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*Supports  
but Not 8*

**From:** Robb, Jeanne - City Council Dist. #10 [mailto:Jeanne.Robb@denvergov.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2011 1:04 PM  
**To:** Byron Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Producing Animal Ordinance

Hi, Byron,

I'm still a little on the fence on this ordinance. I would be fine with 3 chickens, but the ordinance is for 8 chickens or ducks. I'll probably get there but I'm mulling it over until the hearing.

Jeanne.



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**From:** Byron Williams [mailto:BWilliams@greystonetech.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2011 11:18 AM  
**To:** Robb, Jeanne - City Council Dist. #10; Boigon, Carol S. - City Council At Large; Linkhart, Doug - City Council  
**Subject:** Producing Animal Ordinance

As your constituents, my Partner Jesse Armstrong and I ask that you support the Producing Animal Ordinance on June 13. We feel that, as homeowners, we should be allowed to have three egg-producing hens in our backyard. Please keep in mind that hens are good for the environment on many levels – most notably, our household would become self-sustaining (in regard to the eggs we consume). In addition, the little guys are a great natural pesticide and provide natural fertilizer for our garden and yard. Beyond other Front Range cities that allow hens without permitting, nationally, our friends in Portland and Brooklyn keep hens on their small city lots. So should we.

Jeanne – we still own a home in your district (and rent it out) but recently bought another in Park Hill. Carol and Doug: because we will not have an elected official on Council (we live in 8) for this vote, I urge all of you to support this measure.

I'll do my best to show up and offer my views on June 16<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, thank you very much for your consideration.

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## Williams, Gretchen - City Council

*Support but not w/ 8*

**From:** Robb, Jeanne - City Council Dist. #10  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2011 11:05 AM  
**To:** Williams, Gretchen - City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Chickens



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**From:** Michael Koch [<mailto:m@kocharchitect.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2011 2:27 PM  
**To:** Robb, Jeanne - City Council Dist. #10  
**Subject:** Chickens

Jeanie,

I haven't been following the chicken/ goat issue too closely, but I did see it printed in the paper this week and saw the details for the first time. In general I have and I do support chickens in Denver, in moderation. We have seen probably 6 cases on chickens and I have heard the science, egg production, roosters, etc etc. I have also seen enraged neighbors and avid supporters. As usual, I take a middle of the road perspective, OK in moderation. At the same time, I can not remember any case where we allowed 8.

I don't know where you stand, but my opinion is that 8 is too many chickens. This kind of issue really needs to be looked at from a worse case scenario, so I imagine a 25' wide lot with a small back yard when I think about the number that should be allowed without a permit. To me, by saying 8, the city is basically caving in and leaving it to neighbors to work it out. We have not done that with Dogs (3) or Cats (5) or other animals, so I don't think we should with chickens.

I would support 4 without a permit and up to 8-10 if they get special exception from the BOA. No more than 10 allowed, no exceptions. This way, the BOA can look at lot size, neighbors, family size (for eggs), and listen to why they need more than 4. At the same time, anyone can go and get started without government interference.

There may also need to be some way for animal control to step in if someone does not have enough land to support even 4 chickens. Maybe you put an open space requirement in there. Can you keep a chicken on your condo balcony?

Just my thoughts. I would be happy to discuss more.

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