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Administrative Review Board of Appeals

City Hall, Rm. 205 200 E. Wells St. Milwaukee, WI 53202

IMPORTANT NOTICE: A \$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPEAL, WITHIN THE DEADLINE REFERENCED BY THE BILL.

Checks should be made payable to: City of Milwaukee and a copy of the bill should be included with your appeal

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CUSTOMERS PAYING BY CHECK

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account, or to process the payment as a check transaction.

IF THE CHARGES HAVE ALREADY APPEARED ON YOUR TAX BILL, THIS APPEAL CANNOT BE FILED.

(414) 286-2231
DATE: AUG 9, 2023 RE: 3054 N. FARWELL AVE 53211 (Address of property in question)
Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing.
I am appealing the administrative procedure followed by <u>DEFT OF NEIGHBOOLIOUD</u> SERVICES (Name of City Department)
Charge relative to: ORDER TO REMOVE ROOSTER
I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employee's names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:
I was instructed to appeal an "order to remove a rooster" to the DNS Standards and Appeals Commission. I submitted my appeal and was scheduled for an appeal hearing on August 17. After that I was informed that this issue should be appealed to the ARBA. My appeal is attached, along with supporting information and signatures from the neighborhood indicating their support to keep the rooster.
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THOMAS J. PENN Name (please print)
Name (please print) Name (please print) 3054 N. Farwell-Ave 53211 414-559-1688 Mailing address and zip code Daytime phone number Effern @ mac. com
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To:

Standards and Appeals Commission c/o Dept. of Neighborhood Services 841 N Broadway, Room 104 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Standards and Appeals Commission Application & Notice of Appeal

Administration Section

841 N. Broadway, Room 104, Milwaukee, WI 53202 | (414) 286-2543 | milwaukee.gov/sac | <u>kmadis@milwaukee.gov</u>

Name of Appellant (Person Appealing) Thomas J. Penn	Date of Appeal July 14, 2023
Email tjpenn@mac.com	Phone No. 414-559-1688
Home or Business Address 3054 N. Farwell Ave.	Record Number ORD 23-07614
City Milwaukee State	WI Zip 53211

Owner of Premises (May be the same	e as appellant) Thomas J. Po	enn	
Email tjpenn@mac.com	Phone No	⁰ . 414-559-1688	
Home or Business Address 3054	N. Farwell Ave.		
City Milwaukee	State WI	^{Zip} 53211	

SUBJECT OF APPEAL

Address of Premises Affected 3054 N. Farwell Ave. Milwaukee 53211	
Sections of the City of Milwaukee Building Code to Be Appealed: Requesting a temporary variance to be granted to 78-6.5.3 (a): No person shall keep any rooster.	

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. A letter with written statement of facts, hardship, or the grounds on which this appeal is based must be attached.
- 2. Supporting data which could include: pictures, plans (construction or floor) and/or a current property survey.

PLEASE NOTE:

- This notice of appeal will not be accepted for hearing unless the above information has been submitted and the appeal fee has been paid to the City of Milwaukee.
- The appellant is required to appear at the hearing to give an oral statement outlining the facts and the undue hardship involved.
- Regular Appeal Fee: \$101.60 (\$100 plus a 1.6% IT & Training Surcharge)
- Raze Order Appeal Fee: \$304.80 (\$300 plus a 1.6% IT & Training Surcharge)



Department of Neighborhood Services Enforcement Section 841 N. Broadway Milwaukee, WI 53202

Inspection Date 06/26/2023 ORD-23-07614

INSPECTION REPORT AND ORDER TO CORRECT CONDITION

THOMAS J PENN 3054 N FARWELL AVE MILWAUKEE WI 53211

Re: 3054 N FARWELL AV

Taxkey #: 316-1648-000

A recent inspection of the premises at the above address revealed conditions that violate the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances. You are hereby ordered to correct each violation listed below by date indicated.

Correct By Date: 07/10/2023

- 1) 78-6.5.3 The keeping of up to 4 chickens, with a permit, is allowed on a residential premise, provided the following:
 - a. No person shall keep any rooster.

You are hereby ordered to remove your rooster from the City.

For any additional information, please phone Inspector David Markwardt at 414-286-3570 or DMARKW@milwaukee.gov between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Violations can also be viewed on our website at www.milwaukec.gov/lms.

Per Commissioner of Neighborhood Services By -

David Markwardt

Recipients:

FARWELL REAL ESTATE LLC, ATTN: CASSANDRA ZOSUL \$4362 FOX HILL CIR, BARABOO, WI 53913 CASSANDRA ZOSUL, \$4362 FOX HILL CIR, BARABOO, WI 53913 THOMAS J PENN, 3054 N FARWELL AVE, MILWAUKEE, WI 53211

FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to correct the violations noted herein within the time set, or failure to comply with the order as modified by an appellant board and maintain compliance, may subject you to prosecution and to daily penalties of \$150.00 to \$10,000 in the manner provided in Section 200-19.

