for you should be allowed to have your own chickens on your own property.

think it is good as long as good bylaws can be enforced. people might get chickens and not know what they are up against. educational materials perhaps?

H5N1, after talking with a turkey farmer, they have observed that its spread is random. H5N1 jumps municipalities, townships, and wildlife areas leaving areas in between unaffected. You can have 4 bird farms and 10 backyard henhouses in the same proximity and only one farm affected. The answer you get from the government may be quite different due to a conflict of job security.

This will be disastrous to allow chickens in residential areas. I would have to move if my neighbours had chickens. If that means outside of Chatham-kent to a municipality who doesn't allow such nonsense, so be it. They will be smelly, noisy, and unsanitary.

Yes. Council needs to but out, keep your inspectors away and let people live and eat without asking for your permission. Inflation has hit everyone differently. Just because it hasn't hit you does not mean it isn't hit others. People want chickens in order to survive your gatekeeping license/registration fees BS does not help

Don't make it necessary to buy a license. The idea of chickens is an organic homegrown project.

We strongly encourage the municipality to permit backyard chickens in our municipality. They are fun, educational and a source of local and healthy food. If anything, we consider chickens a better fit for residential neighborhoods than dogs (off leash roaming around, barking and defecating in my gardens) and cats (bird kills and defecating in my gardens).

Seriously, I'd much rather buy my neighbours their eggs than deal with a half ass plan from the municipality. It takes just one bad egg to ruin everything you do, and you are making many opportunities to have it happen.

I live in town. If you want to rezone semi-agricultural zones to have it, sure. But don't make my neighbourhood a friggin barn. Make people keep their barn-lifestyle in their homes.

There has never been a worse idea than this. Approve chickens now and it will be cows and pigs next year. I live in a city because I don't want to see, hear, or smell farm animals. So incredibly stupid.

Quit spending council time, and my money, on this trivial subject. Do the obvious and keep chickens on the Farm.

I like the idea but I think it will be hard to monitor and regulate.

I dont believe most people are not educated enough on how to properly care for chickens. Utley believe o ng on farms period.

Chickens are livestock. Chickens are farm animals and that is where they belong. Years ago I lived on Lacroix Street where our neighbour had chickens. Even though there was a fence, the chicken were constantly in our yard. the smell and the mess as well as the constant noise was unbelievable.
1 to 6 chickens make very little noise. They do not smell or bother anybody. And although I do like dogs, I find the chickens much less bothersome as a neighbour animal.
We don't want them understand
I do not believe chickens should be allowed in residential areas.
Chickens should not be allowed in residential areas.
Let people do what they want on their own property
These animals are very dirty and I don't think people truly know how much work it is to care for these living beings. There could be waste run off into gardens which could lead to terrible health problems. The smell and noise if your neighbours have them would be enough to make me move. Just work on making food prices more affordable and this wouldn't be an issue.
let us have some food security as city dwellers great insect control officers
It would attract predators, smell, require a lot of maintenance to keep cages clean and warm in cold weather, would probably require some type of wire or covering over pen area as chickens do have a bit of flight height and they would need to be protected from predators. Noise and smell would offend neighbours, and I am sure there would be escapees. Does not enhance property value at all, tends to decrease it! I do not approve of this project.
Chickens are for rural settings not urban city settings
With the population of Chatham growing and houses being built close together it is a very bad idea to consider back yard chickens.
It's time we are allowed
Other cities allow 10 but I'd be good with 6
I don't believe chickens should be allowed on small lots nor permently caged on a lot. They should be allowed to roam.
I really think it's a poor idea. There is a lot involved in keeping chickens and most people have no idea how to do this. The novelty will wear off very quickly.
I'm very opposed to having ANY chickens in the city of Chatham. Keep chickens on the farm.
Need to focus on being more welcoming to new residents and their concerns
If the bylaw gets passed this will open the gate to other animals being allowed, I hope CK is prepared for that.
Stop trying to bring chickens into urban areas,I think this is the 3rd time council has brought this up! No 3 times is no,please st7ck to the "no" unless in a rural area...thank you
With the cost of food and the environmental crisis we are in, backyard chickens are a good measure of progress. however, a strict limit on the type (hens only) and number of chickens wound be reassuring.

