### Orange County

### Urban Chickens in Residential Districts

**BCC** Presentation

November 13, 2012

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- City of Orlando
  - Authorized a pilot program in May 2012
- BCC has received similar requests
- Nationwide trend
  - Chemical Free
  - Active Lifestyle
  - Sustainability





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# **Orlando Pilot Program**

- City Commission established Temporary Use approval
- 2-year program with 1-year extension
- 25 households to participate (SFR detached only)
- Maximum 3 hens

# **Program Requirements**

- Must complete Agricultural Extension class (\$20.00)
- Submit site plan and meet with Planning Official
- Coups require building permit
- No application fee (pilot)
- Weekly email status from participants required



# **Status of Pilot Program**

- 23 households approved
- 2 applicants have completed class awaiting permit approval
- Current waiting list of approximately 30 applicants
- Feedback has been positive

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#### Permitted in:

- Agricultural District (A-1, A-2)
- < 100 birds</pre>
- Setbacks
  - 100' from residential districts
  - 100' from any residential unit
  - 50' from property lines (pen/enclosures)
  - **50'** from NHWE

### Special Exception in:

- Agricultural District (A-1, A-2)
- > 100 birds
- Setbacks
  - 1000' from residential districts
  - 200' from right-of-way (pens, enclosures and waste disposal)
  - 150' from property lines (pens, enclosures and waste disposal)
  - 50' from NHWE

#### Permitted in:

- Agricultural-Residential District (A-R)
- < 30 birds</p>
- Setbacks
  - 100' from residential districts
  - 100' from any residential unit
  - 50' from property lines (pens/enclosures)
  - **50'** from NHWE

#### Permitted in:

- Rural Country Estate Districts (RCE, RCE-2 and RCE-5)
- < 12 birds</p>
- Setbacks
  - 100' from residential districts
  - 100' from any residential unit
  - 50' from property lines (pens/enclosures)
  - **50'** from NHWE

### **Countywide Map**

#### Zoning Districts Allowing Chickens

Number of Parcels Zoned for Chickens Zoning Districts Allowing Chickens Acreage	20,990
	171,526
Zoning Unincorporated Acreage Total	435, 191
Municipalities/Lakes/Street Acreage	207,068

Commission Districts

Urban Service Area

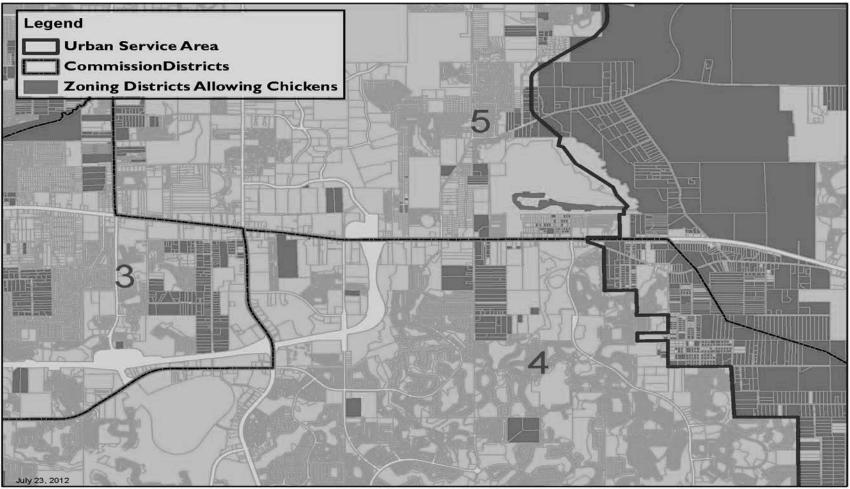


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### Considerations

- Municipalities generally prohibit chickens
- County lot sizes for other residential districts are much smaller
- Compatibility within subdivision
- Consistency
  - Poultry is considered a farm animal
  - Pot bellied pig determination

### **Other Jurisdictions**

#### Brevard County

- Agricultural zoning only no limit
- Issue currently being reviewed by staff

### Lake County

- Agriculture zoning only no limit
- Currently drafting ordinance on a very controlled and limited basis

### Seminole County

Agricultural zoning only – no limit



- BCC direction regarding establishment of criteria for urban chickens on single family residential zoned property:
  - Maintain current regulations
    - Sufficient zoned land available
    - Compatibility
  - Establish Pilot Program
    - Utilize City-developed framework
  - Monitor and revisit



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# Recommendation

- Maintain current regulations which allows for chickens in code specified residential areas, and
- Continue monitoring pilot programs of other jurisdictions.

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