

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 27834 Agenda Number 75.

Meeting Date: 10/17/2013 Department: Planning and Development Review

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 regarding regulations related to urban farms. Related to Item # 14.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council	
Action:	
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	February 26, 2013 – Initiated by the Planning Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Roark and Hatfield absent. August 26, 2013 – Recommended by the Sustainable Food Policy Board on an 8-0 vote.
Boards and	September 24, 2013 – Recommended by the Planning Commission on a 6-1 vote with
Commission Action:	amendments, with Commissioner Hatfield voting against the item and Commissioners Chimenti and Roark absent.
	October 8, 2013 – Community Development Commission recommended postponement on a vote of 9-1-0 with Commissioner Walter voting against and Vice Chair Paup and Commissioners Coles, Montoya, and Seals absent (Recommendation No. 20131008-04C).
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This amendment was initiated by the Planning Commission on February 26, 2013. It proposes modifications to the definition of "Urban Farm" as well as the following changes to the "Urban Farm" use designation in the Land Development Code:

- No minimum number of dwellings is required
- Allow processing of chickens, rabbits, and aquatic foods
- Allow additional employees
- Allow some sales of third-party products

In addition, the amendment proposes creation of a new use, "Indoor Crop Production", and an amendment that would permit the existing uses of Animal Production, Crop Production, Horticulture, and Support Housing in Agricultural (AG) zoning districts.