

The Co-ordinator, Planning Committee
City of Hamilton
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To Whom It May Concern in the City of
Hamilton's Planning Committee:

- a) I wish to be notified of the adoption
or refusal of the proposed Official
Plan Amendment & zoning By-law
amendments re:

Official Plan & zoning By-Law Amendments
for Urban Agriculture (Community
Gardens & Urban Farms).

- b) I wish to make a written statement to the
City of Hamilton herein as a submission
regarding the aforementioned amendment as
follows:

As an individual who owns within a
residential area (and therefore this submission
applies to that area) that:

- (i) no community garden or urban
farm permit the use of either
regulated or non-regulated (farming, golf course)
pesticides sold over-the-counter
or through regulated channels (organic
only).
- (ii) Residential areas be permitted to
place a community garden or urban
farm anywhere on their private
property (front yard, rear yard,
rooftop) regardless of where their
building is placed on the property
- (iii) That home-owners be prevented
from ~~being~~ legal action against

- the City of Hamilton if during the course of ^{the} regular maintenance (eg. - snow plowing) or emergency (eg. fire fighting) actions that ~~may~~ ^{they (the City)} damage an urban farm or community garden.
- (iv) That the City of Hamilton request such gardeners to practise environmentally-friendly watering practices to minimize water-consumption
 - (v) That the City of Hamilton provide low-cost/subsidized opportunities for gardeners to obtain rain-barrels to practise sound water conservation/use for their gardens.
 - (vi) That the City of Hamilton provide low-cost/subsidized opportunities for gardeners to obtain compost bins to practice sound, environmentally friendly fertilizing practises for their gardens. Recommend these bins be rodent/above ground not to encourage an ^{infestation} of rodent wildlife into the compost bin.
 - (vii) That the City of Hamilton limit fertilizing such urban farms & gardens to be environmentally friendly
 - (viii) That the City of Hamilton dismiss any wide-sweeping spraying of permitted ^{organic} pesticide & fertilizer, and limit water spraying. (to prevent over-spray to neighbouring properties).
 - (ix) That the City of Hamilton impose fines for vandalism, theft, and/or breaking any city of Hamilton bylaw regarding urban farms

- (x) That the City of Hamilton provide low/no-cost opportunities & brochures on how to safely organize, garden & maintain urban farms & gardens regardless of placement (eg: rooftop safety, water-conservation, etc.)
- (xi) That the City of Hamilton provide "ground rules" ~~for~~ or limits on what is & is not permitted to be grown (eg. - poisonous or invasive species) in urban farms/gardens.

Further, I applauded the City of Hamilton for moving forward with his opportunity for healthy eating & learning how to urban farm & garden in the City.

Please send notification as requested in Item (a) to:

Kimberly McKibbin

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Thank-You
- Kim

(P.S. - My apologies that my printer isn't working properly so that I could not provide this letter in (legible) typed format.)

