

RESOLUTION NO. M-1924

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY GARDENS WITHIN CITY LIMITS, SUPPORTING THE GOAL THAT EVERY RESIDENT LIVES WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE (ONE-HALF MILE) OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN

WHEREAS, community gardens empower residents to become more active in their communities, cultivating volunteers and leaders who come together to create gardens for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, community gardens beautify areas, reduce criminal activity, and prevent trash accumulation in the forms of dumping and littering; and

WHEREAS, community gardens provide access to healthy, seasonal food for people of all economic backgrounds, improving nutrition and food security among residents; and

WHEREAS, community gardens contribute to the preservation of, access to, and use of open space, vacant lots, and public parks; and

WHEREAS, the current City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan put forward a goal of having all residences within walking distance (one-half mile) of a neighborhood park; and

WHEREAS, Sunrise Park and Yauger Community Garden are the two existing community gardens in City of Olympia parks; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members included community gardens on their "top 10" list of new programs/facilities for the Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Olympia supports the creation of sustainable community gardens on both public and private property and will establish policies, procedures, and programs to support the goal of having community gardens on both public and private property within one-half mile of every resident of the City.

SECTION 2. The City of Olympia will work with non-profit organizations, gardeners and neighborhood groups to identify public and private land suitable for community gardens.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 19th day of December 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY