



CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.G.

FOR COUNCIL: September 11, 2023

WARD IMPACTED: Ward 8

SUBJECT: Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Chicken-Keeping in the R-1B (Single-Family Residence) District, for the Property Located at 1004 Durham Drive, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The proposed Ordinance be approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:

Goal 4. Strong Neighborhoods

Goal 5. Great Place - Livable, Sustainable City

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

Objective 4e. Strong partnership with residents and neighborhood associations

Objective 5c. Incorporation of "Green Sustainable" concepts into City's development and plans

BACKGROUND: The Applicant, Chelsea Smith, is requesting approval of a Special Use Permit for Chicken-Keeping for the property located at 1004 Durham Drive.

Summary of Request:

- Chicken-keeping with a chicken coop and fenced enclosure in the rear yard, to keep no more than four egg-laying hens.
- The proposed location of the coop meets the minimum setback requirements of 10 feet from the side and rear property lines.
- The Applicant will store food in sealed buckets to deter pests.
- No roosters or chickens for slaughter will be kept.

On Wednesday, July 19, 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing and found the request met the standards for approval of a Special Use Permit. They voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit to the City Council, with no conditions. Minutes of the meeting accompany this memorandum. On August 28, 2023, Council voted to table the Item to the September 11, 2023, Council meeting.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: The City published notice of the hearing in *The Pantagraph* on Monday, July 3, 2023, and courtesy notices were mailed to 70 properties within 500 feet of the subject property.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IMPACT: N/A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT: This request meets the following goals and objectives of the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035: Goal HL-5 (Provide access to

healthy foods and promote food security to build community), Objective HL-5.1 (Encourage local food production), and Objective HL-5.3 (Facilitate consumption of healthy, affordable, locally produced food for all residents).

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

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ATTACHMENTS:

[E&CD 2B Ordinance](#)

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[E&CD 2D Minutes](#)