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Riverdale to discuss hen ownership tonight

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SUBURBAN TRENDS

After a snag at its Aug. 26 meeting, the Borough Council is preparing to reintroduce an amended zoning ordinance that could allow more residents to own egg-producing chickens.

The governing body could not get a second for a motion to vote on adopting the ordinance on Aug. 26. Yet when the motion died for lack of support, it came as a surprise to members of the council, who then agreed to reintroduce the ordinance. The vote is expected at tonight's meeting.

Presently only properties an acre in size or more can have hens. The change would permit up to three hens for any residential property regardless of size.

The proposed zoning change has brought mixed reactions at council meetings, with some residents speaking in favor of and some against the modification.

Resident Meg Sturm initially presented the proposal to the governing body. She was not happy to see it fail to progress at the August meeting.

Resident Marc Ciampi was against changing the ordinance. Ciampi spoke out against the modification in August.

In an interview with Suburban Trends, Ciampi said, "I also spoke to a number of my immediate neighbors who were appalled to learn what is being considered."

The meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7:30 in the municipal building.

— Leslie Scott

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