
Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones



Assembly Bill 551

- **Enacted in January 2014**
- **Permits cities and counties to establish Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones (UAIZ)**
- **Purpose: Promote small-scale agriculture on vacant, blighted lands**



What are UAIZ's?

- **Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones allow property owners to enter into contracts for the usage of blighted land for the purpose of small-scale agriculture**
- **Provides incentive for property owners by reducing their property tax rate**
- **Provides community benefit by utilizing vacant, blighted land and providing fresh, local agriculture**



Eligible Property

- Eligible property is identified through existing City of San Diego Urban Agriculture zoning
- Does not require any new or additional zoning or land use analysis
- ❖ Property that is zoned for Urban Agriculture may not qualify for an Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Contract



Process

- **Step 1: City Council Ordinance**
- **Step 2: Board of Supervisors Resolution**
- **Result=UAIZ Created**



Restrictions

- An initial term of not less than five years
- The parcel must be at least 0.10 acres, and not more than three acres
- A requirement that the entire property subject to the contract shall be dedicated to agricultural use
- A prohibition against any dwelling units on the property while under contract
- Any subsequent restrictions outlined in the Board of Supervisors resolution



Next Steps

- **Approve the ordinance**
- **County passes a resolution**



Questions?

