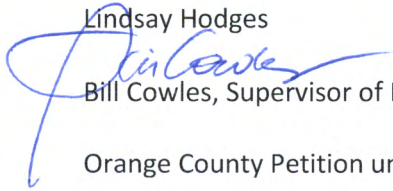

BILL COWLES
Supervisor of Elections
Orange County, Florida



OUR MISSION IS TO:
Ensure the integrity of the electoral process.
Enhance public confidence.
Encourage citizen participation.

TO: Lindsay Hodges
FROM:  Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections
RE: Orange County Petition under Section 601(A) Charter
DATE: February 24, 2014

Via email and hard copy

We have received and reviewed your "Petition to Place Orange County Charter Amendment regarding 'Urban Chickens' Amendment." One of the three petition forms received contains the required items from the voter in order for this office to verify the petition. Two other petition forms were received for the same amendment; however, they do not contain the required items and therefore are not considered valid. Please use the attached approved petition form. The Supervisor of Elections Office is not responsible for the content of the petitions.

Paragraph A of Section 601 states that, "A petition seeking to amend or repeal the Charter of Orange County shall be signed by ten (10) percent of the county electors in a majority of the commission districts as of January 1 of the year in which the petition is initiated," in this instance January 1, 2014.

As of January 1, 2014, there were 695,449 registered voters in Orange County. Listed below is the number of registered voters by Commission District and the 10% total.

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| District 1 | 119,021 | 11,902 |
| District 2 | 112,505 | 11,250 |
| District 3 | 123,752 | 12,375 |
| District 4 | 116,755 | 11,675 |
| District 5 | 130,777 | 13,077 |
| District 6 | 92,639 | 9,264 |

Your approved petition is attached and the procedures outlined in Section 602 are in effect. You have 180 days to collect petitions based on this approved petition.

Attachment

Cc: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
Jeffrey Newton, County Attorney
Nicholas A. Shannin, Attorney for Supervisor of Elections

Petition to Place Orange County Charter Amendment on Ballot

✓ Your name: _____ County: **ORANGE**
 Please Print Name as it appears on your Voter Information Card

✓ Residential street address: _____ City: _____

✓ Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____ OR Voter Registration No.: _____

*Note: - All information on this form, including your signature, becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections.
 - Per Florida law it is a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or 775.083, Fla. Stat., to knowingly sign more than one petition for an issue.
 - If all requested information on this form is not complete, the form will not be valid.*

I am a registered Florida voter & hereby petition the Orange County Commission to place the following proposed amendment on the ballot.

BALLOT TITLE: ORANGE COUNTY "URBAN CHICKENS" AMENDMENT (5)

BALLOT SUMMARY: Shall the Orange County Charter be amended to allow Orange County residents to keep up to three "urban chickens" in backyards of single-family residences or mobile homes, with such permission to prevail over municipal ordinances unless a given municipal ordinance provides more lenient standards for allowing residents to keep "urban chickens"?

ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER PROVISION BEING AMENDED: Sec. 713. Urban Chickens

Sec. 713. Urban Chickens

- A. Notwithstanding any county ordinance, municipal ordinance or municipal charter provision to the contrary, chicken hens shall be permitted to be raised or kept on a lot or parcel with a single-family detached residence or mobile home within Orange County and the municipalities located therein, upon the issuance of a permit by the Zoning Division, subject to the following standards and conditions:
1. Hens shall be housed within a covered hen coop and fenced pen area.
 2. The applicant shall submit a site plan to the Zoning Division for the hen coop and fenced pen area. The hen coop and fenced pen area shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. The maximum size of the coop and pen area shall be 100 square feet. If a coop is proposed to exceed 50 sq. ft. in size, a building permit from the Building Division may be required, and additional standards such as a tie down permit may be required.
 - b. The maximum height of a coop and the pen fence around the coop shall be 6 feet, as measured from the existing grade to the highest part of the coop or fence.
 - c. The coop and pen area shall be located in the rear yard of the single-family detached residence or mobile home and be setback a minimum of 5 feet from the side and rear lot lines and a minimum of 15 feet from any side street. Furthermore, the coop and pen area shall be at least 25 feet from any residence on an adjoining lot.
 - d. The coop and pen area shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition to prevent attracting vermin and insects or generating offensive odors. Accordingly, the owner shall clean the area on a regular basis. Feed shall be kept secured in a covered metal or plastic container.
 3. The applicant shall show proof to the Zoning Division that he or she has attended and successfully completed a class at the Agricultural Extension on the care and raising of chickens.
 4. A maximum of four hens may be kept on a lot or parcel with a detached single-family residence or mobile home. Hens shall not be kept at residential property with a townhome, duplex, condominium, apartment, or other multi-family unit.
 5. Hens shall be housed at all times within the covered coop or fenced pen area, except they may be removed from the coop or fenced pen area by a resident of the single-family residence or mobile home, provided the resident keeps them under his or her continuous custody and control while they are outside the coop or fenced pen area.
 6. Hens are intended to be kept to produce eggs for consumption on the premises. Eggs or manure produced by the hens shall not be sold.
 7. Hens shall not be bred or slaughtered.
 8. Roosters and other poultry or fowl shall be prohibited.
 9. Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted to mean that hens are permitted where private covenants or restrictions prohibit such use, or where rules promulgated under such covenants and restrictions prohibit such use.
- B. This section shall prevail over municipal ordinances and charter provisions within Orange County, except to the extent that a given municipal ordinance or charter provision provides more lenient standards for permitting residents to keep chicken hens than those set forth in this section, in which case, the more lenient standards shall control.

✓ REGISTERED VOTER'S SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE DATE: _____

✓ Paid political advertisement paid for and approved by Citizens for Urban Chickens, Orlando, FL 32869.

✓ Paid Circulator's Name: _____ Address: _____

✓ SIGNATURE OF PAID CIRCULATOR: _____

✓ OK J. DeGlen
 2/24/14