

# AREAS OF LOCAL POLICY THAT AFFECT URBAN AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY GARDENING

*NOTE: This list was produced with the understanding that there may not be specific ordinances or statute covering it, rather many procedures may be governed by administrative rules or specific department guidelines*

## LAND TENURE AND USAGE

Including city or county policy on land sales; first rights of refusal on abandoned; non-buildable lots; time frames for non-owner use  
TRANSFER OF PROPERTY/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS  
STRUCTURES ON URBAN LAND

Including modifications to existing structures; housing and building codes

## TRESPASS

## LIABILITY

## NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCES/NUISANCE/MAINTENANCE

Including heights of plants, which might cover some public safety issues (overgrowth as place to hide, etc.); neatness and aesthetics  
COMPOST/"Unwholesome substances"

## STREETS /SANITATION/FLOODING

## STORMWATER CONTAINMENT OR USE

## SOIL TOXINS/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STANDARDS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT USE FOR FOOD

including contact standards (as people are gardening)

## ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY

Including use of public land for profit-making activities; sale of vegetables/health codes; food handling; food processing; commercial sales and how that relates to use-based zoning

## LOCAL PURCHASING/PREFERENTIAL PURCHASING

## LIVESTOCK RAISING

Including processing/slaughtering, sales, food handling

## WATER USAGE/WATER ACCESS

## AIR QUALITY/TRANSPORTATION OUTPUT MITIGATION (as opportunity - gardens capture CO2)

## SEED POLICY

## USE ZONING/MIXED USE