



November 3, 2014

To: Rapid City Council

Re: Hens within City Limits

The Animal Services and Enforcement Department and the Humane Society of the Black Hills believe hens in Rapid City would eventually require us to address the needs and problems associated with them. I have listed some possible issues below:

- Complaints for dogs killing hens
- Noise complaints for misidentified hens
- Hens at large
- Wildlife coming into town as a result of hens (Mountain Lions, coyotes, fox, raccoons, rodents, snakes)
- Unsanitary conditions that will need to be addressed
- Welfare checks that will need to be addressed
- What to do with stray, abandoned, sick, injured and owner surrendered hens/misidentified hens
 - we do not have appropriate housing for hens at the Humane Society
- Hens carry coccidiosis (parasite) which is transmittable to humans / dogs which is a risk for our staff and the dogs housed at the Humane Society

Sincerely,

Jacque Harvey
Executive Director