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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WORK SESSION
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ACTION	ITEM	REQUESTED BY
Add to item D	Commission Discussion – Ordinance No. 3332-2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Comments	Planning Director

From: [Kiley Hansen](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Allowing chickens in Kenai
Date: Friday, February 3, 2023 9:34:16 AM

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Hello! I understand that there's currently an ongoing discussion about whether chickens (specifically hens) should be allowed in city limits in Kenai. I live on Fathom dr. and with the cost of eggs and poultry, being able to keep chickens would help those who really need to budget their groceries. Having chickens has a lot of benefits and I believe it would help the community immensely. Thank you so much for considering it.
Kiley Hardesty

February 2, 2023

Planning & Zoning Commission
City of Kenai
210 Fidalgo Avenue
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Ordinance No. 3332-2023 (Chickens)

Dear Commissioners:

I do not support Ordinance 3332-2023 – it is too broad: “anything goes.” This ordinance as written does not provide sufficient limitations to protect the residential character of our neighborhoods in the RS zone. Please adopt *reasonable standards* that would maintain the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Several amendments have been offered and discussed; many I agree with. Please consider and adopt the following standards.

- Remove the RS zone from the ordinance, or have a lot size minimum such as 20,000 square feet (1/2 acre);
- Reduce the number of hens from 12 to 6 in the RS zone (I would prefer more like 4);
- Don't allow keeping chickens in front yards (allowed under Ord. 3332-2023);
- Require licenses, like dogs (currently required in the Animal Code);
- Limit chickens for personal use only; and provide that chicken farming can't be spread over multiple lots;
- Require the homeowner's written consent for tenants keeping chickens;
- Provide standards for the location, number and materials of pens or sheds to reduce nuisances such as noise, odor, waste and eyesores;
- Require that chicken waste be removed promptly.

One argument for Ordinance 3332-2023 is that other cities in Alaska allow chickens, such as Wasilla, Juneau, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Palmer. However, those cities have many more regulations regarding chickens than Ordinance 3332-2023. For example, both Juneau and Wasilla require administrative approval or a license to keep chickens. Please review these city code regulations, and find out what works and what doesn't work. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ORD. 3332-2023

(from City Council/P&Z Commission/Public Comments)

- 1. Zoning.**
 - Remove Airport Light Industrial zone from allowed zones. (Knackstedt 2/1/23 p. 14).
 - Remove RS (Suburban residential) zone from allowed zones.
 - Many subdivisions in this zone have small lot sizes (1/3 acre or less) and restrictive covenants banning poultry: Central Heights (off Walker Lane), Woodland Parts I-II-III-IV (off North Forest Drive), Redoubt Terrace (off South Forest Drive), Inlet Woods (off Redoubt Ave).
 - Add to land use table (see Wasilla ordinance).

- 2. Lot Size/Configuration.**
 - Minimum lot size 20,000 s.f. (1/2 acre).
 - Avoids conflict between ordinance and numerous subdivisions with small lot sizes and covenants banning poultry.
 - Limit to lots with no more than 3 adjacent lots or a maximum number of chickens on adjacent lots (first come first served).
 - Because subdivisions with staggered lots may have 5 adjacent lots (60 chickens).
 - Maximum of one lot/owner – avoid “chicken farm.”

- 3. Number/Gender.**
 - Limit to 12 in RR zone, reduce to 6 in other zones (Askin-2/1/23 p. 12).¹
 - Reduce to 6 hens Knackstedt-2/1/23 p. 14).
 - Reduce from 12 to 4-6.
 - Specify that roosters are prohibited.

- 4. Land Use.**
 - Limit to back of house in rear yard (PZC 2/1/23 p. 11).
 - Limit housing or fencing to rear yard (Knackstedt 2/1/23 pp. 14-15).
 - Setbacks, not free range with fences.
 - Limit to personal use, not commercial use.
 - Setbacks from water bodies (see Wasilla ordinance).
 - Prohibit storage of manure or waste outside containment structure.

- 5. Other.**
 - No killing chickens on site.
 - No keeping chickens or containment structures/fences on City-owned property.
 - Property owner written consent required.
 - Standards for containment area/structures (see Wasilla ordinance).

