

Why allow hen keeping in Cambridge?



- There is no logical reason to ban it across the board
- People are doing it anyway, leading to unnecessary law breaking and conflict
- As a matter of justice people should be able to produce their own food
- Health department can and will establish regulations as necessary to ensure no unsanitary situations result
- Fears of rodents are overblown; we already have rats and proper hen keeping will not exacerbate this problem

What would this amendment do?

- Allows up to 6 hens as an accessory use, up to 12 with permission, no roosters!
- Sets dimensional standards for the chicken coop and runs
- References separate regulations to be promulgated by the Health Department

- Question: Should coops be elevated?
 - Hen keepers say no.



Pictures of the Filenes' chicken coop

