

TAKE ACTION: Tell Your Alderman to Oppose Ordinance O2019-7576
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Call Script:

Hello, my name is _____, and I am a resident of the ____ ward. I'm calling to ask that you oppose ordinance O2019-7576, introduced by Aldermen Lopez and Napolitano. This ordinance, introduced without meaningful community input, burdens residents who keep roosters, chickens and other livestock with fees, fines, and unnecessary regulations. I urge my alderman to vote no on this ordinance and to support community-led urban agriculture and animal welfare solutions. Thank you very much.

TAKE ACTION: Contact Aldermen Lopez and Napolitano to Express Your Opposition

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Additional Ordinance Details:

The [proposed ordinance](#) (O2019-7576) would amend Municipal Code Titles 4 and 7 to regulate backyard livestock, roosters and urban farms. It outlines the following:

- Require those possessing fowl or livestock to obtain a “livestock permit” from the Commissioner of Health for \$25 per animal, which must be renewed annually.
- Applies only to single-family home or two-flats. All other residential properties would be BANNED from obtaining a permit.
- Cap the total number of fowl at 6 and other livestock at 2, regardless of the size of the livestock and of the property where they would reside.
- Require anyone applying for a permit to contact all residents within 500 feet of their property line to inform them of the proposed keeping of fowl or livestock. If 51% or more of those contacted object, the City must not issue the permit, regardless of reason for objections.
- Levy fines of up to \$500 for each animal every day until the animals were removed. This would apply to anyone in violation of this ordinance, even those operating within the law before its adoption.
- Ban roosters within the city, even though existing nuisance ordinances are more than adequate in addressing any sound or nuisance complaint a rooster may cause.
- Require those selling any products from livestock or fowl (i.e. eggs, milk, butter, etc.) to obtain an “Urban Farm” business license. Currently, no clear urban farm business license exists within the City of Chicago.
- Require the Commissioner of Health to immediately notify the appropriate alderman when an urban farm license is requested in his or her ward.