

# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

200 Garfield Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## **Town Planner**

### **Memorandum**

**To:** Town Plan and Zoning Commission  
**From:** Town Planner Renata Bertotti, AICP  
**Date:** March 16, 2021  
**Subject:** **Petition 09-21 – Zoning Regulations Amendment - Keeping of Poultry**

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Please see the attached revised draft of the proposed zoning regulations amendment to allow the keeping of poultry as a permitted noncommercial accessory use on a single-family residential lots that are larger than 20,000 square feet.

As I had noted in my previous correspondence, one of the parting gifts from the now retired planning desk clerk was a list of items that the office would normally receive a lot of phone calls on. One of such items is the keeping of poultry. The proposed amendment, if adopted, will allow the keeping of poultry in the Town of Newington provided the specific standard for keeping are met. There is clearly an interest in the community for this use, however, it appears that the lack of standards regarding the enclosure location, the keeping of feed and disposal of waste occasionally caused some problems to neighbors in past. This proposal is an attempt to address both the desire to keep the domestic fowl, such as chickens, turkeys and ducks (no roosters or male turkeys are allowed under the proposal), as well as to provide clear requirements for keeping enclosure, food storage, waste disposal etc.

The proposed revisions are based on the 03-10-2021 discussion at the public hearing, and shown in red.

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