- 6. Enforcement/Public Safety.**
 - Burden of proof on owner to prove accessory structure setbacks.
 - Require license (like dogs) or registration with administration like Wasilla.
 - Require removal of chickens with bird flu.

¹ Compiled by Kristine Schmidt, 513 Ash Ave, Kenai 99611



DECLARATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF
CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS FOR
WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, PART IV, KENAI, ALASKA

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Charges is made this 1st day of June, 1978, by Hall Construction Company, Inc., an Alaskan Corporation, hereinafter referred to for the purpose of convenience as "Declarant".

WHEREAS, Declarant is owner of the real property situated in the State of Alaska, Third Judicial District, Kenai Recording District, legally described as set forth in the attached "Exhibit A" which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Declarant has established a general plan for the improvement and development of said real property and desires to create covenants, conditions and restrictions upon which and subject to which that portion of said real property shown and legally described in "Exhibit B", incorporated herein by reference, shall be improved, or sold and conveyed by it, as owner thereof.

NOT THEREFORE, Declarant does hereby establish and impose upon said Lots described in said "Exhibit B", provisions, conditions, restrictions, covenants, easements and reservations upon and subject to which each and all of said Lots as provided for herein shall be held, occupied, leased, sold, and/or conveyed by Declarant or Declarant's successors. Said covenants shall run with said lots for the benefit of said Subdivision and each and every such lot, and for the benefit of each owner of one or more lots therein, and their assigns and successors in interest, and shall apply to and bind the respective successors in interest of Declarant and the owners of each and every lot in said Subdivision from and after the recordation of these Declarations. Said provisions, conditions, restrictions, covenants, easements and reservations now made applicable to said lots are as follows:

1. LAND USE AND BUILDING TYPE

No lot or other portion of the real property described shall be used for any purpose other than described in the following paragraph.

Block H
Lots 11 through 21, single family.

Block N
Lots 11 through 20, single family.

Block T
Lots 1 through 8, single family.

Block U
Lots 1 through 20, single family.

2. DWELLING COST AND QUALITY

No dwelling shall be permitted on any lot at a cost of less than \$45,000.00 based upon cost levels prevailing on the date these conditions, restrictions, and covenants are recorded, it being the intention and purpose of such conditions, restrictions, and covenants to assure that all dwellings shall be of a quality of workmanship and materials substantially the same or better than that which can be produced on the date such conditions, restrictions, and covenants are recorded at the minimum cost stated herein.

3. BUILDING LOCATION

(a) No building shall be located on any lot nearer to the front line or nearer to the side street line than the minimum setback lines shown on the recorded plat. In any event, no building shall be located on any lot nearer than 25 feet to the front line, or nearer than 20 feet to any side street line.

(b) No building shall be located nearer than 5 feet to an interior lot line, except that no side yard shall be required for a garage or other permitted accessory building located 60 feet or more from the minimum building setback line.

(c) No dwelling shall be located on any lot nearer than 15 feet to the rear lot line.

(d) For the purpose of these conditions, restrictions and covenants, eaves, steps, and open porches shall not be considered as a part of the building, provided, however, that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a building on a lot to encroach upon another lot.

4. TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION

Any and all improvements erected upon any lot in said Subdivision shall be completed with reasonable diligence.

5. EASEMENTS

Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities, drainage facilities, and natural vegetation screening, are reserved as shown on the recorded plat. Within these easements no structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of the utilities, or which may change the direction of flow of drainage channels in the easements, or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through drainage channels in the easements. The easement area of each lot and all improvements in it shall be maintained continuously by the owner of the lot, except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company is responsible.

6. NUISANCES

No noxious or offensive activities shall be carried on upon any lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

7. TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn, or other outbuilding shall be used on any lot at any time as a residence either temporarily or permanently.

8. SIGNS

No signs of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except one professional sign of not more than one square foot, one sign of not more than five square feet advertising the property for sale or rent, or signs used by owner or a builder to advertise the property during the construction and/or sales period for marketing Subdivision lots.

9. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. And

further provided that no more than one dog of sled type breed may be maintained, and all dogs shall be restrained as necessary, to prevent their becoming nuisances.

10. GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. All incinerators or other equipment for the disposal or storage of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

11. WATER SUPPLY

No individual water supply system shall be permitted on any lot.

12. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No individual sewage disposal system shall be permitted on any lot.

13. SIGHT DISTANCE AT INTERSECTIONS

No fence, wall, hedge or shrub plantings which obstruct sight lines at elevations of between 2 and 6 feet above the roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the street property line and a line connecting them at points 25 feet from the intersection of the street lines, or in the case of a rounded property corner, from the intersection of the street property line extended. The same sight line limitations shall apply to any lot within 10 feet from the intersection of a street property line with the edge of a driveway. No tree shall be permitted to remain within such distances of such intersections unless the foliage line is maintained at sufficient height to prevent obstruction of such sight lines.

14. TREES

No owner shall be permitted to completely clear a lot on which standing trees of size and beauty exist. Space may be cleared for construction, and trees may be thinned so long as maximum natural beauty and esthetic values of such trees are retained.

15. RESUBDIVISION

The area of the lots herein described shall not be

reduced in size by resubdivision, except that owners of three (3) contiguous lots may divide the inner lot, or middle lot, thus increasing the size of the two remaining lots which shall then be treated for all purposes pertinent to these conditions, restrictions and covenants, as enlarged single lots.

16. TERM

These conditions, restrictions and covenants are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and all persons claiming under them for a period of thirty (30) years from the date these conditions, restrictions and covenants are recorded, after which time said conditions, restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument signed by a majority of the then owners of the lots has been recorded, agreeing to change said conditions, restrictions and covenants in whole or in part.

17. REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS - INVALIDATIONS

(a) Declarant may abate Violation. For a violation or breach of any of these conditions, restrictions or covenants by any person claiming by, through, or under the Declarant, or by virtue of any judicial proceedings, the Declarant, and the lot owners, or any of them severally shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity to compel a compliance with the terms hereof or to prevent the violation or breach of any of them. In addition to the foregoing right, the Declarant shall have the right whenever there shall have been built on any lot any structure which is in violation of these restrictions, to enter upon the property where such violation of these conditions, restrictions and covenants exists and summarily abate or remove the same at the expense of the owner, and any such entry and abatement or removal shall not be deemed a trespass. The failure to promptly enforce any of these conditions, restrictions or covenants shall not bar their enforcement.

(b) Record Notice. Notwithstanding anything contained in this article, there shall be no right of re-entry as provided thereinabove, nor shall there be any right to enforce any remedies set forth in these Declarations until ten (10) days after there is recorded with the Recorder of Kenai District a Notice of Breach of this Declaration, which Notice shall state: The provisions hereof which have been breached, a description of the lot, the name of the person who has breached these restrictions, the name of the record owner of said lot, and an affidavit that a copy of said notice was served on any person present, if any, on the lot, and a copy

of said notice posted on a stake in a conspicuous place on said lot or common area. Any such Notice must be signed by Declarant, or the record owner of one or more lots in the Subdivision.

(c) Attorneys Fees and Costs. Whenever the Declarant, or any person entitled to enforce any rights hereunder, engages in legal proceedings to enforce the same, and prevails in said proceedings, the person violating said restrictions by acceptance of the title to said lot does hereby agree to pay to the prevailing party such reasonable attorney's fees and court costs as are awarded by any court.

18. RESERVATIONS

Declarant, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of further insuring the development of the real property which is the subject of these conditions, restrictions and covenants, as an area of high standards, reserves the right:

- (1) to change, lay out a new, or discontinue any street, avenue or way shown on a filed plat which is not necessary for ingress or egress to or from an owner's premises, subject to the approval of the City of Kenai, or the platting authority, or both, if required.
- (2) to make such further exceptions, amendments and additions to these conditions, restrictions and covenants as it shall deem reasonably necessary and proper.

19. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS AND POWERS

Any and all of the rights and powers and reservations of the Declarant herein contained may be deeded, conveyed and/or assigned to any other corporation or association which is now organized, or which may hereafter be organized, and which will assume the duties of Declarant hereunder pertaining to the particular rights and powers and reservations assigned, and upon any such corporation or association evidencing its consent in writing to accept such assignment and assume such duties, it shall, to the extent of such deed, conveyance or assignment, have the same rights and powers and be subject to the same obligations and duties as are given to and assumed by Declarant herein; and thereafter, upon the sale by Declarant of all lots in the Subdivision covered herein, Declarant shall be relieved from that time on of the performance of any further duty and/or obligation hereunder.

