

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025 - 063

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING A WRITTEN PROTEST AGAINST A PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO
THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
(County Case No. 164-AT-25: Text Amendment to the Champaign County
Zoning Ordinance regarding the keeping of animals in Residential
Districts within 1,000 feet of a home rule municipality)

WHEREAS, the City of Champaign, Illinois, a municipal corporation, has adopted a
Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended, said Ordinance
being designated as Chapter 37 of the Champaign Municipal Code, 1985, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator for the County of Champaign has referred to the
Planning Department, by correspondence, a copy of an application for a proposed amendment to
the County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Zoning Administrator has proposed a text
amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, designated as Case 164-AT-25, which
proposes language allowing the keeping of animals in Residential Districts within 1,000 feet of a
home rule municipality; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment was not developed in coordination with affected
municipalities, and its adoption would have impacts on property adjacent to the City of
Champaign and within the 1.5-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals opened a Public Hearing
for Case 164-AT-25 on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals will close the Public
Hearing for Case 164-AT-25 on Thursday, May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5, Division 5-12007 of the Counties Code, 55 ILCS 5/5-12007, the City of Champaign has protest rights against text amendments to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, by which a protest must be signed and acknowledged by the relevant authority and presented to the County zoning authority; and

WHEREAS, in the event of any protest, a three-fourths majority of the County Board will be required to approve the text amendment instead of a simple majority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Champaign hereby formally protests the adoption of Champaign County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Case 164-AT-25 as currently proposed.

Section 2. The City of Champaign respectfully requests that the Champaign County Board withdraw the amendment or revise it to be consistent with the City of Champaign regulations for residential properties within 1,000 feet of the Champaign city limits.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Champaign County Planning and Zoning Department, the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Champaign County Board, and other relevant agencies.

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PASSED:

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

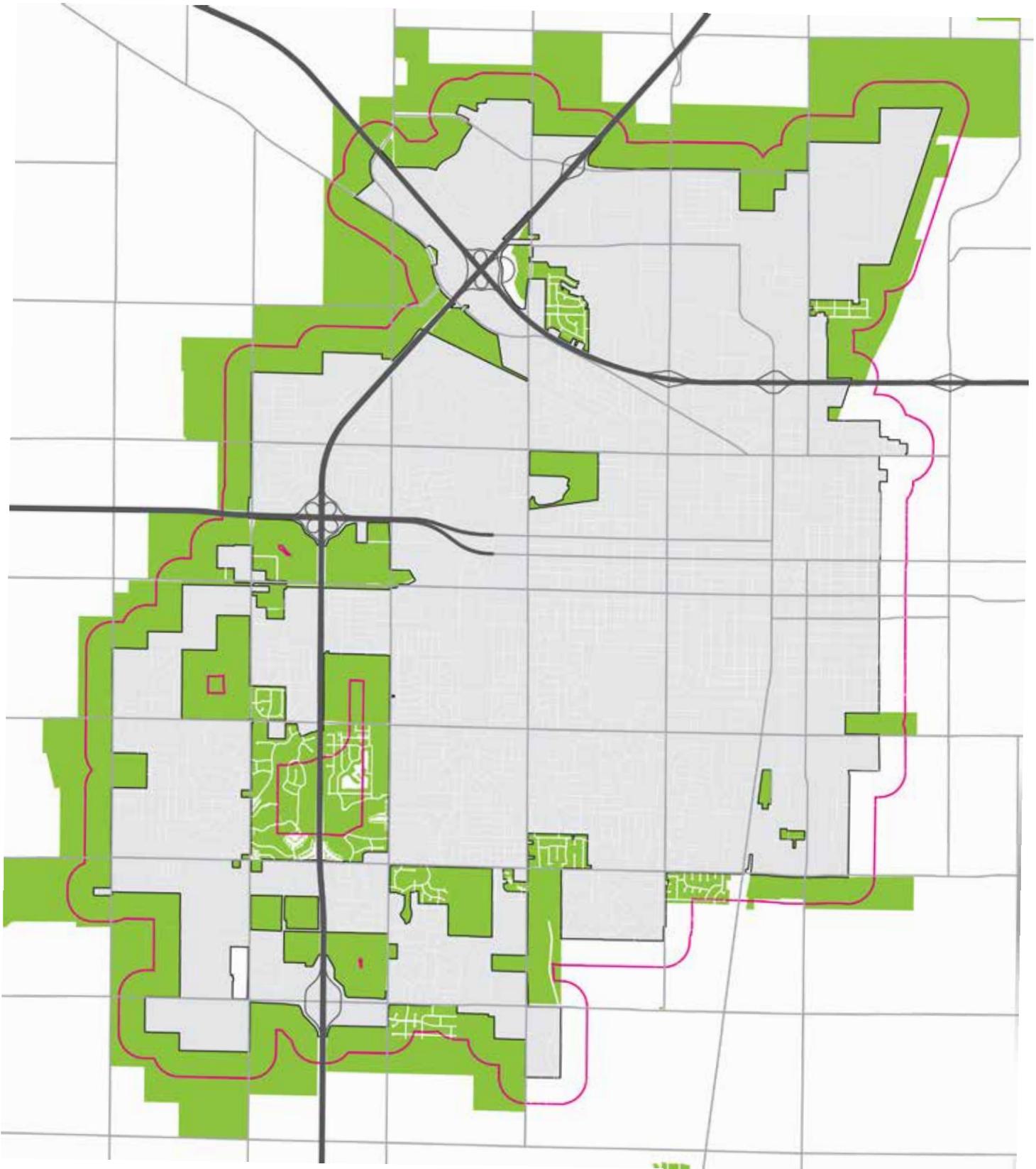
Sec. 7-19. Hens.

