

## Karen Malcom

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**From:** Liz Cabrera  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 2:19 PM  
**To:** Karen Malcom  
**Subject:** FW: Adding language for urban agriculture in revised zoning code

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Karen,

Please add email below to the Commission's packet.

Thanks,  
Liz

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**Subject:** Re: Adding language for urban agriculture in revised zoning code

Hi Mary and Liz,

I am really happy that you two are working on this and that there is a possibility there will some zoning allowances for small farms in Petersburg. The proposed language looks really good but there is one change or addition that would help facilitate small scale food production in Petersburg.

The classic self service (honor system) farm stand is a really efficient way for a small scale farm or market garden to sell it's produce. This would be an especially attractive business model in a small town like Petersburg. It allows the grower to concentrate his or her labor on growing the food and saves valuable time on the sales end of the business. Some provision that allows for self service farm stands to be always open instead of restricted to 4 hours twice a week in residential neighborhoods would be really helpful.

Thanks,  
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(Marja might be writing more comments soon!)

On Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 10:42 AM, Mary Koppes <[marykoppes@gmail.com](mailto:marykoppes@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi y'all-

I've been working with Liz Cabrera to get some urban ag language written into the zoning code during this code revamp that's happening right now. Would you mind to take a look at her draft and give me and/or her some input? Do anything catch your eye as concerning?

See ya soon!  
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From: **Liz Cabrera** <[lcabrera@petersburgak.gov](mailto:lcabrera@petersburgak.gov)>

Date: Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 10:30 AM

Subject: RE: Adding language for urban agriculture in revised zoning code

To: Mary Koppes <[marykoppes@gmail.com](mailto:marykoppes@gmail.com)>

Mary,

Attached is the proposed language. It still needs review and adoption by the Planning Commission. This will likely occur at their March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. From there it goes on to the Assembly for review and approval.

As translation – this allows “Market Gardens” in commercial districts, both downtown and general as well as in rural residential districts, which are large lots primarily out the road.

If you have any additional comments, please send them our way.

Best,

Liz

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**Subject:** Adding language for urban agriculture in revised zoning code

Hi all-

I just submitted a comment via the borough website in regard to zoning code revisions that I wanted to echo here.

I think it's important to add specific language that establishes urban farms as a permitted use in appropriate locations in the Borough. Based on recent research into current zoning codes, urban farms appear to be most consistent with Commercial 1 or 2 land use designations.

Though we do not currently have commercial urban agricultural producers within the Borough, I hope to see more of this activity in the future and am investigating opening a business in the borough that utilizes hydroponic growing techniques in a climate-controlled indoor environment that would allow me to provide leafy greens, lettuce and culinary herbs year-round. I want to ensure this kind of operation is clearly allowable.

Urban farms will be an important way forward as we tackle the problem of food insecurity along with other rural communities in Southeast and throughout the state. They will provide a healthy source of local food as well as educational and economic development opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Mary Koppes

Karen- Can you ensure the planning commission members receive this comment?