

Concerns Regarding New and Existing Village Ordinances

Our Village ordinances serve an important purpose. They are intended to help protect the quality of life, safety, and well-being of our community. I believe most residents want to live in a community where reasonable rules are understood, respected, and applied fairly. Achieving that takes a shared commitment from both our residents and Village government.

Therefore, when considering the adoption of a new ordinance, I believe it is equally important that the Village consider how it will be enforced and ensure that the necessary resources are available to do so fairly and consistently. Having the appropriate resources and processes in place can help ensure that ordinances are applied consistently, while also giving residents confidence that the rules they are being asked to follow are applied equally throughout the community.

Ideally, residents should not feel they need to personally report ordinance violations for them to be addressed. A clear and consistent enforcement process can help alleviate that burden and give residents confidence that concerns will be handled appropriately.

My comments are not about being for or against chickens, but about ensuring that the ordinances we adopt are enforced fairly and consistently throughout the Village and that all residents are held to the same standards.

I respectfully request these comments be attached to the minutes of this meeting and be made part of the official record.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mastenbrook