

**From:** [harriet.stevens](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Chickens in Salinas  
**Date:** Sunday, November 01, 2020 10:07:05 PM

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Hello! I'm so glad to hear that chickens are being considered for salinas' backyards. I think, during the corona-virus outbreak, it's been shown how dependent we are on formal market systems. That's not all-good. People should be able to "do" for themselves.

I live in Creekbridge and 4 of my neighbors, in the greater neighborhood, have chickens. I don't suspect they are I'll treated but I do think we'd all have more confidence in their good care if there were parameters set by local written code.

Thank you for taking the matter under consideration.  
-Harriet Stevens

**From:** [Robin Lee](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Chickens  
**Date:** Sunday, November 01, 2020 8:24:01 AM

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Please vote for having a reasonable number of egg laying hens in the city of Salinas. I propose a maximum of 10 hens. Roosters are not needed for this and should be banned.

Thanks for taking up and approving this long over due ordinance.

Robin Lee  
Sustainable Salinas

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**From:** [Patricia Barajas](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Domestic Chicken"s (ID#20-497)  
**Date:** Friday, October 30, 2020 4:01:19 PM

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**Patricia M. Barajas, CMC**  
City Clerk

City of Salinas  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, California 93901  
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**Subject:** Re: Domestic Chicken's (ID#20-497)

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**CONSIDERATION**  
**ID#20-497 Proposed Ordinance Allowing Domestic Chickens**

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Mayor Pro Tem Cromeenes and Council members,  
Regarding domestic chickens within the Salinas city limits, we all ready have chickens within the city of Salinas (the Alisal). I have no problem with domestic chickens providing eggs and in some cases as a Service animal/Chicken. I have not heard of any citations being given out by our Code Enforcement Dept. regarding chickens being raised within the city limits?  
I think we, the city has bigger fish to fry regarding our finances or the lack of. Loading our Code Enforcement Dept. with more work is not the answer.  
Just cancel this item (ID#20-497) till the chickens come home!  
Mahalo (Thank You)  
Al Espindola

Community Activist  
Salinas, CA



RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council consider whether staff should prepare an ordinance allowing domestic chickens. If the City Council would like staff to prepare such an ordinance for the City Council's consideration, the City Council may also want to consider providing specific direction as to when such an ordinance should come forward for consideration.

**From:** [Pamela Weston](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Due Diligence  
**Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:02:58 AM

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**From:** "Pamela Weston"

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**Sent:** Thu, Oct 29, 2020 at 7:25 AM

**Subject:** Due Diligence

Once again I am requesting district specific emergency multidisciplinary multijurisdictional coordination and care for all Monterey County residents approximately 600 vulnerable seniors women disabled veterans families and medical fragile Residents who have been displaced from areas such as Industrial and Sanborn ,Rossi and Rico and other areas where they had been sheltering in place and had access to porta potties handwashing stations and lunches that City of Salinas had coordinated with unsheltered resident leaders . During recent fires and the imminent risk of loss of life from Covid Pandemic we have received funding for it has become even more important to implement an emergency response and Disaster plan which will prevent harm loss of property and death Any future sweeps should be coordinated with the Health and Humsn Services Departments to all ensure access to services and support Covid reporting tracking testing and assessments can be done Currently the attached ordinance l creates a Health Welfare

and safety by not allowing generators residents will be unable to charge phones to call in emergencies .

Pamela Weston  
Stakeholders Advisory Committee (SAC)  
Governance

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**From:** [Manuel F. Martinez](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Jim Koenig](#)  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for CASP  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2020 1:29:30 PM

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There are several important issues with the CASP that the City has not addressed. Issues like necessary funding for more schools and student safety. How can this Council approve the EIR without knowing the answers to these important questions? Do you have a plan? The community needs answers now, not 20 years from now. During this election, several candidates stated that students are important to them. That families are important to them. Now is the time to cash in on that promise, not later. The time to stand up for our students, the students of Salinas is now. Please ask staff how these issues are solved, and not just "addressed". Please hear the voices of the people who sent you to office to lead the entire community. Then act boldly with purpose. Be responsible for creating real, tangible, educational opportunity. Don't be simplistic in wanting to rush the creation of housing at the expense of building a true community. There are inadequate funds to build the schools that are needed for this project, and the buck stops here, at this dais. Do not miss this moment. Your children are counting on you because you hold the privilege of making this decision.

