

SUMMARY

This text amendment to the Detroit Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 61 of the 1984 Detroit City Code, for urban agriculture provides for the following:

- Definitions of several terms—aquaculture, aquaponics, compost, farmers’ market, farm stand, greenhouse, hoophouse or high tunnel, hydroponics, nursery, orchard, rainwater catchment system, tree farm, urban farm, and urban garden.
- Specification of the permissibility of urban agricultural land uses in the several zoning district classifications—whether permitted by right or on a conditional basis.
- Requirement that urban farms and any conditional urban agricultural use be subject to site plan review; clarification as to appropriate site plan reviewers for urban agricultural uses; specification of submittal requirements for urban agricultural site plan review
- Specific use standards for urban agricultural uses.
- Specification of standards for accessory uses and accessory structures.
- Recognition of certain pre-existing agricultural operations as nonconforming uses and procedures for confirmation of legal, nonconforming use status.