



MEMORANDUM

TO: Land, Facilities and Programs Committee
Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Margaret Russell
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: August 5, 2010

SUBJECT: Proposed Code changes in response to Community Gardens Resolution

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Changes have been made to the Code in response to the City Council's resolution # 20091119-065, Community Gardens and Urban Farms, that requested a streamlined system for creating community gardens on city property.

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Chapter 8-4 for Qualified Community Gardens is repealed. This Chapter was for qualified community gardens that fit a very specific description for location. It is no longer supported by specific grants.

Chapter 14-7 is added for Sustainable Urban Agriculture and includes these sections:

14-7-2,3 Garden permit is required to operate a city supported community garden (to receive water tap waivers) and must go through the land dept. director

14-7-11 Garden permit application must come from a non profit

14-7-21 License application for city supported community gardens must come from a non profit and is required

14-7-32 Land Department director approves an annual renewal of license.

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Chapter 11-1

The ordinance creates an exception to the Chapter 11-1 licensing process for community gardens on city land for non city use.

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Currently, there is no zoning that permits community gardens except for the Qualified Community Gardens ordinance that ties the placement of the gardens in areas designated for community development. Changes to Chapter 25 ordinances adds community gardens as a described agricultural use permitted in all districts, and urban farms as allowable in Public districts. Those waivers that were in place for Qualified Community Gardens, for site plans, water tap permits and platting, are being put in place for all community gardens. Additionally, the ordinance eliminates impact fees on community gardens placed on city land.

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