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Memorandum

To: Town Plan and Zoning Commission
From: Town Planner Renata Bertotti, AICP
Date: April 6, 2021
Subject: **Petition 09-21 – Zoning Regulations Amendment - Keeping of Hens**

Please see the attached revised draft of the proposed zoning regulations amendment to allow the keeping of hens as a permitted noncommercial accessory use on a single-family residential lots.

The proposed changes to prior drafts are based on the 03-24-2021 discussion at the public hearing and include:

- Allowing hens (instead of poultry). Removing the proposed definition of poultry.
- Allowing a maximum of 8 hens on a lot that is smaller than 20,000 sq. ft. in area.
- Deleting the language related to harvesting.
- Clarifying the height of enclosure so that it applies to side support or wall, and not the peak of the overhead protective fencing or roof.

REASONS FOR THE APPROVAL:

The proposed amendment is consistent with the 2020-2030 POCD and in particular with “guiding the uses and activities in ways that will provide things the community wants or needs” (POCD, pp.1). The amendment also supports the regional POCD policy “to encourage zoning regulations that address urban agriculture and local food systems” (CRCOG letter).

The CGS require that the Commission set the effective date for the new regulations when they adopt changes to the zoning regulations. I recommend the effective date be set for April 26, 2021.

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