

**FEBRUARY 1, 2023  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL/REVISIONS**

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**From:** [BreAnna Hamman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 3332-2023  
**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2023 10:38:37 PM

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Hello,

My name is BreAnna Hamman and I am a homeowner in the Woodland subdivision. I would like to voice my support for the passing of the city ordinance 3332-2023. I have a neighbor directly next to us, who under a permit has chickens. The chickens have caused no disturbances and are not bothersome. I have been bothered more by the dogs that get left out to bark by my other neighbor. I have had problems with dogs and cats coming onto our property, I have yet had a chicken do so. I believe people should also have access to fresh eggs and poultry. The uncertainty with food shipments these days has added an extra need for local people to harvest their own eggs. All of these reasons and more contribute to why I think the ordinance needs to be passed. Thank you for your time.

-BreAnna Hamman

**From:** [Deni Oren](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance No. 3332-2023a  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:46:44 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Good evening, I am writing to express my support in favor of City of Kenai's Ordinance No. 3332-2023a; in regards to allowing residents on properties less than 40k square feet in size to own up to 12 laying hens.

As a City of Kenai resident I think this is a great idea to help offset some of the food supply issues and food insecurities my fellow neighbors and myself are starting to face in regards to inflation and supply chain issues lately. I do understand the concerns of some when it relates to how the city will pass this in a manner that doesn't create neighborhood nuisances. But as homeowners, I think this can be done in a responsible and appropriate way just as we are expected to do with any of our pets.

I think passing this ordinance would be so beneficial for local residents, not only for just each individual property/homeowner, but as well as for our neighbors who may benefit from receiving or purchasing fresh local eggs when our local stores are depleted. With rising costs of food, lack of food on shelves, it would be a world of difference to be able to offset some of these worries by having a more sustainable way to provide food for our families. I have read through the expectations listed and I find them to be very fair, and do believe it would help to reduce any issues in regards to having the hens. I also believe the allowance of up to 12 hens is perfect for a majority of the properties in the City of Kenai.

Thank you for your time and I hope that the City of Kenai takes my support into consideration.

Respectfully,  
Mr. & Mrs. Oren

Glenn & Charlotte Yamada

1806 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

Kenai, AK 99611

907-398-4170

To Whom It May Concern;

Hello. Our names are Glenn & Charlotte Yamada, we would like to share our enthusiasm for Ordinance No. 3332-2023! We are most definitely in support of property owners being allowed (a maximum) of 12 chickens on lots less than 40,000 square feet. With the current state of the nation, and so many food shortages, combine that with shipping costs to us- we think it prudent that property owners not be restricted with regards to chickens. So, please pass/amend the Kenai Municipal Code Section 3.10.070-Livestock within the City Limits, to Allow a Maximum of 12 Chicken Hens to be Kept on Certain Lots Less than 40,000 Square Feet within the City of Kenai.

In closing, again please pass/amend this code to allow for chickens in city limits.

Sincerely,

Glenn & Charlotte Yamada

**From:** [Alice Waarvik](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Chickens in city limits  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 3:07:05 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing in support of Kenai city residents keeping chickens. I'd like to request this email to be included in the public lay down and forwarded to all council members.

- The number 1 reason people like chickens: Chickens provide a valuable low-cost food source. Home raised eggs are fresher, better tasting, and more nutritious than commercially farmed eggs.
- Chickens provide value as pets and also teach kids about responsibility through caring for an animal. Raising chickens also promotes the humane treatment of food producing animals.
- Chickens divert waste from landfills. Lots of household waste is compostable and chickens are happy to eat much of that waste.

I've researched common complaints that people have about keeping chickens and would like to address a few of those.

- A hen's laying song is about 60 decibels so it would take 12 hens producing noise at the exact same time to produce more noise than 1 dog. I believe our city allows for 3 dogs per household.
- A chicken's manure should not smell if it's processed properly. Cat and dog manure are not advised to add to compost because of the risk of spreading disease to a garden, whereas chicken manure is recommended by the US Extension Colleges for use in composting when it is has been aged for 6 months before application.
- Backyard chickens can present a health risk to humans from salmonella infections, although not as great as simply preparing a meal with chicken in your kitchen. Wild birds also present this risk as do reptiles like turtles and geckos. Dogs transfer diseases to humans such as worms but we are so used to dogs in our lives that we do not normally think of it as a risk.

