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To: Mayor Shared Mailbox <mayor@clarington.net>
Subject: Bylaw 2012-045

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Dear Mayor, Councillors, and Municipal Council,

My name is Denise, and I am a resident of Clarington. I am writing today in support of changing bylaw 2012-045, to allow the keeping of 6 backyard hens (chickens) in suburban lots. This topic will be approached in the September 14 2020 council meeting.

Hens are quiet, they are a source of sustainable food that is low cost and high quality, and they make delightful pets.

In a small scale coop with 6 hens or less, smell is not the issue it is in commercial egg factories, as they produce less manure combined than a 25lb dog. Hen manure is compostable to fertilize next year's vegetables, whereas dog manure ends up in landfills.

I believe my neighbours have the right to sustainably feed themselves within reason, and backyard hens are not at all unreasonable. Toronto, Vancouver, Guelph, Brampton, Niagara Falls, and many other Canadian cities already allow backyard hens, no roosters, and we believe an agricultural community such as Clarington would be remiss not to follow suit.

Chickens are not as noisy as dogs, or as messy as pigeons, and are far more functional than any pet allowed by our current bylaws.

Thank you for your consideration,
Denise McKay
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Newcastle

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