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Chicken Owner from June of 2013 to January of 2017

Moved from Toledo to a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre lot in the City of Maumee in 2006.

After much research, decided I wanted to look into having a backyard flock to have fresh eggs and the joy of having chickens in my yard. I looked at all city codes, particularly in residential zone 2, where we lived and found nothing that clearly prohibited having chickens. I talked with neighbors, who were all supportive, and brought home 6 chicks in June of 2013.

Early summer of 2016, we received a letter from the zoning department stating that we were in violation of a city ordinance, stating that keeping of poultry is not allowed in the city of Maumee. Also stated that they had to be gone in 30 days.

We found out that we were not alone in receiving a letter and we quickly grouped to go to city council to see what could be done. We were put on the agenda to be heard, it was referred to committee, and decided a new ordinance would be drafted to allow poultry within city limits. By the end of the summer, it was voted on and ultimately defeated.

We then were told we had the option of having the request put on the ballot for the voters to decide but were unable to secure an attorney to help in the procedure.

We were forced to rehome our 5 hens in January of 2017. We have since decided to sell our home and locate a community with more progressive views.

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