

April 15, 2021

Members of the Board of Adjustment,

My name is Tatum Brown, myself and my husband, Alec Brown (tenants of 102 Martha Terrace, Portsmouth, NH, as of June 1, 2021), with permission from the owner, Shirley Edmunds, are seeking a special exception to keep chickens on the property.

The seeking of special exception and this application complies with the city's SRA zoning ordinance under Section 10.440, Table of Uses, 17.20 Keeping of Farm Animals.

Special Exception Criteria:

Section 10.232.20

Special exceptions shall meet all of the following standards:

10.232.22 No hazard to the public or adjacent property on account of potential fire, explosion or release of toxic materials; **There are no risks of fire, explosion, or toxic materials associated with chickens and/or their coop. There is no power or lighting in the coop.**

10.232.23 No detriment to property values in the vicinity or change in the essential characteristics of any area including residential neighborhoods or business and industrial districts on account of the location or scale of buildings and other structures, parking areas, accessways, odor, smoke, gas, dust, or other pollutant, noise, glare, heat, vibration, or unsightly outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles or other materials; **With only 6 hens the coop is relatively small. The equipment for keeping chickens, feed and pine shavings for coop will be kept inside the house basement. The chickens are hens and make minimal noise, no crowing. There will be no odor from the coop as it is cleaned weekly. All structures, accessways, and buildings will remain unchanged. The coop will sit atop the lawn.**

10.232.24 No creation of a traffic safety hazard or a substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity; **There are no traffic changes associated with the coop or chickens.**

10.232.25 No excessive demand on municipal services, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, waste disposal, police and fire protection and schools; **There will be no excessive demand on municipal services. 6 chickens drink >1 gallon of water per day.**

10.232.26 No significant increase of stormwater runoff onto adjacent property or streets. **There are no changes to stormwater runoff associated with the coop or chickens.**

Proposed Coop Location:

The coop, see photo below, will be 76in tall x 46in wide x 72in long. The coop includes a run, thus the chickens will be contained at all times.

The location of the coop will be the back corner of the property, see photo below, it will be off property lines by approx. 7ft. This space is currently empty lawn space.

The Chickens:

The 6 chickens, Peep, Penny, Big Red, Brown, Shadow, and Dixie are 1 year-old hens. We do not have, nor wish to have a rooster. They are well loved pets, and respond by name.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Tatum and Alec Brown (project representatives)

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Peep, the buff orpington hen, and our daughter.