

Through my neighborhood civic association, I became aware that the DC government is updating zoning regulations. I am particularly interested in the zoning ordinances that allow residential farming and keeping of livestock for personal use.

After reading the proposed 08-06A, it appears that the definition of residential agricultural use includes the keeping of non-pet animals for personal use. That would seem to include the keeping of poultry. However, it is unclear whether chicken coops would be classified as stables. Stables are only allowed by special exception, and have minimum set-back requirements that make it impossible for most residents to keep stabled animals.

Please do not include chicken coops as stables and clarify the language in the proposed regulation. I would like to keep several quiet hens for eggs. I would share fresh eggs with my neighbors, which will build our community and appreciation for local-raised food.

Thank you.

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