Thank you.

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**From:** [Kimberly Recupero](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Jim Koenig](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for CASP  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2020 1:31:42 PM

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**From:** **Fernando Mercado** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tue, Nov 3, 2020 at 12:52 PM  
**Subject:** Public Comment for WASP  
**To:** Jim Koenig [REDACTED]

Good evening Council members, staff, and members for the public. My name is Fernando Mercado and I am a member of the community, who is also a Trustee for the Alisal Union School District. I cannot stress enough the importance of collaboration between the city of Salinas and the AUSD, particularly when it comes to the Central Area Specific Plan (CASP). I need you to understand that should the CASP move forward in its current form, you will be putting our school district in a very difficult situation where we will not be able to adequately fulfill our educational obligations. The Draft EIR does not accurately reflect the realities of school facilities funding. In addition, the city is using outdated Student Generation Rates (SGR's) that determine how many students are projected for enrollment that the proposed project will bring. Under the current plans, AUSD will have two schools, yet projections indicate a potential need of a third school. We need to make sure that students generated by the proposed new homes will have the proper schools to house them. Currently AUSD does not have the necessary resources nor capacity to build these schools and should these plans continue to move forward without mitigating the District's concerns, you will be essentially overpacking our schools, putting severe stress on student learning. I invite the Councilmembers, city staff, and developers to meet with District staff and work something that is favorable that meets the needs of the community and students alike. Thank you.

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Fernando Mercado Luis  
Governing Board of Trustees, Area 1  
Alisal Union School District

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**From:** [Ashley Goldbeck](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Legalize backyard chickens  
**Date:** Monday, November 02, 2020 1:33:31 PM

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Hello, my name is Ashley and I have lived in Salinas all my life. It has come to my attention that the city will be reviewing the chicken ordinance this week.

As a child we always had hens in our yard to help with insect control and to teach about caring for others and responsibility. From then to now as an adult and owning my own home here in Salinas - I still have hens. Owning hens has given myself and my family more than just eggs over the years.

It has taught my 9 year old responsibility, empathy and that hard work pays off as well as educating him about animals.

Each day my son and I retrieve fresh eggs from our yard, we clean their enclosure, and we play with them. It has been a blessing.

Our girls give us organic fresh eggs daily - to us and also to our neighbors- eat insects around our home, help make compost to fertilize our garden, eat our table scraps and most of all they are wonderful family pets.

We have always been considerate of our neighbors and our hens are very quiet.

Every family should learn to self sustain as much as they can for our planets future. Owning hens is a small step in that direction. For us we know what our birds are consuming and they live wonderful cage free lives.

I hope that you will consider allowing families to own backyard hens because the benefits outweigh any negative and having them is so rewarding.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions and I thank you for your time.

Ashley Goldbeck

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nancy Pfeiffer](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment -Salinas City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2020 1:49:58 PM

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Good Afternoon:

I would like to submit the following comments to be read at today's City Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

My name is Nancy Pfeiffer, I am a member of the community extremely concerned with the lack of funding to build the three elementary schools that will be needed in the Central Area Specific Plan (CASP). I am concerned with the City's lack of support to create a Community Facilities District (CFD) to fund the construction of the three elementary schools. The law specifically allows the use of CFDs to fund schools, and there have been over 500 CFD school financings over the last decades. Why isn't the city requiring that the developers work with the districts to establish a CFD to help build the schools?

Thank you for your time!

**From:** [Lupe Hernandez](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Statement for City Council Meeting today on 11/3/2020  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2020 1:40:17 PM

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My name is Lupe Marie Hernandez and I would like to have a statement read for the city council meeting tonight.

