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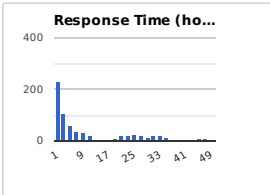
Results: Backyard Chickens

Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of Stillwater to the FlashVote community for Stillwater, OK.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

655
Total Participants
 417 of 546 initially invited (76%)
 238 others
 Margin of error: ± 4%

Applied Filter:
Locals only
 Participants for filter:
438



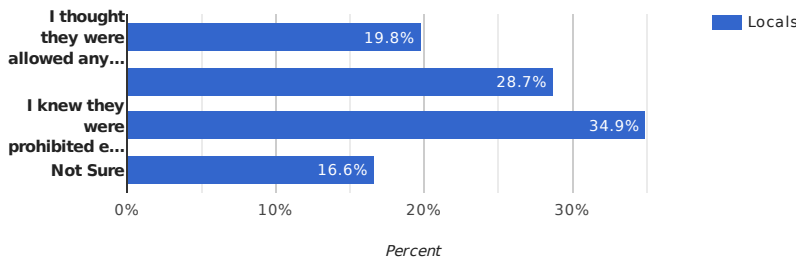
Started:
Feb 26, 2019 9:15am
 Ended:
Feb 28, 2019 9:06am
 Target Participants:
All Stillwater

Q1 The City of Stillwater is seeking input on allowing backyard chickens within city limits. Chickens are currently only allowed in Agricultural Districts, which make up about 9% of the city and are located mostly in the southern half of the city.

Prior to reading this, what best describes your knowledge of where backyard chickens are allowed?

(435 responses by locals)

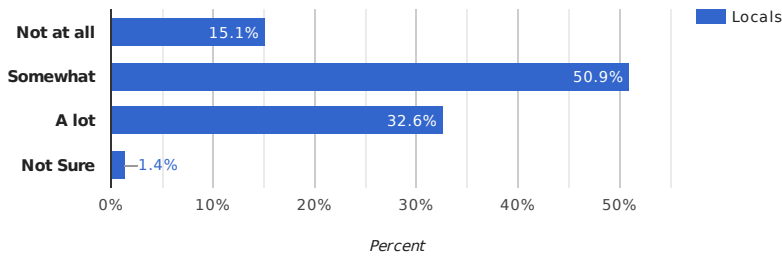
Options	Locals (435)
I thought they were allowed anywhere in Stillwater	19.8% (86)
I thought they were prohibited everywhere in Stillwater	28.7% (125)
I knew they were prohibited everywhere except Agricultural Districts	34.9% (152)
Not Sure	16.6% (72)



Q2 How much do you care about whether you can raise chickens within city limits or not?

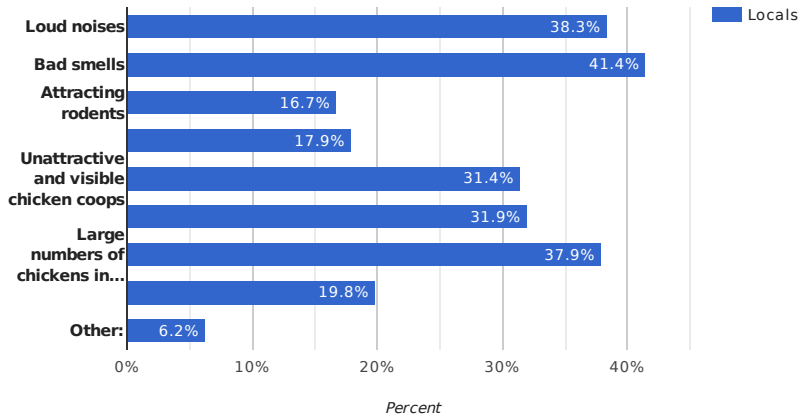
(438 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (438)
Not at all	15.1% (66)
Somewhat	50.9% (223)
A lot	32.6% (143)
Not Sure	1.4% (6)



Q3 What do you think are the biggest potential concerns, if any, about backyard chickens? (Choose up to THREE)
 (420 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (420)
Loud noises	38.3% (161)
Bad smells	41.4% (174)
Attracting rodents	16.7% (70)
Escaped/wandering chickens	17.9% (75)
Unattractive and visible chicken coops	31.4% (132)
Disease/health concerns	31.9% (134)
Large numbers of chickens in a backyard	37.9% (159)
None of these are really big concerns	19.8% (83)
Other:	6.2% (26)



Unfiltered responses

Concerned about Rooster's. No real concern about Chickens.