Also, any infraction of this order may result in a citation under Section 200-12-5 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances Volume II.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The City of Milwaukee - Department of Neighborhood Services

Appeal for Order to Correct Condition ORD-23-07614

Appellant:

Thomas J. Penn 3054 N. Farwell Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53211

Code: Milwaukee Code of Ordinances 78-6.5.3 (a): No person shall keep any rooster.

Requested action: Allow a variance to keep the rooster by reason of substantial benefit to the neighborhood.

Background/Statement of Facts/Grounds for Appeal:

The subject rooster is known as "Big Red". See Exhibit A.

Our chickens were hatched beginning on May 15th, 2020, in the teeth of the COVID-19 pandemic, as a virtual teaching project for MPS students at Lloyd Barbee Montessori school grades 1/2/3. We applied for and received a permit to keep chickens (Permit #CHK-20-00023).

We hatched more than the allowed four hens, so we returned the roosters and remaining hens to their farm of origin. At that point it was unclear whether Big Red (the first-hatched, then known as "Goldie") was a rooster or a hen, so we kept "her" hoping she was a hen. As time progressed we realized that Big Red was a boy.

With the entire neighborhood in lockdown, the chicken coop became a neighborhood place of "gathering", or of visiting, as people took walks with their children, as there was nothing else to do. As the pandemic has faded Big Red is still a local celebrity, with people coming from blocks around to see him and the hens. Young children and UWM students alike crow when they walk by the house. We get comments like "it makes the neighborhood feel alive".

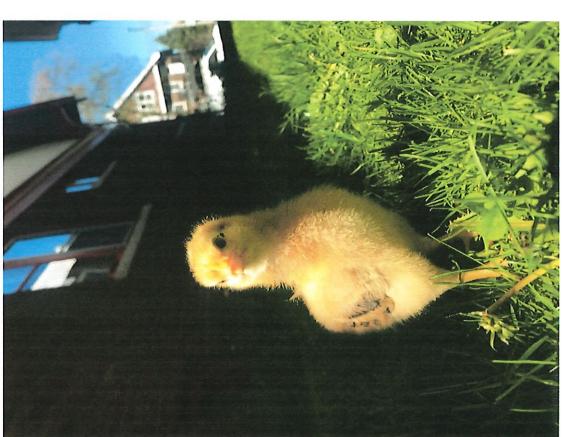
I placed a petition outside to gauge the support of the neighbors to keep the rooster. I did not go door-to-door or actively solicit signatures, they came from people as they stopped by to visit. Over the last week we have received over 60 signatures in support of keeping Big Red (not including most of the children for privacy reasons), with zero signatures against. The petition with signatures is attached as Exhibit B.

My understanding of the origin of the ordinance is for two reasons: 1) To prevent cockfighting, and 2) to prevent noise nuisances from the crowing. With regard to these, 1) Big Red is the leader of a family flock, and my partner and I are demonstrably against any kind of animal cruelty, and 2) the overwhelming support of the neighborhood, including infants, toddlers, college students, middle-age parents, and octogenarians alike, as evidenced by the petition, shows that Big Red is a well-loved and valued member of our neighborhood.

I respectfully request that he be allowed to live out his normal life with his flock.

"BIG RED WITH HIS PLOCK"





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Save Big Red!

We received a notice from the city that Big Red is not allowed per the chicken regulations and he has to be removed by July 10th. I'm asking for signatures to show support for Big Red as a community member, for his providing a beautiful presence during the pandemic, asking for a "stay" until the end of his natural life, which is about 2 years from now (he is currently 3 years old). Please sign below and let us know where you stand on this issue.

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July 25, 2023

Dear friends at the City of Milwaukee,

We are writing to express our support of Thomas J. Penn's appeal for "Big Red" to continue living with his flock at 3054 N. Farwell Avenue. Our family doesn't just like Big Red, we love him! We look forward to visiting him in all kinds of weather through all seasons. Big Red is part of the fabric of our community and neighborhood, and we feel so lucky to have him here!

Our four-year-old, Kiran, has grown up with Big Red. Kiran's Grandparents (who live in Wauwatosa) also go out of their way to visit Big Red on the days they care for Kiran. Big Red is not just part of our walking routine, but part of our extended family.

During COVID, Big Red provided all of us with relief just by being there. He is a reliable source of joy, and our hearts are always filled after a visit with him. We always look forward to hearing his voice, which is a glorious reminder of our community's connection.

Please let Big Red stay right where he is.

