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To whom it may concern:

We own the property at 53 Decatur Road in Portsmouth and are writing to request a Special Exemption to allow for the possession of 4 hens. We do not intend to own a rooster. We plan to acquire a coop that will be located in our backyard. It will be located nearest our immediate neighbors at 67 Decatur Road. We have spoken with our neighbors, Jennifer and Steve Delvechio, who responded with enthusiasm about the potential new additions.

10.232.20 Special exceptions shall meet all of the following standards:

1)No hazard to the public or adjacent property on account of potential fire, explosion or release of toxic materials: **there will be no toxins, chemicals, or fire starting materials in or around the coop.**

2)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: **they will be kept in a coop on private property that is entirely fenced in and cannot be seen from the roadway; the coop will be kept clean and orderly.**

3)No creation of a traffic safety hazard or a substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity: **they will be kept in a coop on private property that is entirely fenced in.**

No excessive demand on municipal services, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, waste disposal, police and fire protection and schools: **the cost of caring for these animals (i.e. food, water, etc.) will be assumed by the property owner.**

4)No significant increase of stormwater runoff onto adjacent property or streets: **the coop will be built on flat land and will not require any excavation or major changes to the property.**

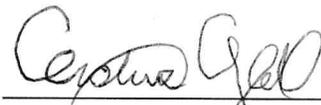
It is our belief that we have met the criteria of the Special Exemption as outlined in the City's Zoning Ordinance.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,



Blair Rowlett



Carolina Hoell

67 Decatur Road

Fence between property