I was raised on a farm . Chickens need a large space to roam. A small area becomes dirty and smelly

All of above

People trying to keep chickens in too small of spaces

Predators (Cyotes, Snakes, etc.)

I would place a limit on how many one could own, I would not allow roosters in subdivisions.

Attracting predators

I live in the City because of no animals if I wanted stinky chickens i would live in the countrysid

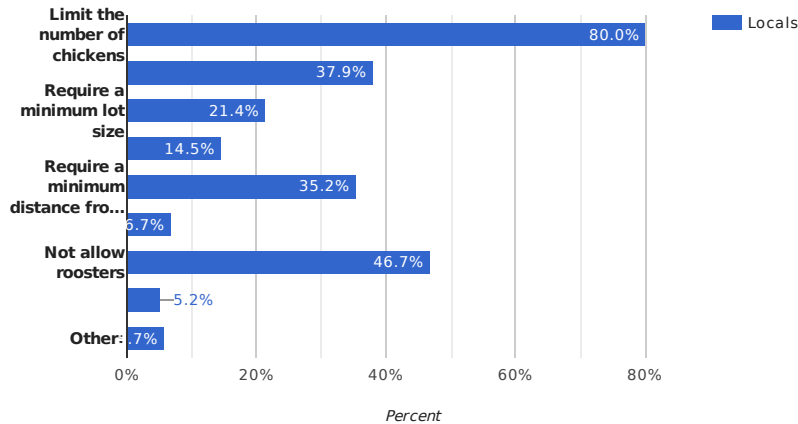
Neighboring yards with chickens encouraging dogs or other pets to try and escape/ kill chickens.

Noisy roosters

Q4 If chickens were allowed within Stillwater, what do you think would be the best ways to prevent nuisances?
(Choose up to THREE)

(420 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (420)
Limit the number of chickens	80.0% (336)
Require a paid permit (to offset animal control/enforcement costs)	37.9% (159)
Require a minimum lot size	21.4% (90)
Require inspection of chicken coop installations	14.5% (61)
Require a minimum distance from nearby homes/buildings	35.2% (148)
Require they not be able to fly	6.7% (28)
Not allow roosters	46.7% (196)
None of these would be helpful	5.2% (22)
Other:	5.7% (24)



city please minimum care lot require
 size **chicken** limit
 leave
 neighbor number yard inspect allow

Unfiltered responses

Limit amount of roosters

I do not support having chickens in city limits.

Why can we only choose 3?

Man power for oversight is key.

Limit with exceptions for kids who are participating in 4-H and FFA activities on a short term basis

Not allow any chickens next it will be goats where does it end?

Fined for not cleaning up and taking care of them

Require a minimum distance

you can make roosters silent (<https://quietroosters.com/>)

Really, I've had illegal chicken neighbors and I'd rather they stay at farms.

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about allowing backyard chickens within city limits?

(144 responses by locals)

raise dog great rooster lot coopegg think like limit
 stillwater care issue yard pet backyard neighbor animal keep live within
chicken allow city

Unfiltered responses

I don't want an entire farm to pop up next door to me. However, I understand the benefit of having chickens, so I feel they should be allowed under reasonable circumstances.

Should have some policy on what happens if a chicken is loose and attacked by another animal (such as a dog). If a chicken is free range in a front yard or in the street, I wouldn't want to be liable for a dog biting. If the chicken are caged or in a private fenced yard, then I would feel responsible if my pet killed a chicken.

This would be really good if people are allowed to raise a few. Could be very educational for people with kids.

Think it's a grand idea

I think people should be allowed to keep backyard chickens, as long as it's reasonably regulated. Permitting shouldn't be prohibitive, but should be enough to make it worth it for the City. Appropriate housing should be required, as well as a maximum number of birds based on size of the property and enclosure. I would be in favor of keeping them from flying, but that's a pretty gray area that can get into animal cruelty if we aren't careful (big open air enclosures rather than clipping wings).

Can we use the chickens to fill in all of the pot holes? Let's get our priorities together folks...

They have been in backyards locally now for many years, and they've become popular once again. I travel extensively, and even in some urban areas people have small flocks in upscale neighborhoods. Regards, Frank

I am enthusiastically in support of backyard chickens! They are great pets, allow people to produce eggs sustainably in a manner that reduces animal welfare issues, and produce compost for home gardens. Stillwater should make this happen.

I think the present restrictions are sensible.

Since there are no restrictions on cats, notorious killers of birds, cats should have requirements similar to dogs.