

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 10, 2011

**Parks and Recreation  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 19**

---

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance 20100913-004 to authorize additional fees and waiver of certain fees related to sustainable urban agriculture.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** D'Anne Williams, 974-9456; April Thedford, 974-6716

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by Land and Facilities Commission, Sustainable Food Policy Board, and the Parks and Recreation Board. To be reviewed by PC Codes and Ordinances, Planning Commission, and the Water and Wastewater Commission.

**Prior Council Action:** November 19, 2009 – Council approved a resolution streamlining the community garden process and initiating changes to the “qualified community gardens” ordinance.

---

The current Qualified Community Garden provisions in Chapter 8-4 of the City Code supports community gardens in specific regions of the city with water tap waiver and with permitted use. In the previous 10 years, only two applications were submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department for a qualified community garden: Homewood Heights and Blackshear. At the time this ordinance was adopted, there were funds available to support community gardens being built in the following targeted areas: Community Development Block Grant designated areas or a census tract with more than half the residents below the federal poverty level.

The ordinances related to community gardens on this agenda, will allow certain city property to be made available for sustainable urban agriculture, and they will change other existing qualified community garden provisions in Chapter 8-4 of the City Code.

This ordinance will establish certain fees and waivers for City-supported community gardens. These include: setting new city-wide fees for City-supported community gardens at \$50 per garden permit application and \$100 per license agreement application; allow waiver of the Planning and Development Review Department Miscellaneous site plan fee, building review fee and plumbing inspection fee for City supported community gardens; allow waiver of the Austin Water Utility meter tap and reconnection fee; allow waiver of the Public Works Department “Transportation Fund Utility Cut Cost Recovery” fee; and other miscellaneous fees.