### **Allowing chickens in the city limits of Salinas**

This is a real health issue and can cause many problems in the neighborhoods.

We have to deal with people not picking up after their pets and now allowing

**chickens! If there are chickens there has to be noisy roosters!**

**Please NO chickens in the city limits.**

**Thank you!**

**From:** [Samantha Brammer](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support of Salinas Chicken Ordinance  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2020 9:10:23 AM

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To Whom it may Concern:

I am in favor of the City of Salinas allowing the use of backyard hens. There are several reasons as to why chickens are more useful/better than any other pet allowed in the city. 1) They make fresh eggs each day. Being a working, single mom of three young boys, it takes a lot for me to make rent, none-the-less pay for expensive groceries such as meat and eggs. By having a few chickens, I easily can obtain a dozen eggs per week. I buy locally (thank you Collier Feed!) one bag of chicken food that costs me \$25. This will last my 3 hens two months, providing me with 8 dozen eggs--no dog or cat can provide for my family like that. 2) Chickens help reduce the insects around my house. Prior to getting my chickens, I would have to spray for spiders bi-monthly. These organic natural insect eaters help reduce toxic insecticides. My children are no longer exposed to insecticides and neither are the farm fields across the street exposed to run-off after a heavy rain. Chicken poop is a lot safer fertilizer than insecticides when it comes to our local crops' health. 3) Hens are a lot quieter than any local dogs. There will be no noise complaints of a hen squawking at all hours of the day. They sleep quietly at night and only squawk after they have proudly accomplished their egg for the day. 4) They are an easy first pet for my kids to learn animal responsibility. My young kids love rushing out to feed and gather the eggs. We use the chicken fertilizer in the gardens which then we can grow more food to support ourselves. The chickens love our left-overs and have really become a close part of our family. 5) As rent prices increase and the housing market becomes unaffordable, many are forced out of the cities that allow chickens, such as Carmel. This is hard on families as then they have to decide between paying the higher rent, or surrendering their hens to the SPCA.

Please understand these viewpoints when voting on the Salinas chicken ordinance. Hens really are a benefit to my family and the city as a whole. This measure would help families to be able to better support themselves especially during this time of need. Thank you for your time.

Samantha Brammer



**From:** [Tucker McBride](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Vote YES on the Domestic Chickens Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, November 02, 2020 6:56:35 AM

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Dear City Council for Salinas:

Please vote **YES** on the Domestic Chickens Ordinance. There are so many benefits to keeping a backyard coop of chickens – and I’m not just talking about the eggs. From an eco-friendlier yard to healthier garden foliage and produce, chicken ownership can be rewarding and beneficial.

While the average chicken diet is mostly grain, chickens are active foragers and are more than happy to make a meal of small bugs and worms. They’re great for pest control as far as getting rid of ticks and bugs that you might not want. Egg-laying breeds are great for hunting insects. Your chickens get fed, your garden stays protected, and breakfast is on your flock – which makes for an excellent arrangement.

Whether it’s overflow from your fruit or vegetable garden or leftover table scraps that you don’t want to waste, chickens are more than happy to feast on that slightly overripe apple or stale piece of bread – which means you’ll waste less food.

When it comes to improving your garden, there’s no better fertilizer for your homegrown fruit, vegetable and flower beds than the kind created by nature. Instead of throwing away the waste from the chicken coop, it makes amazing compost and can be used to fertilize the garden.

Lastly, it’s not news that being around animals has plenty of health benefits – from reducing stress levels to lowering blood pressure. It’s surprising what a big difference chickens make. It’s peaceful just hanging out with them – they’ve always got some kind of little chatter that they’re doing. It can be a real delight to just spend time around them and has a nice calming effect.”

To recap: Owning chickens means you’ll waste less food, have a better breakfast and a healthier garden – not to mention, a new way to unwind and de-stress

Again, please vote YES on the Domestic Chicken Ordinance.

Thank you.