With gratitude,

Jen, William, and Kiran Francis 3000 N. Maryland Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53211

Roosters Not Allowed- Big Red must Go

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Timeline of Appeal of DNS Inspection Report ORD-23-007614

6/26/23 Received the Inspection Report letter from DNS (attached)

Received a call from Inspector David Markwardt on or about that day

7/7/23 Received an email from Marcie Otto of DNS saying that the appeal should go to ARBA (attached). This was a follow-up from in inquiry to my alderman Jonathan Brostoff.

A few days later I spoke Inspector Markwardt again, told him I would appeal, he re-iterated to me that the appeal should go to the Code Appeals Secretary at the Municipal Building, 1st floor, as noted on the Inspection Report letter.

7/12/23 Submitted Appeal to Dept of Neighborhood Services (DNS). I was told that the appeal would be heard at the regular meeting scheduled for August 17th at 1pm.

8/2/23 Received an email and call from Tobasha Wilks at the DNS Standards and Appeal Commission (attached), stating that I need to take this to the ARBA.

8/9/23 Attempted to submit the appeal to ARBA, I was asked for additional information to confirm the proper venue for the appeal.



Department of Neighborhood Services Enforcement Section 841 N. Broadway Milwaukee, WI 53202

Inspection Date 06/26/2023 ORD-23-07614

INSPECTION REPORT AND ORDER TO CORRECT CONDITION

THOMAS J PENN 3054 N FARWELL AVE MILWAUKEE WI 53211

Re: 3054 N FARWELL AV

Taxkey #: 316-1648-000

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Per Commissioner of Neighborhood Services By -

David Markwardt

Recipients:

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The City of Milwaukee - Department of Neighborhood Services

Serial #: ORD-23-07614 Inspection Date: 06/26/2023

RIGHT TO APPEAL

You may file an appeal within 20 days. The Milwaukee Code of Ordinances requires that a written appeal of this order be received within 20 days of service of this order. If service of this order is made by mail, the appeal shall be received within 30 days or by the compliance date plus 5 days not to exceed 30 days. There is a fee for filing this appeal.

Violations (excluding zoning violations - Chapter 295) must be appealed to the Code Appeals Secretary, Municipal Building, 1st Floor, 841 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, phone 414 286-2543.

Violations of Chapter 295 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances must be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, 809 N. Broadway, 1st floor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, phone 414-286-2501. All appeal applications must include the required information outlined in sec. 295-311-6.

If an appeal is pursued, it is your responsibility, as the recipient of this order, to file with the appropriate department. Please contact the inspector that issued this order if you are unclear on this issue. Filling an appeal with the incorrect department may render your appeal null and void.

TENANT RENT WITHHOLDING

Uncorrected violations on properties may allow tenants to deposit their rent in an escrow account in the Department of Neighborhood Services under Section 200-22. The Commissioner may withdraw monies from such escrow accounts to make repairs to protect the health, safety and welfare of tenants.

REINSPECTION FEES

In accordance with Section 200-33-48, a fee may be charged for any reinspection, except no fee shall be charged for the final reinspection when compliance is recorded. The fee is \$203.20 for the first reinspection, \$406.40 for the second and all subsequent reinspections. These fees include a 1.6% training and technology surcharge. Reinspection fees shall be a lien upon the real estate where the reinspections were made and shall be assessed and collected as a special tax. If you wish to contest the assessment of a reinspection fee, contact the inspector, and, if necessary, the inspector's supervisor. If no agreement is reached, an appeal form will be mailed to you, which you can complete and send to the City's Administrative Review Appeals Board. Any question regarding the actual appeal process, please contact the Administrative Review Appeals Board at (414) 286-2221. Please be aware that there is a fee required when filing an appeal.

TRADUCCION EN ESPAÑOLSi Ud, necesite ayuda para la traducción, de esta información, comuniquese con el 'Centro Hispano' Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc., 614 W. National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53204.
Teléfono: (414) 928-1600 o Community Advocates, 728 James Lovell Street., Milwaukee WI, 53233, Teléfono: (414) 449-4777

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The City of Milwaukee - Department of Neighborhood Services

