



# OGDEN ANIMAL SERVICES URBAN CHICKENS

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- Enforcement of the current ordinance prohibiting chickens currently lies with Code Enforcement. Historically Animal Services assists code enforcement with chicken complaints, but there has been a significant increase in the past few months and all of the complaints have been relayed to code enforcement. Animal Services receives at least one or two calls a week from people inquiring about having a coop inside Ogden City and they advise them that it isn't currently allowed.

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- The hourly cost for an Animal Services Officer with benefits is \$21.00. If coops were allowed in the city there would appear to be a high demand. This would cause the need for the following service increase by Animal Services.
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- Inspections x 20 hours weekly = \$420.00
- Complaints for noise and nuisance x 20 hours weekly = \$420
- Complaints for skunks, mice, rats, snakes and raccoon's increasing x 10 hours weekly = \$210.00
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- Weekly = \$1050.00
- Monthly = \$4,200
- Annually = \$50,400

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- Animal Services handled 2697 complaints in 2014 which was up from 1854 in 2013. We feel the change in ordinance would require another full time positon and vehicle to manage the increase in inspections and enforcement.

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- The current arrangement of sharing responsibilities between Code Enforcement and Animal Services is ineffectual. If chickens were allowed it would not make sense to share the responsibility. We would want one group fully trained and staffed to effectively address the issue.

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- Animal Services currently works diligently to make time to proactively enforce codes for stray dogs, cats and unlicensed animals. Adding inspections of coops that are being built and on-going inspections of completed coops would take away time from other needed enforcement activities in the city.
- Urban Chicken Coops inside Ogden are highly likely to lead to a large number of complaints of dog attacks on chickens that are either wandering outside the coop, or where in the coop didn't provide sufficient protection.