

Urban Agriculture FAQ

Market Gardens

1. What is a market garden?
A market garden means you can sell what you grow on your property. This includes produce, fruits and flowers. You can also sell eggs.
2. Where are market gardens allowed?
You will be able to have a market garden on any residential property in a Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood. Community development neighborhoods are in the central part of the city and also NE Spokane.
3. Do I need a business license to sell my produce I grow in my yard?
To make it fair for all of our citizens and business owners, a business license will be required. A sole-proprietor earning less than \$18,000 in gross income is eligible for a reduced registration fee of \$55.
4. How large can my Market Garden be?
The Market Garden Program covers gardens up to 4000 square feet. A Market Garden exceeding the 4000 square feet would require a Type II Conditional Use Permit.

Animal Keeping

5. What animals will be allowed?
For every 1,000 square feet of lot size you can have 1 chicken or other small animal. For every 2,500 square feet of lot size you can have 1 small livestock. So if you have a 5,000 square foot lot you can have 5 chickens, or 2 small livestock or 1 small livestock and 2 chickens.
6. What are small livestock?
Small livestock includes small pigs, sheep and goats. These are the non-meat producing breeds and are generally less than 24 inches in shoulder height and weigh less than 150 pounds.
7. What about smelly or noisy animals? Don't they also produce a lot of waste?
If you want small domestics (chickens) or small livestock you will need to take a class on livestock care at the WSU Extension. This class will focus on taking care of your animals and how to deal with these types of issues. You will need to the class completion certificate to legally own these animals.

8. I already own chickens. Will I be grandfathered in and not be required to take the class?
Since there is no way to verify that a citizen owned chickens and other small livestock before this ordinance took effect, all chicken and small livestock owners will be required to take the class through the WSU Extension.
9. Will roosters be allowed under the new animal code?
Roosters will not be allowed under the new code.
10. What cities is this new program modeled after?
Toronto Ontario, Cleveland Ohio, Portland Oregon, and Seattle Washington
11. Is the animal code geographically limited to only Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhoods?
No. Only the Market Garden is limited to the CDBG neighborhoods – as a two year pilot.
12. Do my house pets count towards the number of animals I can have under this new animal code?
No. There are no changes to the current house pet code. (4 house pets regardless of lot size)