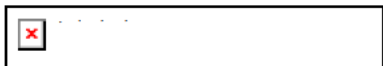


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Meeting: DuPage County Board

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Willowbrook, IL [Redacted]

**Daytime
Phone:** [Redacted]

Subject: zoning variance

Comment:

Members of the DuPage County Board:
I am unable to appear in person due to work obligations, so I ask that you please consider this statement in determining whether to grant the requested variation.
To my understanding, the primary purpose of requiring a chicken coop to be set back 25 feet from any property line is to minimize disturbance to adjacent property owners and avoid inhibition of the use and enjoyment of their property. The current location of my chicken coop within 25 feet of the western

boundary of my property best serves that purpose for three reasons:

- 1) The adjacent property to the west of my lot is a county forest preserve, which is uninhabited land not subject to residential development. There is zero risk that the placement of my chicken coop within 25 feet of the western property line will disturb adjacent property owners or inhibit their use and enjoyment of that property.
- 2) The owner of the adjacent property to the east of my lot vehemently opposes backyard chicken raising, despite its legality, and expressed his numerous grievances with the ordinance permitting the practice on the record at the last hearing in this matter. As such, he insists that I take every reasonable measure to ensure that my chicken coop is as far from his property as possible, and my original chicken coop placement was intended to accommodate his preference and preserve amicable neighborly relations. Denying my request for a variation and requiring my chicken coop to be moved further east, closer to my objecting neighbor's property, would undoubtedly increase disturbance to that property owner and inhibit his use and enjoyment of his property.
- 3) Due to the immutable dimensions of our lot, complying with a 25-foot setback from both the eastern and western property lines would interfere with the use and enjoyment of our property and cause unnecessary waste of resources. Our lot is long and narrow (see attached plat of survey for lot dimensions). If my request for a variation is denied, I would be forced to place the chicken coop in the center of my yard, which due to its narrowness, would significantly interfere with my use and enjoyment of my property and its other pre-existing improvements, including the deck, firepit, and trampoline. It would also cause undue stress to my hens (especially Bernadette) in that they would frequently be confronted with my dog using the now-open center of the yard for relief and exercise. Moreover, relocating the chicken coop would be a waste of resources in that it would require me to bear the time and expense of dismantling and reconstructing a safe, attractive, soundly built structure that is otherwise entirely in compliance with zoning rules.

Additionally, it is important to note that the granting of the requested variation will NOT:

- 1) Impair an adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent property – which again, is uninhabited and unimproved forest preserve land that is unaffected by the presence of my chicken coop;
- 2) Increase the hazard from fire or other dangers to said property;
- 3) Diminish the value of the land and buildings throughout the County;
- 4) Unduly increase traffic congestion in the public streets and highways;
- 5) Increase the potential for flood damages to adjacent property;
- 6) Incur additional public expense for flood protection, rescue, or relief; or
- 7) Otherwise impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or general welfare of the inhabitants of DuPage County.

Indeed, there has been no evidence presented to-date which suggest that the requested variation would cause any of these enumerated hardships to the County or its inhabitants.

Denying this variation request would result in hardships to both this property owner and the adjacent property owner to the east, which are outlined in detail above. Moreover, there is no evidence that granting the requested variation would cause any hardship to the County or its inhabitants. On the contrary, granting this variation and allowing my chicken coop to remain in its current location would protect this property owner and adjacent property owners from unnecessary practical and economic hardships and best preserve neighborly accord.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ed Hennig

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