

Mary K Williams

2100 N Douglas

Appeal of Neighbor Opposition to Chickens

- **Noise**

- talking: 60 decibels
- barking dogs: 90 decibels
- lawn mower: 100 decibels
- Chainsaw: 120 decibels
- CHICKENS: 60!!!

(no roosters!)

*If neighbors have trouble hearing dogs as they have in the past, it will be unlikely that they will hear hens.

- **Disease**

- Salmonella: bacteria, very few outbreaks, only transmitted through direct contact
- Avian Flu: virus, similar transmission as influenza, no reported cases in humans in the US
- Botulism: bacteria/toxin, anaerobic, usually from dead birds, "rarely affects humans", needs direct contact with soil from dead/decaying animals
- Campylobacter: bacteria, contaminated food, water or stool, needs direct contact
- E coli: bacteria, present in our GI tract, usually from food, meat, juices, needs direct contact
- West Nile: virus, needs mosquito as a vector, "infected poultry poses no significant public health risk"

- **Smell**

- Proper coop shavings, special methods such as "Deep Litter Method", Significantly less stool than dogs, no urine, great for composting
- no complaints from our Great Dane thus far

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

- **Eye Sore**

- Please take a look at the included photos.
- Neighbor has a 6ft tall fence on top of a 3 1/2 foot retaining wall. (9.5 ft)
- the limits for the coop are 8 feet.

May 22, 2017

To Whom it May Concern:

We have had the pleasure of knowing the Williams family for nine years. The Williams's are our neighbors and friends. In the past nine years of living across the street from the Williams family, we have only had positive experiences. They are very generous in helping out in the neighborhood. They have personally helped us with power during a power outage, tree removal, and watching our children, to just name a few things.

We feel that the Williams will be excellent candidates for raising hens. They have demonstrated that they care about the neighborhood and their home and pets. We had the pleasure of watching their dog, Borge, live a full life with them. Shortly after they moved in, they came around and introduced themselves and their dog. They were very careful to let our kids get to know him and know how to treat him properly. My daughter has also enjoyed meeting their lizard pet on a few occasions.

I hope that you will permit the Williams to be one of the first Appleton neighbors to raise hens. We are confident they will take the same care and dedication in the endeavor that they've shown in everything they do.

Regards,

Mike and Amy Putnam and family
2113 N. Douglas St., Appleton
(920) 358-0630



Mary Williams <mary.williamsnm@gmail.com>

Chickens

1 message

Anna Schmidt <annalittlebits@hotmail.com>

Wed, May 24, 2017 at 4:07 PM

To: "mary.williamsnm@gmail.com" <mary.williamsnm@gmail.com>

Here is my letter:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this on the behalf of Mary Williams and her desire to have backyard chickens. I have raised chickens in my backyard for almost 10 years. In this time I have found chickens to be one of the easiest and best backyard pets. They are quiet birds. The only noise you will hear is every so often they will call out when laying an egg. But it is not routine. They will cluck at each other but this noise is much quieter than any other backyard animal.

If a chicken coop is properly cared for, the backyard chicken does not give off any smell that is offensive. I know that Mary is a very responsible person. She has cared for pets in the past and I have full faith in the fact that she will not let a chicken coop get so dirty that it becomes offensive to her neighbors.

When chickens are not allowed to roam there is literally no reason for a neighbor to be worried. These birds are quiet, non-obtrusive pets. They are fun for everyone to watch and interact with. Their eggs are amazing.

I know that Mary and her family will be wonderful chicken caretakers and that her neighbors will hardly even notice they are there. Until they taste a fresh egg, then they will be forever grateful for her chickens.

Sincerely,

Anna Schmidt

Tom and Carissa Pomeroy

1131 W. Parkway Blvd

Appleton, WI 54956

920-585-6852

John and Mary Williams

2700 Douglas Street

Appleton, WI 54914

My name is Carissa Pomeroy.

I have known John and Mary Williams for several years. John and Mary have always been very responsible and respectful pet owners. We have trusted our pets to be in their care on several occasions and were very pleased with the care our animals received. I have no doubt if they are approved to own chickens that they will well taken care. John and Mary will create a great home for these chickens and will provide for all of their needs. They have all the resources to take care of animals and provide care for them and all of their needs.

Thank you

Carissa Pomeroy

Jesse Sage
2103 N. Douglas St.
Appleton, WI 54914

May 24, 2017

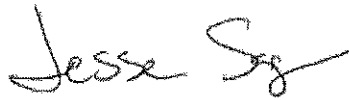
To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jesse Sage and I am neighbors with John and Mary Williams. I understand that they have applied to raise chickens on their property as part of the new city ordinance.

In the two and a half years I've lived in the neighborhood, I have come to know John and Mary and know that they are attentive and caring pet owners and would care for and watch any pets that they have on their property. I would not have any opposition to them owning and caring for chickens.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Sage". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jesse Sage

