Urban Agriculture

Open House Agenda & Next Steps

<u>Agenda</u>

- 4:30 6:30 p.m. Open House
- 5:00 p.m. Presentation
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Next Steps

Additional opportunities to voice your opinion on proposed Urban Agriculture changes

- February 21 Planning & Zoning Board Public hearing and request for recommendation on the Land Use Code changes
- March 5 City Council First Reading of the proposed Land Use Code Changes
- March 19 City Council Second Reading of the proposed Land Use Code Changes

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Fort Collins Gardens & Farmers' Markets



Did we miss something? Please mark on the map any additional gardens or farmers' markets not shown.



Urban Gardens

(Market Gardens & Community Gardens)

Area Urban Gardens



Survey Results

A market garden is a garden or orchard where food is grown to be sold.

Direction:

- Define market gardens, including sub-categories such as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and Neighborhood Supported Agriculture.
- Allow market gardens in more locations beyond the four zone districts where they are currently allowed.
- Consider incorporating options, where necessary, for addressing neighborhood concerns and ensuring compatibility, e.g. screening, noise mitigation, sales timing, etc.

Question: Is this the right direction?



Check the types of areas where you think market gardens should be allowed:



Proposed Changes

Tell us what you think - place your like or dislike stickers in the space below each proposed change

Allow urban gardens to be licensed instead of a traditional development review process.

A mailed notice, posted notice or neighborhood meeting may be required for urban gardens located in residential zones or of a certain size/threshold.

Urban gardens to meet their parking needs (Off-street parking may be required).

Urban gardens required to follow certain conditions:

Maintenance
 Water Conservation
 Farm manager contact information posted on-site



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Urban Garden Process

Urban Garden

Market or Community Gardens in City boundaries

Garden License

Apply for an Urban Garden License (small fee yet to be determined)

Notice

A neighborhood meeting, posted notice or mailed notice may be required for urban gardens located in residential zones or of a certain size/threshold.

Garden Standards

Urban Gardens must comply with the following conditions:

- Mechanized equipment (noise levels)
- Parking (provide adequate off-street parking)
 Chemicals/Fertilizers (follow state/federal regulations)
- Trash/Compost (screening, setbacks, removal)
- Proper maintenance (Chapter 20 City Code)
- Contact information posted on-site

- Floodplain use permit required if located in floodplain

-Additional mitigation may be required



Right: Produce from Grant Family Farms

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Animals

Miniature Goat **Breeds**

African Pygmy

A small, "cobby," compact and muscular goat with short legs and neck in comparison to body length.

16" - 21" average height 50 lbs - 85 lbs average weight

Nigerian Dwarf

Considered a dairy goat with balanced proportions and longer legs and neck compared to the African Pygmy.

17" - 21" average height 50 lbs - 75 lbs average weight

African Pygmy





Nigerian Dwarf

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Direction:



are allowed.

Survey Results

Code regulates bee hives.

Includes the raising of a variety of animals

of producing food, e.g. eggs, milk, honey, etc.

in residential and commercial areas for the purpose

Consider scaling the number of chicken hens per lot based on lot size. This would be similar to how the

Consider including ducks within a poultry definition.

so individuals could own either chickens or ducks. Consider allowing goats within the city limits in the

same manner chickens are allowed on any lot, or

increase the number of zone districts in which goats

90.2%

Question: What types of impacts concern you the most?



Proposed Changes

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Allow 6 chickens or ducks (combined) on lots up to 1/4 acre; up to 8 allowed on lots 1/4 - 1/2 acre in size; up to 12 allowed on lots greater than 1/2 acre.

Allow 2 (no more, no less) female or neutered male miniature goats with a permeable space requirement. Denver requires 130 sq. ft per animal and Steamboat Springs requires 240 sq. ft per animal. We are proposing 300 sq. ft. for 2 miniature goats.

Animal licensing required: \$30.00 for chickens (unchanged). Slightly higher fee for goats (to be determined).

Follow neighborhood compatibility restrictions when keeping chickens, ducks and goats:

- Setbacks
- Breed Limits (Goats)
- No slaughtering
- Subject to HOA rules

- Noise
- Number of Animal Limits
- In multifamily units, all parties must agree



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Animal Licensing Process



Miniature Goats

Animal Limits:

Only 2 miniature goats allowed (no more and no less)

Miniature goat breeds include the African Pygmy & Nigerian Dwarf

Permeable space requirement of 300 square feet.

License Animals

License miniature goats with the Larimer Humane Society. Fee to be determined (slightly higher than chicken/duck license fee).

Animal Welfare

Ensure proper care and welfare for all animals.

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