



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Requesting Department: Development Services
Type of Notice: Public Hearing

DATE OF MEETING: TUESDAY, January 31, 2012*
TIME OF MEETING: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12th FLOOR, CITY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 202 "C" STREET,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92101

PROJECT NAME: Urban Agriculture Amendments

COMMUNITY

PLAN AREA: Citywide

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

CITY PROJECT MANAGER/PHONE: Dan Joyce at (619) 446-5388

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A NOTICE TO INFORM YOU, as a property owner, tenant or interested citizen, that the Council of The City of San Diego, California will conduct a public hearing, as part of a scheduled City Council meeting, on the following project:

Matter of approving, conditionally approving, or denying Process 5 amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 4, Article 2, Division 7; Chapter 4, Article 4, Divisions 3 and 4; Chapter 13, Article 1, Divisions 2 through 6; And Chapter 14, Article 1, Divisions 2 and 5;

Process 5 amendments to the City's Local Coastal Program in Chapter 13, Article 1, Divisions 2 through 6;
Chapter 14, and Article 1 Divisions 2 and 5;

Process 5 amendment to the Conservation Element of the General Plan.

The proposed amendments to the City's regulations and policies for urban agriculture accommodate new models of urban agriculture that increase access to healthy, local, and sustainable food through amendments to the Municipal Code, the City's Local Coastal Program, and the City's General Plan. Municipal Code amendments would create two new use categories, "Farmers Markets" and "Retail Farms"; Ease restrictions on the keeping of chickens, goats, and bees in specified residential areas; and make minor adjustments to the Community Garden Regulations. Local Coastal Program amendments overlap with those of the Municipal Code for farmers markets, retail farms, and community gardens. New goals and policies to foster urban agriculture are proposed within the Conservation Element of the General Plan.

On December 15, 2011, the Planning Commission recommended approval of draft regulations and policies as presented by a vote of 7-0.

***Unless otherwise noticed or stated on the record at the hearing, if an ordinance is approved and introduced by the City Council, it will automatically be scheduled for**

a hearing by the City Council for final passage at 10:00 a.m. on the Tuesday two weeks after the subject hearing.

The proposed amendments to the regulations for Farmers Markets, Retail Farms, and Community Gardens constitute an amendment to City of San Diego's Local Coastal Program (LCP) and must be certified by the California Coastal Commission to be effective within the City's Coastal Overlay Zone. The LCP amendment for these amendments will not become effective until unconditionally certified by the California Coastal Commission. If you wish to be noticed of the Coastal Commission hearing on this issue you must, prior to the close of the City Council public hearing, submit a request in writing to City of San Diego, Development Services Department, 1222 First Avenue, MS-501, San Diego, CA 92101, Attention: Dan Joyce.

COMMUNICATIONS

This item may begin at any time after the time specified. Any interested person may address the City Council to express support or opposition to this issue. **Time allotted to each speaker is determined by the Chair and, in general, is limited to three (3) minutes;** moreover, collective testimony by those in support or opposition shall be limited to no more than fifteen (15) minutes total per side.

Those unable to attend the hearing may write a letter to the Mayor and City Council, Attention: City Clerk, City Administration Building, 202 "C" Street, San Diego, CA 92101-3862, Mail Station 2A; OR you can reach us by E-mail at: **Hearings1@sandiego.gov** or **FAX: (619) 533-4045**. All communications will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council.

If you wish to challenge the Council's actions on the above proceedings in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence to the City Council at or prior to the public hearing. All correspondence should be delivered to the City Clerk (at the above address) to be included in the record of the proceedings.

This material is available in alternative formats upon request. To order information in an alternative format, or to arrange for a sign language or oral interpreter for the meeting, please call the Clerk's office at least 5 working days prior to the meeting at 533-4000 (voice) or 236-7012 (TT).

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**ELIZABETH MALAND
SAN DIEGO CITY CLERK**