20. WAIVER

Any delay or omission on the part of the Declarant, or its successors or assigns, or the owners of other lots or parcels in the Woodland Subdivision, in exercising any rights, powers, remedy or remedies provided by law or herein, in the event of any breach of the conditions, restrictions and covenants herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver thereof or acquiescence therein, and no right of action shall accrue nor shall any action be brought or maintained by anyone whatsoever against the Declarant for on account of its failure to bring any action on account of the breach of these conditions, restrictions and covenants, or for imposing restrictions herein which may be unenforceable.

*Hall Construction Co.
Jen A. Hall*

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this
4th day of December, 1978
Blaine Webster
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR ALASKA
My Commission Expires 12/12/82

STATE OF ALASKA)
Third JUDICIAL DISTRICT) ss:

Jess G. Hall and _____
appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for Alaska, on this 4th
day of December, 1978, at Anchorage, Alaska. I know them to be
the President and Kenne of
Hall Construction Company, an Alaskan corporation.
They said that they knew the contents of the foregoing instrument and acknowledged
the same to be the act of said corporation, done by authority of its Board of Directors.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Blaine Webster
Notary Public in and for Alaska
My commission expires: 12/12/82

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Hello, long-time City of Kenai and Woodland Subdivision (1078 Walnut Ave) resident Joseph Huard here.

I strongly oppose the disaster otherwise known as Ordinance No. 3332-2023 ...

Some random thoughts ...

Question: Why are there RS1 and RS2 zones in the City of Kenai?

Answer: Because the residents of the RS1 and RS2 zones said 'enough is enough' with the perennial attempts at getting chickens crammed down their throats, so they organized to get rezoned as chicken-free areas.

Question: If chickens in the city are so great, why are they banned in the RS1 and RS2 zones?

Answer: Maybe because chickens in the city are not so great?

If I wanted to live among chickens, I would have purchased a home in an area that allowed chickens. But I didn't want to live among chickens, so in 1997 I purchased my home in Kenai in an area that didn't allow chickens. It's a betrayal if I will now be forced to live among chickens. It's not what I signed up for.

I know from bitter experience how easily a mismanaged chicken operation can adversely impact the quality of life in a neighborhood. I live right around the corner from the chicken fiasco on Poplar Circle that is now, blessedly, gone. All that remains of the operation is the blue tarp eyesore they left behind. Keep in mind, that enterprise was run by a chicken 'pro'; I can only imagine how badly things might end up when amateurs set up shop around here.

I live next door to the smallest lot in the entire Woodland Subdivision at 7,288 sq ft. My lot, at 7,350 sq ft is the second smallest in Woodland. The largest lot contiguous to my lot is 11,278 sq ft. I share a corner post with four other lots. That's five lots sharing one corner post. From my backyard I have a view of six backyards besides my own. Yes I said six. Six backyards with 12 chickens per back yard equals 72 chicken hens. That's a lot of those adorable little mother cluckers I may have to live with. There'll be quite the cloud of bloody chicken feathers floating in the air if all six of my neighbors decide at the same time to start chopping the heads off their adorable chickens.

Some people might dismiss the idea that what I describe (72 chickens) could actually happen. These same people tell us how popular chickens would be if only they were allowed in the city. If chickens end up being as popular as they tell us, I could very well end up looking at 100 hens, due to a lack of enforcement of what are, essentially, unenforceable requirements. They say it won't happen, but what if it does happen? Where does that leave me?

Barbara Kennedy, in her January 25 testimony in front of the Kenai Planning and Zoning Commission, said where she lives, on North Lupine Ave, 'there are chickens everywhere'. The same thing could happen in Woodland Subdivision. I don't want to see 'chickens everywhere'. It's the Woodland Subdivision, not the Woodland Zoo.

Predators like the taste of chicken, I'm not sure why, maybe because it tastes like chicken. No chickens means less predators.

Dogs bark at chickens. No chickens = less barking.

What is it about blue tarps and chicken wire? They always seem to go together (see photo on page 6).

