



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### September 4, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Jim Moore, Director of Planning and Building Services  
Linda Neal, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** Discussion/consideration of a possible amendment to the Miscellaneous Animal Control Chapter of the Town Code, Title 6, Chapter, 6.16, banning the keeping of Roosters within Town limits

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) Open/close Public Hearing
- 2) Direct staff to amend Town Code to ban the keeping of roosters within Town limits

#### **DISCUSSION**

With the increased interest in raising poultry for egg production for personal use in the residential neighborhoods, the Police Department, Planning Department and Building Department have seen an increase in the number of rooster noise complaints. These complaints are very difficult for staff to address as the Animal Ordinance does not specifically allow or prohibit roosters, and the Noise Ordinance does not specifically address the type of noise that roosters make. Contrary to popular belief, roosters do not just crow at dawn and they are not necessary for egg production.

Residents have indicated frustration at the inability of the staff to help them with the noise problem. An ordinance banning roosters would make enforcement easier for staff. However, some roosters that have disturbed neighbors are children's pets and relocating the roosters has been emotional for all involved.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

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