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Good morning John,

I hope you are having a great week. I wanted to reach out to you with a few follow-up questions about the Champaign County Text Amendment Case 164-AT-25.

The Champaign Planning staff met again yesterday to discuss the proposed text amendment language. We have some concerns about the language allowing urban animals, other than hens, on residential property within the City of Champaign's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Champaign Municipal Code currently requires residential property owners/residents to obtain chicken coop licenses to allow them to keep up to six (6) chickens on their property ([Sec. 7-19](#)). When the hen language was adopted, a Senior Planner at the time did significant research on the suitability and impacts of urban animals (chickens, roosters, ducks, etc.) on residential properties. Champaign opted to only allow hens, as they are low-maintenance, do not require a fresh water source, do not generate excessive noise, etc.

Would you all be willing to align the text amendment language and regulations with the City's current regulations for only hens (and not the other listed urban animals), applicable to residential properties within 1,000 feet of the City of Champaign? This would improve consistency when properties within Champaign's ETJ are annexed into the City limits, where property owners may have one or more urban animal on their property.

Based on the current language, Champaign Planning staff are planning to protest the proposed text amendment. I realize that the case is scheduled for a public hearing at the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals meeting this evening. I also understand that you likely have the votes in support of the text amendment regardless of the protest, but I wanted to let you know ahead of time.

Please let me know your thoughts. I will keep an eye out for the results of the public hearing this evening. Thanks, John!

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