Before we moved to Kenai, we kept a small backyard flock of chickens. Our chickens not only nourished us with their eggs but enriched our lives in the same way cats and dogs do. They are not just livestock. Chickens are a wonderful hobby that provides companionship, entertainment, comic relief, and food! I look forward to the day we can share our lives with chickens again.

Thanks so much!

Alice Waarvik

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bill Vedders](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** No to chickens  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:23:54 PM

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Please distribute this to all council members.

I chose to live in the city for a reason. Chickens are loud, stinky, and a bear attractant. If this passes I could potentially live between 24 chickens! This is not why I decided to live inside the city limits of the peaceful city of Kenai.

Bill Vedders  
504 Ash Avenue  
Kenai  
907-690-1884

**From:** [Chelsey Merriman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Chicken Ordinance  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:49:22 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I support the ordinance on the basis of basic human rights. Anyone should be able to supply food for themselves and/or their family. To deny people the right to supply food for their family is abhorrent. With the supply and demand issues the nation is facing, it would be unwise to deny the ordinance.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Chelsey

**From:** [Christina Wood](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Chicken ordinance  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 11:35:39 AM

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12 chickens is not that many.

Not everyone is going to get chickens.

I have lived on the Peninsula for 19 years and have always had chickens.

Nowadays, it's good to provide for yourself (eggs/meat) since we cannot rely on America's availability. I love my fresh eggs and am thankful on this day that we have no issues in obtaining eggs for meals like most people here in AK.

Living here... isn't that we take pride in? Being self-reliant?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wood





JoeGoogle GoogleJoe <julietthotelml@gmail.com>

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## Question Re Ordinance 3332-2023

1 message

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**JoeGoogle GoogleJoe** <julietthotelml@gmail.com>  
To: adouthit@kenai.city

Tue, Jan 31, 2023 at 11:15 PM

Hello Kenai City Council Member Alex Douthit, Kenai resident Joseph Huard here ...

I have a question about your Ordinance 3332-2023 that I would like you to answer. In your 12/29/2022 letter introducing this Ordinance to Mayor Gabriel and City Council Members, you stated:

"The proposed changes will allow a maximum of 12 chicken hens to be kept on lots less than 40,000 square feet except for the following zones: RU, RS1, RS2. and TSH, these four zones uniquely prohibit the keeping of any livestock regardless of lot size."

I searched but was unable to corroborate your assertion that the "... RU, RS1, RS2, and TSH ... zones uniquely prohibit the keeping of any livestock regardless of lot size." Specifically, I searched the Land Use Table found in Kenai Municipal Code KMC Section 14.22.010, and came up empty. I don't know where else to look.

Would you please cite for me the source or sources that support your view that zones RU, RS1, RS2, And TSH uniquely prohibit the keeping of any livestock.

Thanks ...

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**Additional Ordinance 3332-2023 Comments and Attachment from Joseph Huard**

1 message

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JoeGoogle GoogleJoe <julietthotelml@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 1, 2023 at 2:05 PM

To: cityclerk@kenai.city

Hello Kenai City Clerk, Kenai City resident Joseph Huard here ...

Attached is a document I printed off the Woodland Subdivision Facebook site today. The highlighted post within this document-- authored by chicken expert and former Woodland Estates resident Lisa Marie Hansen-- discusses the level of noise that chicken hens are capable of versus the level of noise chicken roosters are capable of. At the 01/25 Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting discussion of Ordinance 3332-2023 there was at least one Commission member (Glendening?) who was of the misunderstanding that chicken hens are substantially less noisy than chicken roosters. Lisa Marie Hansen's 'expert testimony' clears up that misunderstanding.

By the way, 'egg songs' isn't an invented phrase, it is indeed a 'real thing'!!!

Please include this email, along with its attachment in tonight's City Council Meeting packet ...

