

April 12, 2016

Dear Allouez Village Board,

My name is Calvin Nelson and I have been a proud resident of Allouez for the last 9 years. I reside at 110 Woodview Lane. I have been interested in raising hens on my property for the last 2 years. I attended a workshop at UWGB Botanical Gardens last year on raising chickens and beekeeping in an urban setting. I grew up on a farm in Michigan's Upper Peninsula where my family raised dairy & beef cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, goats and honeybees. Those are some of my fondest memories and I would like to teach my children the importance of knowing where your food comes from and how to raise it.

I am seeking your approval to obtain a license for raising hens for eggs. I have had the same neighbor for the last 9 years and during that time I have experienced a change in our relationship as her health has declined. Currently she doesn't engage in any form of communication with my family. I stopped down at the Village of Allouez building and discussed what my options are to get approval for the license.

I was informed to send a letter requesting permission to obtain a license with a self-addressed stamped return envelope. I did that on March 7th and 2 weeks went by and I didn't receive anything back so I sent a certified letter on March 29th with return envelope and still haven't received anything. In the letter I addressed that she is allowed to have concerns or reservations with having a neighbor that wants to raise hens. I asked that she express her concerns on the letter and I would go from there.

I feel I have exhausted all my options here and I am stuck between a rock and a hard place dealing with a neighbor who contempt with keeping things how they use to be. I am requesting that my application for this license be on the Allouez Village Board Meeting agenda on Tuesday May 3rd. I will be available to attend and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for time and consideration,

Calvin Nelson