



STAFF REPORT
The City of Oklahoma City
Planning Commission
June 13, 2024

Item No. IV. 24.

Recommendation on a proposed ordinance relating to Zoning and Planning Code, 2020, amending the Bricktown Core Development District, Downtown Design Districts, and Stockyards City Development District to allow certain Urban Agriculture uses as conditional uses. Wards 6 and 7.

I. PURPOSE

This ordinance amendment will amend the Bricktown Core Development District, Downtown Design Districts, and Stockyards City Development District to allow certain Urban Agriculture uses as conditional uses.

II. BACKGROUND

In 2013, the City Council approved amendments to Chapter 59 of the Municipal Code to add several use units related to Urban Agriculture, including Community Gardens (8150.6.1) and Urban Farms (8150.9) as conditional uses in zoning districts across the City. The Downtown, Bricktown, and Stockyards Design Districts were not included in the ordinance amendment. Over the past year, Planning staff has worked with property owners and other stakeholders to assess the appropriateness of allowing these Urban Agriculture uses in these districts.

This ordinance amendment will add Urban Agriculture uses to these design districts in order to accommodate these functions within these areas of Oklahoma City. This amendment also clarifies language related to requirements for structures or buildings that are accessory to a use that would not typically warrant a primary structure, such as a Community Garden. Other design review provisions for features such as building materials and fencing, and the requirement for a Certificate of Approval, remain unchanged.

On April 9, 2024, this ordinance amendment was introduced at City Council and referred back to the applicable review committees for their recommendation.

On April 18, 2024, the Downtown Design Review Committee provided a recommendation to approve the ordinance.

On May 8, 2024, the Stockyards City Urban Design Committee provided a recommendation to approve the ordinance.

On May 23, 2024, the ordinance was introduced at Planning Commission and scheduled for final hearing.

The proposed ordinance amendment is scheduled to be heard on June 12, 2024 by the Bricktown Urban Design Committee.

III. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

For the applicable design districts, the ordinance will:

- Add Urban Agriculture uses, including Community Garden (8150.6.1), Greenhouse (8150.6.3), Home Garden (8150.6.4), Hoop House (8150.6.5), Rainwater Harvesting (8150.7.1), Roof Garden (8150.7.2), and Urban Farm (9150.9) to the appropriate use tables as Conditional Uses;
- Amend regulations pertaining to Exceptions for accessory buildings;
- Amend standards for specific uses to apply to the Downtown, Bricktown, and Stockyards Districts.

The specific language is located in different sections of each of the design district ordinances.

The proposed ordinance is included as an attachment to this report.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of the ordinance to City Council.

Attachments: Ordinance Amendment