If the municipality goes down this slippery slope there will be no end to the complaints, health issues, abuse of the animals and devastation caused by the devaluation of properties. We have so many other issues in our community this is not one worth taking on the headaches this will bring our community.

It is ridiculous that large urban centres can figure out how to successfully make this an allowable activity but Chatham-Kent (self proclaimed leaders in agriculture) can't seem to get it together.

This should not ever be considered. The noise, the smell, we will just draw in more coyotes, fox, skunk or any other predatory animal and with rabies. The coops are unsightly, unsafe and unsanitary. This would just bring property values down. Let's try to promote Chatham Kent 's image with more parks and trails, bike paths and events, rather than this for a few eggs. Let farmers do their job, because we all know, many people in this area would most likely not even bother getting a license or follow any by-laws. And not to mention the increase in police complaints due to noise and smell. We already have an over population of crows every fall and winter, and the "poop" all over, so disgusting and unsanitary, top that off with the smell of Chickens and their droppings, and increase the chance of family pets getting sick with avian flu because of the smell and droppings. What about "our health". I can't even believe we have to have this discussion at all. Just because of the idea of "fresh eggs". That is what farmer's markets are for. Chickens belong on farms not in city neighbourhoods.

The old town bylaws removed the keeping of livestock for a reason.

Backyard chickens should be properly regulated, even in rural areas. Such regulation should include frequent health inspections and pens to prevent roaming.

Consideration to owner occupied/freehold type dwellings, semi detached included, townhouse,row houses, apartments excluded

Lived in an urban community that allowed chickens and it was a detriment to the environment and close community

Chickens should not be allowed

Bothwell and zone are part of east kent and should have been included in survey

I think with all the issues with bird flu, backyard chickens would be too hard to regulate and could add to this problem.

I also feel that the properties are so close together there is no way to prevent the smell from penetrating neighbouring properties. In the heat of the summer months this could be nauseating to say the least!

We have more problems with cats that neighbours allow to roam freely with no control. I don't understand why this is allowed. They foul our garden our lawn and there is nothing that we can do. It would great if the municipality could do something on this issue.

If you want chickens move to the country.

I currrbtly live beside someone who has chickens and a rooster it is beyond annoying and frustrating being a resident in a city and having to deal with farm wildlife. This should not be allowed

No
Education and empower
Someone has to oversee this..not all adults act responsibly
No to chickens
Inspections.
Citizens can freely have many other types of pets. Chickens should be no different.
It's our property why wouldn't we able to. How about people with their dogs that are constantly running on our yards and pooping on them and owners not cleaning that up where are the rules with that. There should be more rules for other animals then fenced in chickens that provide healthy food for your family.
Stupid idea.
I'm really glad CK is looking into this. It has been successfully done in other municipalities. I think it's a great idea for sustainable food security
In regard to Question #8, given the opportunity I would have ranked all of the considerations as a "1". They are all very important considerations if this ridiculous proposal is to proceed. We currently have a neighbour with rabbits that frequently escape and are seen in our yard. We don't need chickens in urban areas.
Chickens are very dirty animals and the cost to feed them is way more then the price of eggs they will produce.
With all the other issues in this city a survey to determine if chickens should be allowed is a joke Get serious about real issues
Do we need another pandemic? There are reports already that Avian Flu has been found in mammals. Why are we even having this discussion now?
Chickens should only be in rural areas not in urban areas. And I think it's disgusting that we have do do a silly survey on something that should never have been brought up. There are much more important issues that need to be dealt with in Chatham-Kent such as the misuse of police issues abusing the system (police being charged with a crime and being off work for years and getting full pay and then being allowed to retire with full pension), police and firefighter's hours - so that they can do work on the side and collect moneys under the table), taxes in CK. and so much more. Our mayor needs a backbone.
No roosters
Backyard chickens do not belong in residential neighborhoods. Bylaw enforcement officers are having a hard enough time dealing with complaints, such as unsightly and neglected properties, let alone having to deal with chicken complaints! Maybe if the Municipality can show that they are actually able to enforce existing bylaws, which they currently cannot, then I might reconsider my stance on the whole chicken debate. As it is, there's no way complaints are going to be dealt with in a timely manner and chickens could become a health hazard, produce noise, and attract rodents. Chickens have no place in town!!

