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10-7-8: URBAN AGRICULTURE:

(A) Existing Farms: All farms currently in existence will be permitted to continue operation subject to the following conditions:

1. Any new private stable or other building in which farm animals are kept shall be set back a minimum distance of one hundred feet (100') from any other lot.
2. Limited sales of products produced on a farm or truck farm/garden may be conducted on the premises. To utilize a roadside stand, such stand shall not exceed twelve feet (12') in height or five hundred (500) square feet in floor area, and no portion of any such stand shall be located or erected nearer than fifty feet (50') to any public right of way or adjacent lot line.

(B) Farming Uses In Floodplains: Farming uses are permitted in federal emergency management agency (FEMA) floodplains subject to the requirements of [chapter 10](#) of this title.

(C) Community Gardens: Community gardens are permitted in all zoning districts except the CD, conservancy district, and shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. Use: Community gardens may be the principal or accessory use on a parcel.
2. Excavation: No excavation for the garden shall occur until after the property owner has had all underground utilities located on the site and has clearly marked the area where gardening may occur without disturbance to utilities.
3. Location: Community gardens may not be located within any easement without the property owner obtaining written permission from the easement holder.
4. Signs: One community garden identification sign shall be displayed as regulated by section [10-30-4](#) of this title.
5. Accessory Buildings: Accessory buildings for community gardens are not permitted on vacant parcels. Developed parcels may have accessory buildings as allowed in the underlying zoning district.
6. Fences: Fences are allowed as permitted by section [10-7-19](#) of this chapter and provided they are made of sturdy, rust resistant woven wire and/or rot resistant wood, are well maintained and neat in appearance.
7. Trees: No living trees that are two and one-half inches (2.5") or greater in caliper shall be removed for the community garden.

8. **Parking:** Parking for the garden shall be provided on streets where parking is permitted or on an existing parking surface with the written permission of the owner of the parking surface.
9. **Trash Containers:** Trash containers may be provided on site provided they meet accessory structure setbacks for the underlying zoning district and are screened by an opaque fence and/or landscape plantings of sufficient height to screen the containers. All trash shall be removed from the site at least once per week.
10. **Compost Bins:** Compost bins are permitted as regulated by [title 7, chapter 10](#) of this code.
11. **Setbacks:** The garden shall be set back a minimum of twenty feet (20') from all property lines in order to provide a vegetated buffer of grass or other plants to minimize the transfer of sediment and to delineate the edges of the garden.
12. **Access:** Paths may be installed to access the garden and individual garden plots provided the paths are constructed using natural landscape materials including wood chips, mulch, landscape rock or pea gravel.
13. **Negative Impacts:** The site shall be designed and maintained to prevent negative impacts to adjacent properties from individual gardeners and gardening activities including, but not limited to, irrigation, fertilizer, soils, stormwater, cultivated areas, trespassing and garden debris.
14. **Maintenance:** Community gardens shall be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Trash, weeds, dirt piles and debris of any sort shall not be allowed to accumulate on site. Dead garden plants shall be regularly removed and, in any instance, by no later than October 31 of each year.
15. **Site Restoration:** Upon cessation of the community garden, the site shall be fully restored to the pre-garden status. All aboveground remains of the garden shall be promptly removed and the ground leveled and restored so it can be utilized for uses permitted in the zoning district. (Ord. 1225, 1-18-2011)

6-2-31: CHICKENS WITHIN CITY LIMITS:

(A) Confinement: Every person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors hen chickens must keep them confined on the premises at all times in a chicken coop or chicken run while in the city. Chickens are not allowed to be located in any part of the home and/or garage.

(B) Chicken Coops And Chicken Runs:

1. Any chicken coop and run fencing must be consistent with building and zoning codes.
2. No chicken coop or run shall be constructed on any lot prior to the time of construction of the principal building.
3. Chicken coops and runs shall not be in the front or side yard.
4. Any chicken coop or run shall be set back at least fifty feet (50') from any residential structure on any adjacent lots and ten feet (10') from the property line.
5. Any coop or run shall be screened from view with a solid fence or landscaped buffer with a minimum height of four feet (4').
6. All chicken coops must have a maximum size of ten (10) square feet per chicken and must not exceed six feet (6') in total height. Fenced in chicken runs must not exceed twenty (20) square feet per chicken and fencing must not exceed six feet (6') in total height. Chicken runs may be enclosed with wood and/or woven wire materials, and may allow chickens to contact the ground. Chicken runs must have a protective overhead netting to keep the chickens separated from other animals.
7. Chicken coops must be elevated a minimum of twelve inches (12") and a maximum of twenty four inches (24") above grade to ensure circulation beneath the coop.
8. Chicken grains and feed must be stored in rodentproof containers.

(C) Conditions And Inspection: No person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors hen chickens shall permit the premises where the hen chickens are kept to be or remain in an unhealthy, unsanitary or noxious condition or to permit the premises to be in such condition that noxious odors are carried to adjacent public or private property. Any chicken coop and chicken run authorized under this section may be inspected at any reasonable time by the city animal control officer or other agent of the city. (Ord. 1153, 3-17-2009)

