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Public Invited to Comment at Planning Commission Meeting

Harrisonburg, Va. – Harrisonburg’s Planning Commission invites members of the public to comment at its next meeting about the current ordinance regulating chickens and other domestic birds.

In 2009, an ordinance ([Section 15-2-24](#)) was created to set parameters for those residents who met the requirements to have backyard chickens and other domestic birds.

Most recently and upon citizen request, City Council revisited the requirements of this specific code section and is further exploring the following in regards to the ordinance:

- Whether the lot size threshold of two acres should be reduced;
- If there should be a neighbor approval process;
- Whether a certain number of permits should be issued within an implemented trial period, and;
- Any other issues or concerns.

To help move the process forward, Planning Commission has been collecting input from the public.

The next opportunity to provide comments will be at the next Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 10. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in City Council chambers, 409 S. Main St.

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