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Notice of Motion – June 12th, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Brad Butt
 Seconded by: Councillor Sue McFadden

WHEREAS the City's two-year Urban Hen Pilot Program concluded on May 5, 2023 with a continued ban on keeping urban hens in the City of Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS Ward 11 was not included in the pilot, and a residence in Ward 11 came to the attention of Animal Services by complaint for the keeping of a prohibited species;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Anwar Knight, a resident of Ward 11 and the property owner of 962 Silverthorn Mill Avenue, has been keeping urban hens on his property, as family pets, since 2021;

AND WHEREAS the immediate neighbours have been aware of the pet urban hens without objection, currently providing letters of support indicating that they are not disturbed by the presence of the pet urban hens on the property;

AND WHEREAS the Urban Hen Pilot participants are permitted to keep their current hens in the locations approved by the City in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Pilot Program, until the end of their natural lifespan;

AND WHEREAS the only way to allow the owner to continue keeping the pet urban hens at his property would be for Council to pass a unique exemption crafted to ensure it applies to this one property and owner only;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Anwar Knight be granted a unique exemption from Animal Care and Control By-law 98-04, as amended prohibiting the keeping of pet urban hens on his current property, located at 962 Silverthorn Mill Avenue, in accordance with the following:

- a) The exemption being based on his keeping the current pet urban hens, or fewer, at 962 Silverthorn Mill Avenue, until the end of their natural lifespan;
- b) Mr. Anwar Knight remains subject to all other requirements of the Animal Care and Control By-law 98-04, as amended.

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