

Farmers' Market Text Amendment Z-10-30

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

This text amendment proposes to modify and revise certain provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to:

- Create a definition for Farmer's Markets, producer, farm products, and value-added farm products.
- Identify zoning districts where they would be permitted, and
- Establish minimum criteria under which such establishments may operate.

Substantive Changes to the Regulations

- 1) Changes to Chapter 16-29.001 of the City of Atlanta Municipal Code:
 - a) Farmers Markets: a new definition of "farmers' market" as an outdoor market open to the public selling farm products or value-added farm products. It also defines the following key terms within the farmers' market definition: producer, farm products, and value-added farm products.
 - b) SAP revised permit duration: Currently Farmers' Markets may only receive a Special Administrative Permit (SAP) for 90 days. The revised SAP permitting process will accommodate the full growing season of local. SAPs issued for Farmers' Markets will be valid for 12 months and require annual renewal.
 - c) SAP Permit Criteria: Establishment of minimum criteria under which Farmers' Markets may operate. The criteria include specification of operating procedures, on-site management and operations, parameters for hours of operation, recycling and waste removal.

- 2) Changes to the Zoning Ordinance to allow farmers' markets as permitted uses in the following zoning districts:
 - Residential Limited Commercial (RLC)
 - Office Institutional (O-I)
 - Commercial (C-1 through C-5)
 - Industrial (I-1 and I-2)
 - Planned Developed Districts (PD-MU, PD-PB and PD-OC)
 - Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
 - Live Work (LW)
 - Mixed Residential Commercial (MRC)
 - SPI districts

In the following zoning districts Farmer's Markets shall be limited to parcels used as churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other religious worship facilities or schools:

 - Single Family and Two Family Districts (R-1 through R-5)
 - Multi-family Districts (RG and MR)
 - SPI Districts – residential subareas

- 3) Parking: Establish minimum parking requirements for Farmer's Markets for on-site and off-site parking arrangements.

Other Organizational Changes

Certification: The Mayor's Office of Sustainability will certify that at least one Producer is qualified to operate at the Farmers' Market before the Office of Planning may approve an application for a Farmers' Market special administrative permit.

Questions? Need More Information? Contact...

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