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Kelsey Robertson

I got eggs at Walmart in kenai two days ago for regular price ! They did have a limited selection but the prices were not raised any thank goodness.

Like Reply 3w



Carly MacDonald

\$6 ? Lol more like \$10

Like Reply 3w



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Sarah Rigsby

People need to get on board with chickens they are not that bad unless you have roosters honestly

Like Reply 3w



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Lisa Marie Hansen

Sarah Rigsby I mean "egg songs" by hens can be just as loud if not louder than rooster crows. However folks just need to accept animals make noise. Dogs bark, cats meow, etc. these are natural noises. Folks have become so desensitized by what used to be normal. Back in the day almost every backyard had a garden and chickens.

Like Reply 3w



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Miranda Martin

They're even more expensive if you want the cage free, ranch raised (or whatever you call it) kind.

Like Reply 3w



Camy Snyder

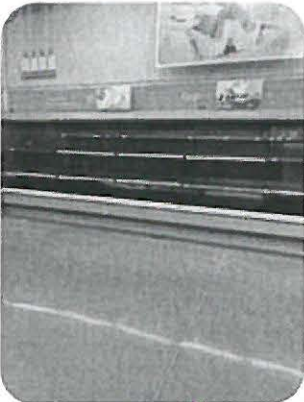


Like Reply 3w



Sean Seyler

Walmart this evening.



Like Reply 3w



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Phoebe Ruiz

It's the city people that move here that don't want chickens. They apparently don't know Alaska is a survival state and at some point we will have live stock back on our properties

Like Reply 44m



JUST AS  
LOUD  
NOT  
LOUDER!!!

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# KENAI

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Gabriel and Council Members  
**THROUGH:** Terry Eubank, City Manager  
**FROM:** Scott Curtin, Public Works Director  
**DATE:** January 31, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Corrections**

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Upon further review of the Capital Improvement Plan, some narrative errors were found and corrected as detailed within the attached pages. The corrections had no impact on the dollar values associated with projects, and the plan contains the same number of previously presented projects.

The Corrected CIP Plan has been posted on the City's website at the link below.

<https://www.kenai.city/publicworks/page/capital-improvement-plan>

# WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

## UTILITY MANAGER TRUCK

Department: Public Works – Water & Sewer  
 Total Project Cost: \$70,000  
 Project Phased: No  
 Project Type: Equipment/Vehicle  
 Funding Source(s): Water & Sewer Fund  
 Potential Grant Identified: State Revolving Fund  
 Operating Budget Impact: Slight Decrease



YEAR:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
COST:	\$70,000				

Details: The Water Sewer Wastewater division currently has three trucks in service for seven employees. This truck will be for the Utility Manager and will increase the fleet by one unit.

## WHEEL LOADER & ATTACHMENTS

Department: Public Works – Water & Sewer  
 Total Project Cost: \$220,000  
 Project Phased: No  
 Project Type: Equipment  
 Funding Source(s): Water & Sewer Fund  
 Potential Grant Identified: State Revolving Fund  
 Operating Budget Impact: Slight Decrease



YEAR:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
COST:	\$220,000				

Details: This purchase will replace the departments existing 30+ year old Bobcat with a new compact loader with several attachments including forks for unloading supplies / chemicals, snow blower and snow pusher attachments for maintaining lift station and other facility access.

# WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

## WWTP OPERATIONS BUILDING RENOVATIONS (DESIGN)

Department: Public Works – WWTP  
 Total Project Cost: \$300,000  
 Project Phased: No  
 Project Type: Building Improvement  
 Funding Source(s): Water Sewer Fund/Grant  
 Potential Grant Identified: Federal & State Options  
 Operating Budget Impact: Significant Decrease



YEAR:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
COST:	\$300,000				

Details: This project will provide much needed improvements to the main operations building at the Waste Water Plant which was originally constructed in 1974 with improvements completed in 1982. The facility is on the shore of Cook Inlet and subject to the constant presence of salt air. As a result, much of the facility doors, windows, siding, hardware, etc. have rusted beyond repair. This project will provide a much needed facelift with improvements anticipated to help with improved energy savings.

