

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

3. **TEXT AMENDMENT:** Amendments to Zoning and Development By-law and Business License By-law regarding urban farming

Summary: To introduce definitions and regulations to the Zoning and Development By-law for Urban Farm - Class A and Urban Farm - Class B, add Urban Farm - Class A as a permitted use in all residential districts except RA-1, and add Urban Farm - Class B as a permitted use in various commercial and industrial districts citywide. The changes will help legitimize urban farming and will contribute to achieving Greenest City, Healthy City, Vancouver Economic Action Plan and Food Strategy goals, including supporting the local green economy, creating green jobs, increasing food access, and shortening food supply chains.

Applicant: General Manager of Community Services, in consultation with the Acting General Manager of Planning and Development Services

Referral: This item was referred to Public Hearing at the Regular Council Meeting of February 23, 2016.

Recommended Approval: By the Acting General Manager of Planning and Development Services:

- A. THAT the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to allow Urban Farming - Class A in residential districts and Urban Farming - Class B in commercial and industrial districts, subject to regulations, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Policy Report dated February 9, 2016, entitled "Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law and Business License By-law regarding Urban Farming", be approved.
- B. THAT, subject to enactment of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, the License By-law be amended to add a definition, regulations and license fee for urban farming, generally in accordance with Appendix B of the Policy Report dated February 9, 2016, entitled "Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law and Business License By-law regarding Urban Farming".
- C. THAT, subject to enactment of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, Urban Farming Guidelines generally as set out in Appendix C of the Policy Report dated February 9, 2016, entitled "Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law and Business License By-law regarding Urban Farming" be adopted for use in consideration of applications for urban farms.
- D. THAT, subject to enactment of the amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law, the Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects be instructed to report back to Council on the effectiveness of these initiatives following the 2017 growing season.

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