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Subject: Bill 1 (Chickens ----> Laying Hens)

Mr. Caires, thank you for speaking to me this morning with such knowledge and detail.

I'd like to make this general comment for the record and in the possible interest of creating momentum toward serious consideration of increasing the allowable number of backyard laying hens from two to a greater number.

I tried two hens about 10 years ago, and the number was totally inadequate. I rarely scored two eggs a day, and as the hens aged, with climate variations, etc., one egg every other day or so became one egg every three days, and so forth.

After reading the recent Star-Advertiser column where an increase to seven hens was considered unfavorably, I've waited to hear if perhaps a lesser number of, for example, four, or five, might be discussed and approved. If I understood you correctly, there is currently no action working at all on the bill.

For the record, I request that the discussion be resurrected. My personal desire and recommendation are that a maximum of four laying hens be allowed to be kept in coop(s) on any residential lot. I don't know how roosters/cocks fit into the equation, but I'm indifferent: I have no thought of raising a rooster, but I guess I'd be agreeable to no more than four laying hens and no more than one rooster = five chickens in a coop(s). (I would not want, for example, no more than three hens and no more than one rooster for a total of no more than four chickens...four laying hens is an optimal/maximum number for this citizen-resident!)

If, as you offered, you reply to me with the means of joining a list by which I can remain current with the status of this action, I'll appreciate it.

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