



Interoffice Memorandum

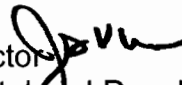
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BCC Mtg. Date: September 13, 2016

AGENDA ITEM

August 25, 2016

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Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: September 13, 2016 – Work Session Item
Chickens in Urban Residential Areas

On September 13, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will hold a work session to discuss allowing chickens in certain single-family residential areas of unincorporated Orange County.

A recent nationwide movement has brought this topic to Central Florida communities. In the last few years, several cities and counties have approved chickens as an accessory use to mostly single-family households.

On August 6, 2013, the BCC reviewed a draft ordinance, which would have allowed up to three chickens on single-family and mobile home sites with appropriate standards. Ultimately, the BCC decided not to move forward with the ordinance.

In June 2016, the BCC revived this topic and requested a work session. Staff will provide an overview of the 2013 draft ordinance, a summary of how other local jurisdictions are allowing the use and any potential issues. Staff is seeking Board direction regarding a potential ordinance or provisions of a pilot program, such as, number of participating households, number of chickens per household and a sunset date, if applicable.

ACTION REQUESTED: Board direction regarding establishment of criteria to allow single-family residential districts the ability to raise chickens on detached single-family residential home sites. All Districts

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