

**Share Your Thoughts at [www.playyourpart.org](http://www.playyourpart.org)  
Summary of Web entries  
Received through March 24, 2010**

The following is a summary of the comments received on the LAKEWOOD! Zoning Improvement website, [www.playyourpart.org](http://www.playyourpart.org). The summary is organized by the topics that were covered by respondents when asked, "When thinking about land use in Lakewood, what do you like? What could be better?"

**Urban agriculture/Keeping of chickens/Keeping of horses/Keeping of Bees  
Eleven emails submitted through the website commented on this topic. Below are highlights from the entries received.**

"Tighter cleaning zoning ordinances are needed because lazy horse owners push it to the minimum legal limit and create sanitation and pest issues for the other neighbors."

"The use of urban farms is a growing trend and perhaps the keeping of chickens and other farm animals need to have waste issues addressed."

"Our family would love to raise a couple chickens for eggs but we are not zoned. How can we get that changed?"

"Would it be possible to change the zoning for Lakewood residents to own a small flock of chickens? ...I think it would be beneficial to own a small flock--pest control fresh local eggs good compost from droppings etc...Hens aren't very noisy-less so than my dogs."

"Chickens can be considered pets and they produce eggs. And the eggs would be fresh and healthier than many sold in stores."

"I live in the Carmody neighborhood and love my 1-R zoning. I can have an urban farm with a garden and chickens and still walk to the grocery store, drug store, restaurant, recreation center, doctor and parks."

"I would like to have more freedom in the R2 zoning to have urban agriculture specifically residential chickens."

"I would like to see much broader support of urban agriculture in Lakewood. Urban agriculture serves our community and our environment by improving soil and growing local foods including organic produce and eggs from organic free range hens...Please consider expanding zoning laws to allow for proper keeping of hens."

"I enjoy the diversity of uses in the City of Lakewood. Where else could one live 8 miles from our States capitol and yet be able to raise chickens and other livestock and have horses on their property. I would like to see the City of Lakewood follow suit with Denver, New York City and other urban areas by allowing honeybees to be housed in backyard beehives."

"I would like to see a re-zoning within the city of Lakewood to allow for chickens for home personal use fresh eggs. No retail selling of eggs or chickens."

"Continue to allow horses on appropriate lots."

### **Parking Standards**

**Two emails submitted through the website commented on this topic. Below are highlights from the entries received.**

\* "I think it is time that Lakewood adopt a few stricter guidelines such as banning trailer parking on the street for longer than 1-2 weeks."

"I like parking garages near busy shops and trees and pedestrian walkways in big parking lots... trees and landscaping in parking lots."

### **Continuity with existing zoning regulations**

**The website collected two emails that commented on this topic. Below is a highlight from the entries received.**

"Some land uses and zoning must stay the same in order for citizens to continue to survive in Lakewood."

"Zoning should remain the same as it is for long time property owners and residents until their land is sold as well as they should be able to continue land use just like they have for many years without any changes."

### **Property upkeep and appearance**

**The website collected two emails commenting on this topic. Below is a highlight from the entries received.**

"We like parks open space trees the country in the city feel horse property and convenient shopping areas that are well maintained and look nice like Belmar. We don't like poorly maintained dirty looking shops like many on Colfax."

"Re-develop under-utilized commercial areas and preserve pristine land."

### **Sidewalks and Connectivity**

**Two emails submitted through the website commented on this topic. Below are highlights from the entries received.**

\* "We really need a sidewalk from the Alameda Parkway and Jewell intersection to the new dog park. People with their dogs are walking on Alameda with cars going at high speeds which is dangerous."

\* "More non-road bike paths and more walking paths in residential development."

### **Community Gardens**

**Two emails submitted through the website commented on this topic. Below are highlights from the entries received.**

\* "Encourage community gardens."

\* "I would love to see the plot at the corner of Colfax and Dover next to the Whitlock Recreation Center turned into a community garden."

### **Adult businesses and medical marijuana**

**The website collected one email commenting on this topic. Below is a highlight from the entry received.**

“Make Lakewood more friendly to faith based organizations and churches. Limit and strictly regulate adult businesses and especially medical marijuana dispensaries.”

### **Notice of Planning Commission Hearing**

**The website collected one email commenting on this topic. Below is a highlight from the entry received.**

“Information about Planning Commission meeting should be posted in a more timely manner so the public can be aware of what is said.”

### **Renewable energy**

**The website collected one email commenting on this topic. Below is a highlight from the entry received.**

“I like open space xeriscaping parks... solar panels at Belmar... increase solar and wind use... Encourage HOAs to allow clothes lines in rear yards.”

### **Usability of the Zoning Ordinance**

**The website collected one email commenting on this topic. Below is a highlight from the entry received.**

“Improve accessibility. With all the overlays and over 500 pages how can anyone actually use it?”

*\* These topics are not directly determined by the zoning ordinance. The comment was noted and passed on to the appropriate City Department to address this comment.*