

## Rebecca Sprengeler

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2023 4:27 PM  
**To:** Jay Blake; Jay Blake; Rebecca Sprengeler; tonya Hockett  
**Subject:** Fwd: Chickens

Hi Jay and Rebecca,

I was talking to a friend of mine who has a daughter in 4H and also raises chickens for consumption. She has shared her perspective on the backyard chicken issue below.

If it's not too late, can we please share her email with the commission this evening?

Warm regards,

Jess Sollaccio

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**From:** **tonya Hockett** <[hockett2007@gmail.com](mailto:hockett2007@gmail.com)>  
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Hi Jess,

I wanted to offer a 4-H perspective for keeping chickens. At fair, kids have the opportunity to show chickens and sell meat chickens at the auction. They may be able to make \$80-100 total on their chickens at auction. So a \$250 permit would be out of that price range to make it back. I think it's important to have these opportunities to kids in the city that weren't born into farms and land. Especially in this economy we should be teaching kids how to raise chickens for eggs.

Chickens can be contained in a fairly small area, no rooster is needed to have eggs, and they're an amazing addition to a backyard garden. They fill up the compost and hunt for bugs. They will also eat kitchen scraps that would just be thrown out otherwise.

Teaching kids about their food source and having fresh eggs available for lower income families is important. These are the kids that continue to struggle with access to these opportunities.

Thank you,  
Tonya Hockett  
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