With the price of groceries these days, if someone wants to have chickens to provide eggs to their fellow community to save money on their egg Bill's and to provide healthy eggs (where we know exactly where they come from versus a grocery store) I dont see any harm in that. It's what was done back in the day..we need to go back to old traditions in this messed up world we live in now.

Chickens are a great source of Food and a fantastic learning opportunity for the younger generation to learn.

Farmers have enough difficulty dealing with issues such as bird flu (which just happened in Chatham Kent). Residential chicken coops will not be able to be knowledgeable enough to deal with these issues and Chatham Kent won't have enough resources to enforce any bylaws associated with this endeavour.

some questions had fixed ratings to choose, this makes the the survey not worth the time and give slighted information controlled by the issuer

This is sure to attract rodents, skunks , raccoons and other unwanted animals that would create a real problem!

We are a more rural city with many retired farmers living in town.

I think it's a nice way to integrate a bit of appreciation for agriculture in our communities without having to live in the country or building a hobby farm.

It would need cleanliness regulations and not be used as a business in any way.

Most properties in Chatham Kent, at least the newer builds have very small lots. I do not believe that the chickens will be cared for properly and the owners will not care what their neighbours think, actually they don't care already or they wouldn't be asking for chickens on such a small piece of property. It can only do down hill from there. I believe it is a mistake on anything less than an acre size piece of property.

Think you have my opinion.

you are asking for trouble with people who do and those who do not want them around their homes and yards, more policing of property standards there are not enough people for the job now

Never male chickens! Too loud. Second must not smell.

Food prices are high, this will help. We live are in Canada's agricultural Heartland, this makes sense.

I am a Certified Meat Inspector with the Government of Ontario. The average citizen would have no idea whatsoever about the many infectious diseases that chickens can carry and the food safety issues that exist as a result of improper care of birds. Avian Bird Flu ius just one of them! Anyone wishing to have a backyard coop and 'flock' should be required to take a 1/2 day course on the proper care of chickens to minimize the risk of health issues. This would come at a small cost. This will sort out the serious and responsible people from the 'dreamers' and casualists and those who goa ahead with it will at least be properly trained and fully informed of what is required to care for and produce healthy birds. WE have a very qualified agricultural campus right in our County that i am sure would be happy to put a short course together and facilitate the training.

I really don't want to see an small chickens in my neighborhood.

Chicken belong on farms.

NO CHICKENS IN THE CITY!

Who will be monitoring and enforcing the bi-laws if they come into play? I am becoming surrounded by rental properties that are owned by out of Chatham-Kent landlords. The cleanliness of these properties has been less than stellar. The municipality has been called on several occasions about these properties by local residents, and action has been slow. I fear that chickens will only increase the problems.

We live in rural Chatham Kent. We live between agricultural zoned houses. Our next door neighbour has chickens and our neighbour across the street has chickens. We'd like to legally be able to have chickens.

As with many, many people they do not appreciate the amount of work and responsibility that goes along with taking care of animals. Just look at the amount of pets that are being abandoned following the pandemic. We know people that live in the country and take very poor care of their chickens but this remains to be seen by the general public. This would be exacerbated within the city limits. Municipalities make rules for these kind of scenarios but who and how many enforcement officers will there actually be to make sure the rules are followed.

We have had some recent coyote sightings in southwest Chatham. We don't need to have a source to attract more of them which would endanger pets and young children.

Not appropriate in residential areas.

I should be able to provide a self reliant lifestyle for my family. I feel a few chickens is no different then a household with a few dogs or cats.

This issue was turned down numerous times, why bring it back? Keep farm animals on the farm.