Don't like looking at your neighbor's dirty, disgusting chickens? Do you consider them to be a nuisance? Chicken owners refuse to put up privacy fencing? Remember, chickens in and of themselves can not be considered a nuisance if the Ordinance passes. Your option: Put up a tarp (preferably blue).

If I decide to sell and I have chickens on either or both sides of me, my property will likely take much longer to sell and I will likely have to settle for a lower amount than I could get otherwise. That's despite all the starry-eyed claims of chicken popularity; most people, if given a choice, simply do not want to live next door to a freaking chicken coop. Chickens have never been a selling point. Anywhere. You don't find real estate agents using chickens as a selling point in their listings. And we all know why.

Woodland Subdivision could easily end up having many more chickens than people. And that's with just a few coops. If I wanted to live in an area with more chickens than people I would have bought a farm outside of town. A farm is a place where farmers grow crops and raise livestock, such as chickens. You know. A farm. Not a Woodland Subdivision back yard.

We aren't living in the food-insecure Bush. We've got plenty of food security around here. It's called IGA, Walmart, Safeway, Fred Meyer, Arby's, McDonald's, Subway, and most importantly, Taco Bell. I've worked in the Bush. The Bush has food insecurity. The Bush would love to have to suffer under the jack boot heel of our so-called 'food insecurity'. You want food security? Plant a garden. Tomatoes, cucumbers, rhubarb. Just don't plant eggplant. I *hate* eggplant.

First marijuana moves in, next the chickens move in, then it will be the potheads chasing their loose chickens around the neighborhood (and scaring the moose) because they were too stoned to remember to close the door to their chicken pen.

Instead of a mere seven politicians deciding on whether to destroy the character of the city, why not instead let we the people decide. Let's vote on it! Or you could instead do what all the previous City Councils did when this issue popped up-- they killed it in its cradle.

Let's keep the status quo. If people are keeping chickens under the table, they know they'll have to be discreet, and they'll be more likely to want to keep their neighbors happy. If chickens are made legal, unscrupulous people will be able to say EFF OFF to their neighbors, secure in the knowledge that the law is unenforceable.

However, if you insist on going forward with this fiasco:

A permitting process is an absolute must. That way, at least initial compliance with the law is ensured. It won't change the reality that the law will be unenforceable after initial compliance is achieved, but at least it's something.

The clause in the proposed law that says, 'The keeping of chicken hens ... does not in or of itself constitute a nuisance or a disturbance' needs to be carefully looked at. It was included for a reason. I don't believe dogs and cats enjoy that same kind of protection. I wonder why chickens get that protection and dogs and cats don't. Why are chickens granted 'protected class' status? There has to be a reason.

The Kenai City Attorney is tasked with looking out for the City of Kenai's best interests. Among his duties is one that commits him to ensure that any law passed by the City Council has minimal adverse financial impact on the City's coffers. The successful EXCLUSION from the Ordinance of the expensive, time-consuming, logistically night-marish permitting process will be a tremendous victory for the City Attorney and will make the City of Kenai very happy. With a permit process excluded from the Ordinance, the City Attorney will have done a good job in looking out for the interests of his boss, the City of Kenai.

The Kenai City Council is tasked with looking out for the residents of the City of Kenai's best interests. Among its duties is one that commits it to ensure that any law passed by the City Council has minimal adverse quality-of-life impact on the City's residents. The successful INCLUSION in the Ordinance of the quality-of-life-enhancing permitting process will be a tremendous victory for the City Council and will make the residents of the City of Kenai very happy. With a permit process included in the Ordinance, the City Council will have done a good job in looking out for the interests of its boss, the residents of the City of Kenai.

With the Ordinance soon to be in City Council's hands for final decision, now all the slick, fast-talking City Attorney has to do is relax and play the waiting game to find out if he was able to successfully sneak one past a majority of those gullible rubes on the City Council ...

If the City Council wants to make the vast majority of the residents of the City of Kenai supremely ecstatic, then with extreme prejudice they will proceed to nuke from orbit the entire Ordinance, or if not from orbit, at least from the tip of the spire of the Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church. It's the only way to be sure ...

Let me tell you about the fever dream I had the other night ...

Kenai City Council Member Alex Douthit ambles into Kenai City Attorney Scott Bloom's office on a blustery December 2022 morning and says, 'I want chickens, can you help me write up an Ordinance?'

