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June 7, 2012

Dear Council Member:

From Philadelphia to San Francisco, urban agriculture is responding to community needs in a handful of enterprising cities nationwide. In Cleveland, Green City Growers has just broken ground on a cooperative greenhouse in the heart of the city. The cooperative plans to create over 40 worker-owner positions and to produce 3 million lettuce heads and 150 tons of herbs for local sale, all on once blighted land less than three miles from downtown.

Portland's needs differ from those of Cleveland. But the Green City Growers greenhouse is a powerful example of urban agriculture creating jobs, empowering neighbors, and renewing urban space. With these purposes in mind, we write to encourage the City of Portland to expand space for market gardens to emerge and thrive.

Please vote in favor of the Planning and Sustainability Commission's recommended Urban Food Zoning Code Update. By identifying market gardens and allowing for their use in residential zones, the Code Update would diversify opportunities in urban agriculture and draw more Portlanders into local food production and distribution.

Market gardens offer Portlanders exciting new opportunities to prosperous, equitable, and healthy living. By design--growing food for local sale--market gardens offer neighborhood jobs, increase access to healthful food, build community, and cultivate green space. At appropriate scales and designed for neighborhood livability, irrigation, safety, and traffic concerns sometimes associated with market gardening can also be mitigated.

Please show your commitment to Portland's prosperity, equity, and health: support the Urban Food Zoning Code Update. If you would like more information about our purposes and work, please contact Emma's Garden's Research & Policy Director, Jim Mignano, at [jim@emmasgarden.org](mailto:jim@emmasgarden.org).

Sincerely,

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Richard Dickinson  
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June 5, 2012

Dear Mayor Adams, Commissioner Fish, Commissioner Fritz, Commissioner Leonard, and Commissioner Saltzman,

The intent of this letter is to encourage you to approve the recommendations by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability regarding the Urban Food Zoning Code Update. These proposed changes to the zoning code and the way we regulate market gardens, community gardens, food buying clubs, community supported agriculture, and farmer's markets will do wonders for Portland's sustainability, livability, and economic viability. As an interested public citizen I've now met with Julia Gisler and the folks from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability on three separate occasions to talk about their work on this project, and find them to have done excellent outreach and analysis around the topic. My only critique is that we should allow greater-sized market gardens in struggling outer southeast Portland.

I'm currently working with the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association and Friends of Zenger Farm on a collaborative farmer training project, with the hopes of helping a number of aspiring farmers in our area to establish market gardens. We are a small community-based effort that is working to provide education and support to outer southeast residents at little or no cost. The success of our project is dependent not only on the quality of our training and the tenacity of our participants, but on your decision as a council to make changes to our zoning code to allow market gardens and CSAs on residential property. Please support these positive changes.

As a long time resident of Outer Southeast Portland, I'd also like to encourage you to allow for greater sized Market Gardens on land east of I-205. Despite denser zoning, we have many huge open parcels of land in our area, and having market gardens twice the suggested size would still not negatively change the character of our neighborhood. Having different rules for this area could easily be defended given the poverty, food insecurity, and number of food deserts in outer southeast. Residents of outer southeast Portland have long felt undermined by many of the City of Portland decisions for our area, such as the unfair zoning density relative to the rest of the city that we received in the 1990's. To have the Market Garden size pegged directly against zoning density, despite the number of large undeveloped plots, adds insult to injury.

Please know that I appreciate all that is being done to add definition to Portland's Urban Food Zoning Code, and ask for your support!



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June 7, 2012

Mayor Sam Adams and Portland City Council  
 Portland City Hall  
 1121 SW 4th Avenue  
 Portland, OR 97204

Subject: Urban Food Zoning Code Update

Mayor Adams and City Commissioners,

Oregon Food Bank would like to thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of the adoption of the Urban Food Zoning Code Update Recommended Draft. We also support the Planning and Sustainability Commission's recommendation that staff continue to work with community partners to publically promote increased opportunities for food production and access as a result of the changes proposed in this zoning code update.

Families and households in Portland and Multnomah County continue to struggle with food insecurity and lack of access to healthy food. In 2011, 17 percent of the households in Multnomah County experienced food insecurity, and every month about 160,000 households in Multnomah County are accessing SNAP benefits. Oregon Food Bank has seen the demand in Multnomah County for emergency food boxes increase by 14 percent from this time last year, a rate that far outpaces current or anticipated increases in food supply.

In light of Oregon Food Bank's mission to eliminate hunger and its root causes, we have been eager to participate in the Code Development Advisory Group. We gladly support the code revisions that facilitate increased local food system activities and help communities access healthy and affordable food options.

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We are hopeful that increasing opportunities to engage in food system activities for all communities will benefit the specific communities we serve—families living with food insecurity and hunger-relief organizations—through increased production of and access to local and healthy food.

We believe that addressing hunger requires partnerships between the public and private sectors and we are excited to see the city of Portland make access to food a priority through this zoning code update. We encourage you to adopt the changes proposed in the recommended draft.

We look forward to continued partnerships with the city of Portland around these efforts.

Thank you,

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Re: Urban Food Zoning Update

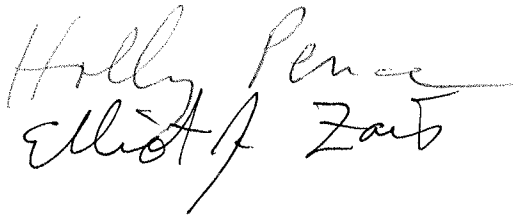
We urge the City Council to adopt the *Urban Food Zoning Code Update: Recommended Draft*, in its entirety.

For several years, we hosted a Community Supported Agriculture farm pickup at our home in North Portland. Early on, we asked the city's planning office about regulations and zoning. They told us that the use was not really addressed in the zoning rules, and that we might be in violation.

Our visiting fellow CSA members were courteous about noise and parking, and the non-member neighbors never complained, that we know of. But we were always a little uneasy about the uncertainty of our status.

The CSA has since outgrown our small garage and moved to another delivery site. But we are pleased to think that clear rules will allow the farmers and their customer-members to have a stable basis for going forward.

Holly Pence  
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Handwritten signatures of Holly Pence and Elliot Zais. The signature of Holly Pence is written in cursive and is positioned above the signature of Elliot Zais, which is also in cursive.