



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 10, 2025
SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3891, amending the Code of Ordinances, City of North Richland Hills, Texas, by repealing Section 14-605 "Expiration", relating to the November 30, 2025 sunset provision for Backyard Chicken regulations.
PRESENTER: Stefanie Martinez, Director of Neighborhood Services

SUMMARY:

Staff requests the City Council repeal Section 14-605 of the Backyard Chicken Ordinance to remove the "Expiration Date" of the ordinance.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In November 2023, the City Council enacted an ordinance which allowed backyard chickens on residentially zoned properties. This ordinance has become more commonly known as the "Backyard Chicken Ordinance." The ordinance also included a sunset provision of November 30, 2025.

Today, after over a year of since enacting the Backyard Chicken Ordinance, staff is asking that City Council revise the ordinance to eliminate the sunset provision creating a permanent ordinance. Since the adoption of the ordinance few complaints have been received in relation to the keeping of chickens on residential properties.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3891.