



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** November 13, 2023
SUBJECT: Discuss Proposed Backyard Chicken Ordinance
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 chickens. Neighborhood Services has conducted research, met with interested parties, received input from residents regarding allowing backyard hens, and received direction from Council regarding proposed backyard chicken requirements.

Staff has drafted a proposed ordinance that would amend Section 14-442 of the Code of Ordinances, add new Article XVI to Chapter 14-Animals to allow for the keeping of backyard chickens, and amend Section 34-33 of the Code to declare specific nuisances. Staff is prepared to present the draft ordinance for Council consideration. The purpose of this work session item is to review the draft ordinance with the City Council prior to Council considering the ordinance during the regular Council meeting.