

May 29, 2026

Dear Honorable Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Trustees and Manager:

We the undersigned residents of Croton collectively support you in implementing an immediate Village-wide ban on pigeons, without any grandfathering in, and appreciate your Board's consensus on doing that during the May 27 public meeting. We also support implementing a moratorium on pigeons in the meantime as requested by Trustees during that meeting.

If you have not done so already, we respectfully request and support your plan to immediately notify the person – who is hoping to use a large property-line shed to house dozens of pigeons in a dense neighborhood – of a forthcoming ban on pigeons, and hopefully a moratorium in the meantime, to deter that misuse.

Among other issues:

- Pigeons, coops, excrement, and feed attract rats and other pests that create health issues and costly control burdens
- Sizable coops are known to be a fire hazard
- Pigeons attract predators that can also attack our domestic pets like dogs and cats
- Pigeons increase airborne pathogens that can enter into neighboring homes through AC compressors and vents
- Pigeons frequent neighbors' properties and leave damaging droppings on gutters, patios, fences, decks, etc.
- Pigeons raise the risk of communicable spread of avian diseases, rat-borne viruses that are already on the rise

Any number of pigeons kept in our tight-quartered neighborhood of small lots is too many, and we do not want them introduced where they can cause health, safety, and property problems for me, children, and elderly neighbors.

Please follow through on your commitment to prohibit pigeons in Croton with no grandfathering, consistent with other municipalities in the county that ban pigeons.

Sincerely,