## AIRPORT RESERVOIR PUMP HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTRUCTION)

Department: Public Works – Water & Sewer  
 Total Project Cost: \$1,200,000  
 Project Phased: No  
 Project Type: Infrastructure  
 Funding Source(s): Water & Sewer Fund/Grant  
 Potential Grant Identified: Federal and State Option  
 Operating Budget Impact: Moderate Decrease



YEAR:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
COST:		\$1,200,000			

Details: This project will provide equipment replacements at the Airport Reservoir Pump House. This site has a three million gallon storage tank which provides the majority of water for the City during daytime hours. This work will utilize the existing building, but modify pumps and controls to provide a more robust and reliable system.

# WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

## DISINFECTANT GENERATION EQUIPMENT (CONSTRUCTION)

Department: Public Works – Water & Sewer  
 Total Project Cost: \$500,000  
 Project Phased: No  
 Project Type: Equipment Upgrade  
 Funding Source(s): Water & Sewer  
 Potential Grant Identified: State Revolving Fund  
 Operating Budget Impact: Moderate Decrease



YEAR:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
COST:		\$500,000			

Details: This Project will allow the Public Works department to generate our own chlorine disinfectant for use at the water and wastewater plants. This will remove the potential for supply chain issues we experienced starting with COVID.

## OPERATORS TRUCK

Department: Public Works – Water & Sewer  
 Total Project Cost: \$60,000  
 Project Phased: No  
 Project Type: Equipment/Vehicle Replacement  
 Funding Source(s): Water & Sewer Fund  
 Potential Grant Identified: State Revolving Fund  
 Operating Budget Impact: Slight Decrease



YEAR:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
COST:		\$60,000			

Details: Replacement of an existing operator truck with new to allow for the continued operation of the Department.

# WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

## GIS MAPPING IMPROVEMENTS

Department: Public Works – Water & Sewer  
 Total Project Cost: \$200,000  
 Project Phased: No  
 Project Type: Equipment Upgrade  
 Funding Source(s): Water & Sewer Fund  
 Potential Grant Identified: None  
 Operating Budget Impact: Moderate Decrease



YEAR:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
COST:			\$200,000		

Details: This project will update the City’s existing utility mapping infrastructure. Survey services will be used to provide current locations of infrastructure including hydrants, water and sewer services, manholes, etc.

## WATER TREATMENT PLANT FENCING IMPROVEMENTS

Department: Public Works – Water & Sewer  
 Total Project Cost: \$100,000  
 Project Phased: Yes  
 Project Type: Infrastructure  
 Funding Source(s): Water & Sewer Fund  
 Potential Grant Identified: None  
 Operating Budget Impact: Minimal



YEAR:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
COST:			\$100,000		

Details: This project will replace 40-year-old fencing and improve site security at several locations.



# *Warm Winter Greetings!*

We are helping Matt Brown with an amazing 100% local charity, Operation Children First, with their first Dinner & Silent Auction on Feb.18! We'd love to add something with your name on it for the community to see for the core fundraising item: The Silent Auction! No item is too large or too small and items along with your name will be laid out prominently during the event!



@ Kenai Catering  
260 S. Willow, Kenai  
Sat 18 Feb  
6:00 PM

***Dinner  
&  
Silent  
Auction***

100% of proceeds  
stay local with

**OPERATION  
CHILDREN  
FIRST**

Dinner is complimentary but limited  
to 100 tickets for venue capacity:  
No-host bar and Silent Auction  
area available all evening with  
no ticket necessary!

Tickets available at:  
<https://operationchildrenfirst.eventbrite.com>

An item, a service, a gift basket, or a gift certificate are all greatly appreciated ideas. Please reach out with any questions or comments to Matt at 907-398-3185 or Tasha at 907-398-1019. Operation Children First is a registered nonprofit and receipts will be provided at the time of pickup or dropoff (coordinate a pickup or dropoff of item with Matt or Tasha). *Donations are needed by Feb. 14th for proper display setup, thank you so much!*

*Thank you so much for making the Kenai Peninsula such an amazing place to live!*