To Mayor Annise Parker and City Council Members:

Re: *Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article II, Sections 6-31, 6-33 – 36, 6-38*

The City of Houston promotes itself as a green, progressive city; however, it is currently illegal to keep chickens within 100 ft of any adjacent residence. This effectively outlaws chickens inside city limits. The ordinance is an outdated hold-over and not in line with current practices in other sustainability-oriented cities. Small numbers of chickens are quiet and pose no public health threats, unlike other common pets. They do provide a healthy and safe source of fresh eggs and sustainable organic fertilizer for home gardens.

We, the undersigned, ask the Mayor and City Council to please relax the ordinances so that more citizens can keep chickens in the city.

Name (print)	E-mail (optional)	Zip Code	Signature

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