Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID 28505

Agenda Number 20.

Meeting Date: 11/21/2013

Department: Planning and Development Review

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapters 3-12, 10-3, and 14-7 relating to regulations for urban farms. Related to Item # 105.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Boards and Commission Action:

August 26, 2013 – Recommended by the Sustainable Food Policy Board on an 8-0 vote.
September 24, 2013 – Recommended by the Planning Commission on a 6-1 vote with 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 includes the following proposed changes:

City Code Section 3-2-12 is amended to clarify that enclosures must be kept a certain distance from the residential or business structure, and not the property line.

City Code Section 10-3-1 is amended to add a definition for “Agricultural Product” to mean “produce, meat, fish, honey, dairy, seeds, or live plants intended for food production, and compost products produced by a farmer.”

City Code Section 14-7-41 is amended to include “market garden” and “urban farm with facilities for gatherings” uses.