



City of Germantown, Ohio Planning Commission

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2025

The City of Germantown Planning Commission met in regular session on October 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Building Council Chambers. This was a workshop session to discuss the need for regulations on backyard chickens.

Members Present:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mrs. Izor; Mr. Herner; Mr. Wiser; Mrs. Berry (Virtually); Mr. Rettich.

Members Absent:

None.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2025

Mrs. Izor asked for any corrections or edits to the meeting minutes. Mr. Wiser corrected the spelling on Mr. Heistand, and Mr. Herner had a correction on page 2, to change "differed" to "deferred".

Mr. Herner motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Mr. Rettich seconded. All in favor vote, minutes approved at 7:10 p.m.

Workshop Summary:

This workshop session was to review the need for regulations on chickens, as the City does not have any rules for or against chickens. Mr. Rettich stated that there cannot be exemptions from something that does not exist and this is an odd situation. This workshop is to discuss if there are changes needed.

There was spirited discussion about chickens and being an agricultural community, with articles referenced from France and other localities. It was stated this is a farm town and the Planning Commission mostly agreed this is a farming town.

Mr. Adkins presented the problem, which is to provide guidance where none currently exists.



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The discussion was not organized with multiple people talking and the Planning Commission stated that they cannot provide exemptions on something that does not exist and that we are not chicken experts. It was also stated the City should not send out violations for chickens because this is a farm town.

It was determined there are no needs for any updates. Mrs. Izor closed the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Mr. Herner stated we are kicking the can down the road. Mr. Adkins stated that this will be a problem in the future, and this workshop was supposed to determine how best to address the concerns. Mrs. Izor stated that we need to bring in an expert, if we proceed with changes.

If you have any questions please contact Chad Adkins: chadkins@germantown.oh.us

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