

## **CASE NO. 164-AT-25**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM #1**

**September 11, 2025**

**Petitioner:** Zoning Administrator

**Request:** Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance as follows regarding the keeping of animals in Residential Districts within 1,000 feet of a home rule municipality:

1. Add the following definition to Section 3.0 Definitions: “URBAN ANIMALS” that are animals that may be kept in a Residential Zoning District within 1,000 feet of a home rule municipality.
2. Amend Section 5.2 as follows:
  - a. Add a Footnote to the Table of Authorized Uses for “URBAN ANIMALS” in the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and R-5 Zoning Districts.
3. Add new Section 7.8 to establish regulations including but not limited to:
  - a. Limit the number of URBAN ANIMALS that may be kept on a lot in a Residential District within 1,000 feet of a home rule municipality.
  - b. Establish minimum requirements for the housing and care of URBAN ANIMALS on a lot in a Residential District within 1,000 feet of a home rule municipality.
  - c. Require that the keeping of URBAN ANIMALS on a lot in a Residential District within 1,000 feet of a home rule municipality must be registered with the Department of Planning and Zoning.

**Location:** Unincorporated Champaign County

**Time Schedule for Development:** As soon as possible

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## **MUNICIPAL PROTESTS**

A protest from the Village of Mahomet was received on May 30, 2025. See attached. The Protest requests that Champaign County adopt limits on the keeping of animals within 1,000 feet of the Village of Mahomet.

Village of Mahomet limits on keeping of animals is included as Attachment B.

A protest from the City of Champaign was received on June 23, 2025. See attached. The City of Champaign requests that Champaign County withdraw or revise the amendment to be consistent (the same as) the City’s limits on the keeping animals.

**LETTER FROM AVERIE FIELD, DVM**

A letter of strong dissent was received from Averie Field, DVM on June 25, 2025. See attached. Ms. Field urges Champaign County to discard the proposed text amendment but also recommends the following changes to the amendment should Champaign County decide to pursue the amendment:

1. Limit the amendment to properties that are less than one acre in area.
2. Revise the limit on laying hens (no alternative limit is suggested).
3. Establish a grandfathering clause or exemptions for current farms.
4. Make an allowance for "...expedited, reduced-fee, or fee-free..." rezoning.
5. Allow an 18 to 24 month period for implementation.
6. Collaborate with leaders within the affected communities to ensure no under burden

An email of similar comment was also received from Michael Field on June 20, 2025.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A Village of Mahomet Protest received May 30, 2025
- B Section 152.056 of Code of Village of Mahomet
- C City of Champaign Protest received June 23, 2025
- D Letter from Averie Field, DVM received June 25, 2025
- E Email from Michael Field received June 20, 2025