Bloom says, 'Sure, I'll help, but keep in mind, I represent the City, and my goal will be to ensure the financial burden on the City is kept to a minimum. Do you want a permitting process?'

Douthit says, 'Permitting process? Good God no, not if I can get away without one.'

Bloom responds, 'Whoopee! You just saved the City a ton of expense and headache.'

Bloom then asks, 'How many chickens do you want?'

Douthit says, 'Put me in for twelve. I'll get the City Council to settle for six. The City Council will then be able to tell the hayseed constituents that they were able to win a tremendous victory for them, by fighting hard to whittle down the chicken count by fifty percent. Heck, it won't matter anyway-- without a permitting process, the entire law will be pretty much completely unenforceable. Am I right, or am I right? BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!'

Bloom joins in, 'BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!'

Douthit asks, 'When can you get on this?'

Bloom replies, 'I'll start to work on this bad-boy as soon as I'm done with my three-hour lunch.'

Douthit says, 'Okay, I don't care how you go about it, I just want me some of them thar chickens!'

Bloom says, 'Oh by the way, congrats on your getting elected to the City Council. I saw that you attended your first Council meeting on October 19th. Here it is December, and you're working on your first piece of legislation. Chickens. I don't recall you having run on the Chickens in Every Backyard platform. Or did I miss something?'

Douthit replies, 'What, are you kidding? If I tried running on the chicken platform, I would have been defeated in a landslide at the polls. And then I probably would have been tarred and feathered and run out of town on a rail. No, the chickens are for me.'

Bloom says, 'Tarred and feathered? You mean like with chicken feathers?'

Douthit says, 'Yea, like with chicken feathers. BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!'

Bloom joins in, 'BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!'

Bloom then says, 'So you're one of those 'self-serving politicians' I've heard so much about.'

Douthit says, 'Yup, that's me! BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!'

Bloom once again joins in, 'BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!'

After the exchange of a vigorous series of 'high fives', Douthit proceeded on his way and Bloom commenced to grapple with his three-hour lunch.

I woke up screaming, my sheets drenched in sweat, my heart pounding, body trembling. And so my fever dream came to it's frightening end. You will not be surprised when I tell you that I've been afraid to go to sleep ever since ...

Update with a twist:

The update:

At the 02/01 Kenai City Council meeting my letter to Council, addressing Ordinance 3332-2023, along with its attachment, was placed on the laydown table for public perusal. Included in today's package is said letter, along with it's attachment (see pages 8 and 9). That night, after the City Council meeting was adjourned, the author of the Facebook post shown in the attachment went on Facebook and edited her post by removing the post's first sentence, which had read:

"I mean 'egg songs' by hens can be just as loud if not louder than rooster crows."

The 'Edit History' of her post can be found on page 7 .

The twist:

I said all that to say this: By her removing the first sentence, it focused my attention on the second sentence, which I never really noticed before, what with the shock I felt when I read her '*admission accablante*' in her first sentence that CHICKEN HENS CAN BE JUST AS LOUD IF NOT LOUDER THAN ROOSTER CROWS. Her second sentence reads as follows:

"Folks just need to accept animals make noise."

Here we have another damning admission. I believe what the author is implying is, 'I don't mind the chicken noise, and neither should you. So you might as well get used to it, because chickens make a LOT of noise.'

I'm confident I speak for many when I say this:

I accept that animals make noise, I just don't want to have to start getting used to being surrounded by constant noise from my neighbors' chickens. I enjoy my peace and quiet. I don't want to have to hear a bunch of chicken hens at times squawking LOUDER than roosters can crow.

