

Project Schedule

Fall/Winter 2010 PROJECT START-UP

Winter 2011 ISSUES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Topic area discussion groups

Publish *Public Review Draft: Issues and Possible Solutions*

Spring 2011 FIRST PUBLIC REVIEW

Public review comment period; community outreach events and meetings

Compile/summarize public comments

Summer 2011 PROPOSED ZONING CODE LANGUAGE

Develop Zoning Code language for proposed recommendations

Publish *Public Review Draft: Proposed Recommendations*

Fall 2011 SECOND PUBLIC REVIEW

Public review comment period; community outreach events and meetings

Compile/summarize public comments; final staff revisions to recommendations

Publish *Recommendations to the Planning/Sustainability Commission*

Winter 2012 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS

How to Participate and Stay Informed

Project mailing list Email Julia Gisler at julia.gisler@portlandoregon.gov or sign up electronically at www.portlandonline.com/bps/foodcode

Website Go to www.portlandonline.com/bps/foodcode

Advise Participate in the Project Advisory Group; see details at www.portlandonline.com/bps/foodcode

Public reviews Consult the project timeline above and check the website for more details

Public hearings Attend and/or testify at Planning and Sustainability Commission and City Council public hearings

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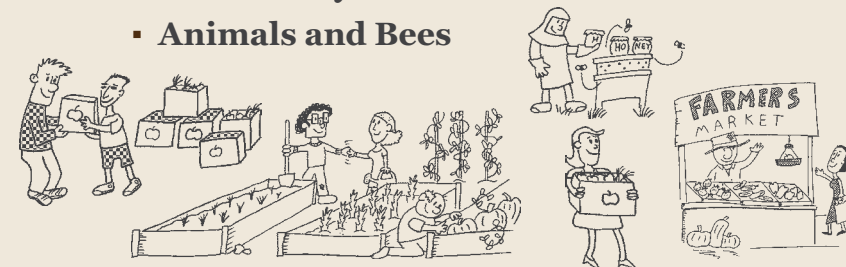
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URBAN FOOD ZONING CODE UPDATE

Enhancing Portlanders' connection to their food and community

Recognizing the connections between food and the community's environmental, economic and physical health, the City of Portland has initiated a project to update its zoning code to promote traditional and emerging ways of producing and distributing food. The project will address five topic areas:

- Urban Food Production
- Community Gardens
- Farmers Markets
- Community Food Distribution Points
- Animals and Bees



Through a robust community discussion, this project will establish zoning code regulations for urban food production and distribution activities that support Portlanders' access to healthy food, while ensuring that surrounding neighborhoods are protected from impacts such as noise, traffic and pollutants.

Interested in finding out more?
Go to www.portlandonline.com/bps/foodcode

See the back page for ways to get involved.

Partners and Advisors

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) and the Portland Multnomah County Food Policy Council are leading a Project Advisory Group (PAG) composed of food, gardening, public health, community and businesses representatives to ensure their perspectives are included as the project recommendations are developed. PAG meetings are open to the public, and announcements and agendas will be posted on the project website. Staff will also consult with appropriate city and county agencies.



Through a grant from the CDC's Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Multnomah County has awarded funds to BPS and Oregon Public Health Institute (OPHI) to ensure health and equity are considered in all aspects of this project. The purpose of CPPW is to prevent obesity and chronic disease caused by physical inactivity and poor nutrition through policy and environmental change strategies such as improving access to healthy food.

An update of the City of Portland's Zoning Code regarding food production and distribution



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Five Topic Areas

An update of the City of Portland's zoning code regarding food production and distribution, the Urban Food Zoning Code Update will address five topic areas.

1 Urban Food Production



As many Portlanders strive to have a deeper connection with the food they eat, food production has increased in front, back and side yards across the city. Some entrepreneurs have even established market gardens and sell the fruits of their labor. The City supports these types of activities and recognizes that growing food within the city improves self-sufficiency, food security and public health.

This project will define different scales of agricultural activities and develop code provisions that determine where, and under what conditions, food production and sales will be allowed in the city.

2 Community Gardens



Community gardens provide an opportunity for residents to grow their own food in a neighborhood setting that promotes healthy eating, physical activity and community interaction. They also provide opportunities to grow healthful food for those in need, as well as provide access to gardening space for those who need it. Portland is actively trying to increase the number of City-managed gardens and support the development of community gardens at schools, faith-based facilities and other institutional sites.

This project will define the characteristics of community gardens and develop code provisions to ensure their development is well integrated and beneficial to the surrounding neighborhoods.



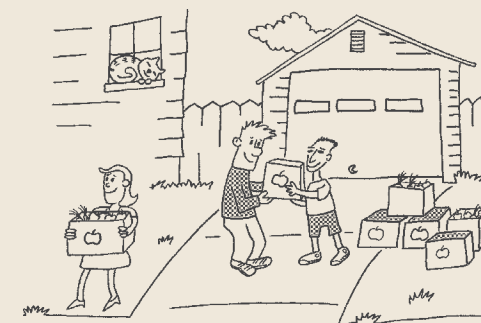
3 Farmers Markets



Farmers markets across the city provide residents access to locally grown produce and healthy food. They support the local and regional economy and provide gathering places for neighbors to interact. Although farmers markets have proliferated and are an integral part of Portland's food culture, current regulations prohibit farmers markets from operating on a consistent basis in many locations across the City.

This project will define the characteristics of farmers markets and develop zoning code regulations that ensure their appropriate siting and economic success, as well as protect the livability of the surrounding neighborhoods.

4 Community Food Distribution Points

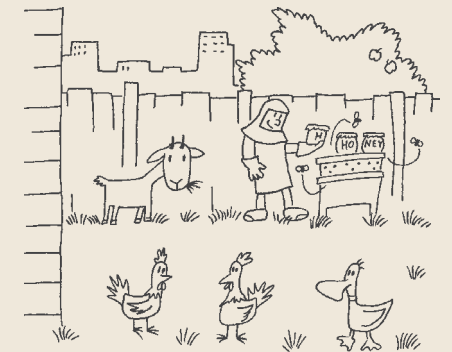


Cooperative buying clubs and community-sponsored agriculture farms (CSAs) benefit local growers and the regional economy, increase awareness of healthful foods and help

residents purchase locally grown food at lower prices. Farmers and/or local distributors deliver in bulk to a central location, where the food is distributed to members who pick up their portion of food. These distribution sites are primarily in residential neighborhoods and issues have arisen — primarily increased vehicle traffic — around the drop-off/pick-up sites.

This project will address the positive aspects of alternative food distribution methods, as well as the possible negative impacts to neighborhoods. Code language will be developed that clarifies how best to regulate these uses.

5 Animals & Bees



Many residents are raising chickens for fresh eggs, goats for milk, and bees for honey. Keeping three animals, such as chickens (hens), pygmy goats and rabbits is currently allowable on a residential lot without a permit. But as the number of residents raising animals for food has grown, so have the questions about regulating the type, number and care of urban animals and bees.

This project will provide an opportunity to identify any existing problems or concerns, and determine if changes need to be made to benefit animal keepers and/or neighborhood welfare.