



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 9, 2023
SUBJECT: Discuss backyard hen research and suggested ordinance amendments.
PRESENTER: Stefanie Martinez, Director of Neighborhood Services

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Over the last few months residents of North Richland Hills have asked that City Council consider amending the current city ordinances restricting backyard hens. Neighborhood Services has conducted research, met with interested parties and received input from residents regarding allowing backyard hens.

Chapter 14 of the City of North Richland Hill's Code of Ordinances currently restricts chickens and fowl to properties zoned AG or R-1-S. It also limits the number of livestock and fowl to one per acre.

Staff is prepared to present the information gathered to City Council for their consideration in amending the ordinances.