- (a) No person shall possess a hen unless a license has been issued as set forth in this section.
- (b) The number of hens allowed shall be a maximum of six (6) hens per property.
- (c) Roosters are prohibited within the City.
- (d) Licenses will only be granted to persons who reside on parcels with single-family and two-family dwellings.
- (e) Care for hens shall follow the following provisions:
 - (1) No hen shall be permitted to run at large. Hens shall be kept in a designated coop or run. Hens may be allowed to exercise in a rear yard with a 6 foot (6') or higher fence with supervision.
 - (i) If the coop and run are not within a fenced yard, hens must be kept within the coop and run at all times.
 - [[ii]] Fences must meet the standards outlined in Section 9-2 - Fences.
 - (2) Feed must be stored in a fully enclosed, rodent proof container.
 - (3) Hens must be kept in chicken coops.
- (f) Housing for hens shall follow the following provisions:
 - (1) The chicken coop and run shall be located in the rear of the residential structure. The coop and run are allowed in the rear yard, but not the side or front yards.
 - (2) The chicken coop and run shall be located at least five feet (5') from the property line and at least twenty feet (20') from any neighboring dwelling.
 - (3) Design. The coop must be built to provide ventilation, shade, protection from precipitation, protection from cold weather and to be secure from predators, wild birds and rodents.
 - (i) Openings in windows and doors must be covered by wire mesh or screens to deter predators.
 - (ii) Access doors must be sized and placed for ease of cleaning.
 - (iii) The enclosed run must be attached to the coop or must surround the coop. The sides of the run must be made of fencing or wire mesh that discourages predators.
 - (iv) The run must be enclosed on all sides, including the top or roof plane.
 - (4) Size. The coop shall provide a minimum of four (4) square feet of floor area per hen. The run shall provide a minimum of eight (8) square feet of floor area per hen.
 - (i) Coops will be considered an 'accessory structure' as defined in Section 37-222 - Standards for Accessory Structures and must meet all standards outlined therein.
 - (ii) Coops over one-hundred and twenty (120) square feet will require a building permit.
 - (5) The coop and run shall be kept in a clean, dry and sanitary condition at all times. Manure, uneaten and discarded feed, feathers and other waste must be removed regularly and at a minimum of once per week.
 - (i) Odors from hens, manure or related substances shall not be detectable from property lines.
 - (ii) Manure must be stored and disposed of. Manure may be composted. All manure not composted must be removed from property regularly and at a minimum of once per week.

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- (g) No person shall maintain a coop without first obtaining a license from the City of Champaign. Licenses shall be issued when all conditions outlined in this section are met.
- (1) The City may deny a license to any person who:
 - (i) owes money to the City; or
 - (ii) has, in the last five (5) years prior to application for a license under this section been convicted or plead guilty to any violation of chapter 7 (animals), chapter 21 (noise), chapter 22 (property maintenance) or chapter 37 (zoning).
 - (2) All licenses pursuant to this section shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Licenses may be automatically renewed if the licensee has been in compliance during the previous year. If the licensee is found to be in violation of the standards outlined in Section 7-19, the license will be allowed to expire at the end of the period. A new license will only be issued after the coop and run have been inspected and determined to meet all requirements outlined herein.
 - (3) If the licensee is found to be in violation of Sections 7-4 - Cruelty to Animals Prohibited or 7-15 - Animals For Use in Entertainment, the license will be immediately and permanently revoked.
 - (4) Only persons residing in one and two family dwelling units are eligible for a license.
 - (5) Only one chicken coop license will be issued per zoning lot. A zoning lot consisting of multiple platted lots shall be considered one lot.
 - (6) Coop licenses are non-transferrable.
 - (7) Costs:
 - (i) The coop license shall cost \$25.00. This license shall renew automatically if the licensee is in compliance with all standards set forth in this section. No charge is incurred for licenses that renew automatically.
- (h) In addition to the general penalty previously set forth in Section 1-21, the owner of any coop is subject to the following additional penalties:
- (1) A person found to be keeping hens without a coop license will have seven (7) days from notification to achieve compliance with these standards.
 - (2) A licensee found to be in violation of the standards outlined in Section 7-17 will have seven (7) days from notification to achieve compliance. If compliance is not achieved, the license will be revoked. The licensee may apply for a new license, subject to site inspection. If the licensee is found to be in compliance after inspection, a new license may be issued.
 - [(3)] If the licensee is found to be in violation of these standards three or more times, the license will be immediately and permanently revoked.
- (i) Hens, coops and runs not maintained according to this section shall be deemed a public nuisance.

(C.B. No. 2013-230, § 1, 12-3-13)

County Properties within 1,000ft of City Limits



- City Limit Boundaries
- County Property w/in 1000 ft.



Charles W. Campo

From: vince grove <grove.vince@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 11:03 AM
To: zoningdept
Subject: Farming within Champaign city limits

CAUTION: External email, be careful when opening.

Hi,

I've recently seen the legal system used against families, who want to farm on there property and I am upset.

I'm referring to limiting farm animals on residential property.

In these economic conditions it would make more sense to expand our rights to allow different forms of farming.

We have been taught to be self reliant and share with our communities. Limiting our right to farm on our property negatively effects communities.

Wealth shouldn't be the only drive in this city. We all know it's the wealthy, which live by these areas, that complain. A few shouldn't decide for the many.

I'm not saying we shouldn't have laws to guarantee safety for humans and animals alike. Example, we probably shouldn't have 6 cows roaming a .13acre yard.

But we all know the arguments toward these city farms are not based on safety but are based on suppose lose of wealth to their property. Or just general discomfort toward farm animals. In which we have pig farms and cow farms at the U of I already.

Thank you,
Vince Grove