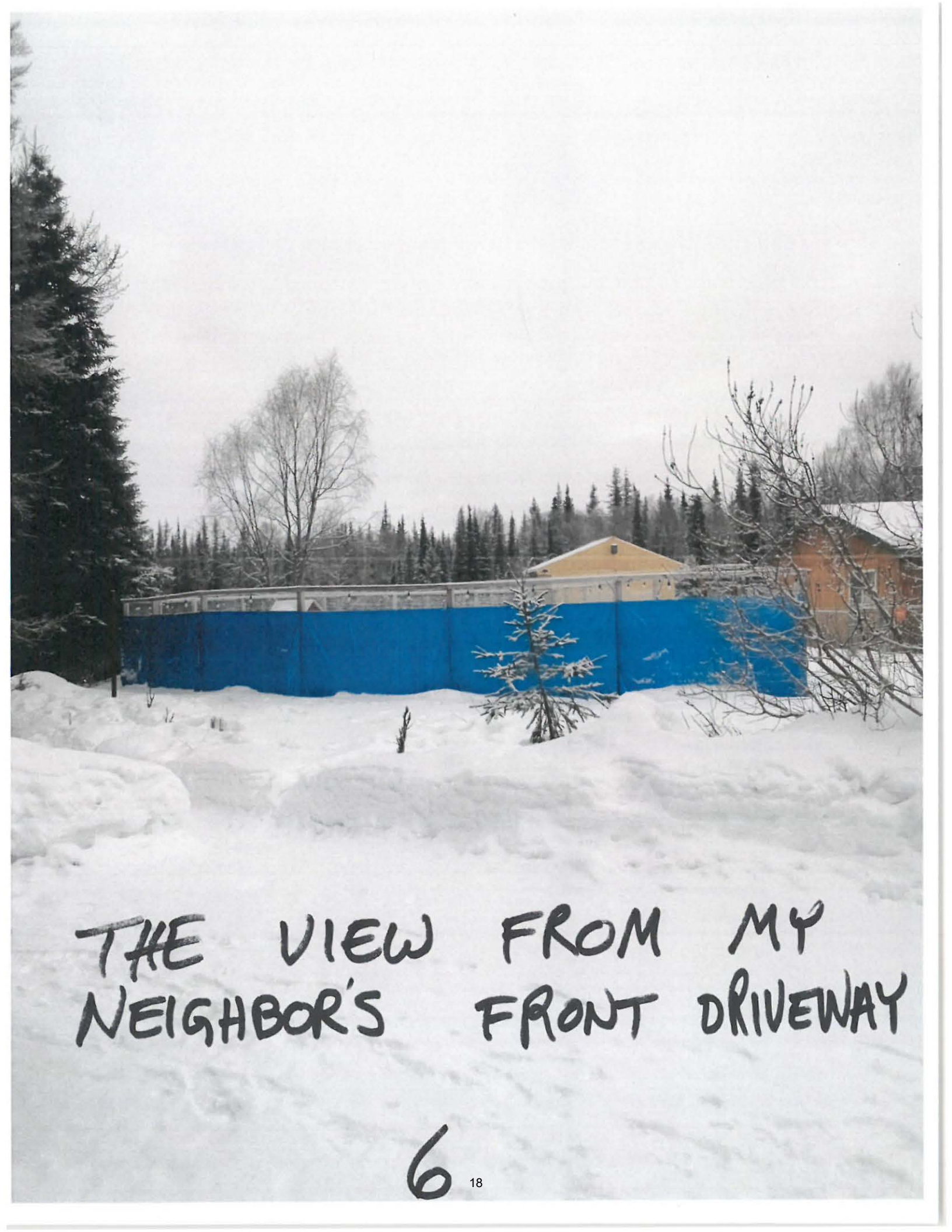
In conclusion:

At the 01/25 Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting, the City of Kenai Chief Animal Control Officer was asked for is opinion on what kind of impact the passing of Ordinance 3332-2023 might have on his ability to do his job. His response:

'I don't have an answer to that ... I don't know what the future holds.'

Yikes. Methinks we're about to find ourselves in some big trouble around here. In the words of the immortal Bette Davis,

***'FASTEN
YOUR
SEATBELTS,
IT'S GOING TO
BE A BUMPY
RIDE'***



THE VIEW FROM MY
NEIGHBOR'S FRONT DRIVEWAY

ORIGINAL

Edit History



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.

January 9 at 11:32 AM



Lisa Marie Hansen

Sarah Rigsby 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.

February 1 at 10:06 PM

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VERSION

Additional Ordinance 3332-2023 Comments and Attachment from Joseph Huard

1 message

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 ...

 **Hen Noise Vs Rooster Noise.pdf**
596K



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



Sarah Rigsby

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

Like Reply 3w



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



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



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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