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From: Christian Fromuth <christian@aguatierra.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 10:45 AM
To: Jennifer Kenny
Subject: RE: Urban Agriculture Update

Thank you.

This is encouraging news for micro-scale urban ag.

Please consider the following comments in favor of additional amendment to the City Ag Ordinance:

We have a single parcel in the NE section of the City that is larger than one acre. We are surrounded by other large parcels larger than one acre. We would like to be free to engage in micro-scale urban agriculture practices for the purposes of 4-H style of activities and for food production self-reliance.

To that end we would like to be permitted to include any of the following farm animals that we may choose:

- Turkeys
- A limited number of pigs
- A donkey
- A pony
- A horse

We are certainly happy to comply with best management practices that may be identified per code in all related care and stewardship activities.

Thank you for presenting this request for consideration in the upcoming ordinance review process.

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Agua Tierra Land and Water Services, Inc.

From: Jennifer Kenny [<mailto:jkenny@ci.olympia.wa.us>]
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To: Christian Fromuth
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Good Morning,

What the Code says now, and there is no proposal to change it, is that:

The keeping of other animals and pets, which are not specifically prohibited in this section is permitted, provided that:

- i. There shall be no more than one (1) animal per acre, in addition to those animals/pets permitted through 1.a. and 1.b. above; and**

ii. Such animals shall be confined within a suitably fenced area which shall be located no closer than fifty (50) feet from any property line; and

iii. The keeping of such animals does not constitute a nuisance or hazard to the peace, health or welfare of the community in general and neighbors in particular.

So under the above circumstances you could have llamas and full sized goats, but not pigs or turkeys. You are free to submit comments to me on this topic or to speak to Council during their public comment period.

Thanks,
Jennifer

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From: Christian Fromuth [<mailto:christian@aguatierra.net>]
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Has there been any discussion for allowing other live stock on lots larger than one acre:

- Full size goats
- Llamas
- Pigs
- Turkeys

Thanks.

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From: Jennifer Kenny [<mailto:jkenny@ci.olympia.wa.us>]
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Good Afternoon,

City Council will discuss changes to the code related to urban farming on **January 8th**. I'm sorry that the date keeps changing but we had to move it to accommodate a state required 21-day review period prior to code changes.

You may comment on the topic at any Council meeting, but know that they won't make any decisions until their January meeting.

The staff report and related documents will be posted [HERE](#) a week before the Council meeting.

Thank you for staying involved. I know this process has been dragging on but we are really close to realizing changes the public has been asking for.

I have attached a matrix that summarizes the recommendations of staff and the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your patience and continued involvement in this important issue.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer

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