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Supporting the Many Faces of Farming

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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter



Greetings Subscriber!

It is hard to believe the summer is over and the fall has begun. We hope the harvest season comes to a fruitful and safe close for everyone.

We continue to plan for the 21st Annual Michigan Family Farms Conference which will happen in **March 2025** at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or volunteering at the conference please email the Conference Coordinator Lacey Ingrao at mffc@miffs.org.

We continue to seek conference presenters, you can learn more and apply [here](#).

For access to our database of other resources please visit our [website](#) and follow our social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

With Energy, the MIFFS Team

Highlight This Month!

BELLEVILLE HARVEST FEST 2024

Saturday, October 12th, 2024 from 11am-4pm.

We will be at the Belleville Area District Library & 4th Street Place. Tractor Parade on Main Street
Plus so much more fun stuff to do and see!





Educational Opportunities

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DETROIT'S ANIMAL KEEPING ORDINANCE GOES TO VOTE THIS FALL



OFFICE OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM JAMES TATE
DETROIT
WE ARE DEDICATED TO DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVENESS, AND INTEGRITY.

Animal Keeping Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions

What is Animal Keeping?
Animal keeping is the practice of owning certain farm animals and honeybees at your own residential property for personal use. It allows homeowners and communities to produce healthy, nutritional food and honey, and to support local agriculture.

What Animals Would Be Allowed and How Many?
The proposed ordinance allows chickens, ducks, and honeybees. Restrictions are not included in the proposed ordinance.

- A maximum of 5 chickens would be allowed. This can be a combination of ducks and chickens or all ducks or all chickens.
- A maximum of 2 honeybee hives would be allowed.

How to Obtain a License?
Applications for licenses would be obtained from the City of Detroit Animal Care and Control Division. The proposed license fee is \$50 and would be renewed annually for the same amount.

Where Would I be Allowed to Keep My Chickens, Ducks, or Bees on My Property?
Chickens and ducks are to be kept in clusters, enclosures, and chicken coops behind your home. Honeybees are kept in beehives.

What are the Proposed Distance Requirements?
• Chickens and duck enclosures must be kept 20 feet away from your neighbor's home and 5 feet from property line lines.

- Honeybee hives must be kept 25 feet from your neighbor's home and at least 3 feet from the property line.
- Honeybees require a minimum 6 foot tall fence or barrier, depending on placement.

For additional information, contact the Office of Council President Pro Tem James Tate at 313-224-1027 or at CouncilmemberTate@detroitmi.gov

Council President Pro Tem James Tate's proposed [Animal Keeping Ordinance](#) (including chickens, bees and ducks) is expected to go to vote this fall. Come out and show your support! Below are dates and details for upcoming meetings to show support. Also, see attached for a current draft of the ordinance and FAQ info sheets about the proposed ordinance. Regarding attendance at the public hearings, anyone can make a public comment in person at Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (13th Floor, 2 Woodward Ave) or via Zoom ([click here](#)).

Public Health and Safety (PHS) meets at 10:00 AM on Mondays and Planning and Economic Development (PED) meetings Thursdays at 10:00 AM. NOTE: Dates are subject to change

Public and Virtual attendance and comment are open and encouraged at each of these meetings. We are encouraging people prioritize the last 3 sessions.

- 10/03/24 - Introduce Chapter 50 in PED
- 10/07/24 - Introduce Chapter 6 in PHS
- 10/08/24 - Introduce Chapter 6 and 50 at Formal Session
- 10/21/24 - Chapter 6 Public Hearing in PHS
- 10/24/24 - Chapter 50 Public Hearing in PED
- 10/29/24 - Approve at Formal Session

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Connecting beginning and historically underserved farmers to each other and resource opportunities; ensuring social justice, environmental stewardship, and profitability.

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