- c. If a timely written objection and request for a hearing has been submitted to the commissioner, the commissioner shall hold a hearing within 14 days.
- d. Within 10 days of completion of the hearing conducted pursuant to par. c, the commissioner shall mail to the objector and permit applicant his or her written determination on the granting of the permit, taking into consideration factors listed under sub.3.
- 3. KEEPING OF HONEY BEE HIVES. A permit authorizes the keeping of honey bee hives on a premise, provided the following:
- a. No more than 2 hives are allowed on a lot.
- b. Honey bees are limited to eastern european races of apismelifera.
- c. All honey bees shall be kept in hives with removable frames which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.
- d. A minimum 6-foot high closed fence, closed hedge, building or other solid flyway barrier or other barrier which the commissioner determines to be of sufficient height shall be located between hives and the property lines for all hives located within 20 feet of the property line. A supply of water shall be located within these enclosures and flyway barriers. A flyway barrier is not needed if the bee hive is kept at least 10 feet off the ground.
- e. All hives and related structures that form the apiary shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from the front property line and 10 feet from all other property lines.
- f. Hives shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from dwellings, porches, gazebos, decks, swimming pools, permanently affixed play equipment and any other habitable area on any adjoining lots unless the owner of the adjoining property has provided written permission for closer hive placement.
- g. Hives shall be provided with fresh water throughout the day and be designed to allow bees to access water by landing on a hard surface. This is not required during the winter.
- h. Hives shall be actively maintained. Hives not under active human management and maintenance shall be dismantled or removed by the most recent permit holder.
- i. In any instance in which a hive exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to destroy or requeen the hive. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics
- j. In addition to compliance with the requirements of this section, no beekeeper shall

keep a hive or hives that cause any unhealthy conditions or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others, any public property or property of others.

- k. A permit application that is denied because it does not meet the standards of this subsection may be appealed to the commissioner, who may waive or modify the requirements of this subsection consistent with professional practice guidelines promulgated by the University of Wisconsin system, Milwaukee County Extension, or other similar professional or academic material.
- 4. PERMIT REVOCATION. A permit shall be subject to revocation upon failure to comply with any provisions of this section. Once a permit is revoked, a permit shall not be reissued.

78-6.5. Keeping of Chickens in the City.

- 1. PERMIT REQUIRED. No person shall keep chickens in the city without obtaining a valid permit issued by the commissioner. The permit process requires a completed application accompanied with a fee prescribed in s. 60-7-8. The permit application is also subject to notification and approval pursuant to sub. 2.
- 2. NEIGHBORHOOD APPROVAL REQUIRED. Before a permit is issued for the keeping of chickens, the following process shall be followed:
- a. Once a permit is applied for, the property owner, if someone other than the applicant, and owners of all directly or diagonally abutting properties, including those across an alley, shall be notified by the commissioner. This shall be done via first-class U.S. mail.
- b. Property owners shall have 14 working days to file a written objection and request for a hearing to the commissioner if they object to the granting of a permit.
- c. If a timely written objection and request for a hearing has been submitted to the commissioner, the commissioner shall hold a hearing within 14 days.
- d. Within 10 days of completion of the hearing conducted pursuant to par. c, the commissioner shall mail to the objector and permit applicant his or her written determination on the granting of the permit, taking into consideration factors listed under subs. 3 and 4.
- 3. KEEPING OF CHICKENS ALLOWED. The keeping of up to 4 chickens, with a permit, is allowed on a residential premise, provided the following:
 - a. No person shall keep any rooster.
- b. No person shall slaughter any chickens.

From: Otto, Marcie motto@milwaukee.gov

Subject: Appeal form

Date: Jul 7, 2023 at 1:12:26 PM

To: tjpenn@mac.com

Please see attached for the form to file for the appeal for the rooster order.

Marcie Otto

Office Assistant IV 4001 S. 6th St, Milwaukee, WI 53221 P: (414) 286-5771 F: (414) 286-5165











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TO: Administrative Review Board of Appeals City Hall, Rm. 205 200 E. Wells St. Milwaukee, W1 53202 (414) 286-2231 DATE: RE: (Address of property in question) Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing. I am appealing the administrative procedure followed by ____ (Name of City Department) Amount of the charges S_ Charge relative to: I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employee's names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received: Signature Name (please print) Mailing address and zip code Daytime phone number

E-Mail Address(es)

From: Wilks, Tobasha Tobasha.Wilks@milwaukee.gov

Subject: STANDARDS AND APPEAL COMMISSION

Date: Aug 2, 2023 at 3:48:45 PM

To: tjpenn@mac.com

Good afternoon Mr. Penn,

I'm emailing you regarding your appeal, you will need to contact the Administrative Review and Appeals Board. You will need to request an application with ARBA regarding your rooster. The Administrative Review and Appeals Board (ARBA) full address is: The Office of the City Clerk located in Room 205, 200 E Wells Street, Milwaukee Wisconsin 53202. Please contact them to obtain the proper application form, their phone number is: 414.286.2221. There is a \$25 fee required when filing this appeal.

Thank you,



Tobasha R. Wilks
Administrative Assistant IV
Office of the Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood Services
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Receipt of A.R.B.A. Appeal Fee

Date: 8/28/23

Received Of: Thomas Penn

Property at: 3054 N. Farwell Ave.

Received By: LME

Check # (If Applicable): 1248

Amount: \$25.00