

Draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment No. xx

The following text constitutes Official Plan Amendment xx to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan.

1.0 Purpose and Effect:

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to permit urban farmers market in certain geographic areas of the City.

2.0 Location:

The lands subject to this Amendment are located within commercial, institutional and some recreational areas within the Urban Area.

3.0 Basis:

The basis for permitting urban farmers markets in additional geographic areas is that:

- Urban farmers markets provide an additional venue for farmers to sell their produce and products;
- It provides urban areas residents with locally grown food which when picked at height of season is fresher and often has higher nutritional value;
- By expanding venues to buy food, there is a potential to improve food security;
- Due to the short term and temporary nature of the market operation any potential traffic and parking impacts can be mitigated by restricting the maker to larger institutional or park sites that generally have on-site parking; and,
- The proposed amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

4.0 Actual Changes:

4.1 Text Changes:

4.1.1 Volume 1, Chapter C, Section C.3.0 – General Land Use Provisions and Designations is amended by adding the following subsections:

“3.2.5 Urban Farmers Markets

Urban farmers markets are often seasonal temporary venues, where farmers/vendors can sell *local agricultural products*, *value added local agricultural products*, and VQA wines. Other complementary activities such as entertainment, food premises, food or farming demonstrations add to the diversity of the market.

3.2.5.1 Urban farmers’ markets may be permitted in the following designations in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning By-law:

- a) local commercial areas within the Neighbourhoods, designation;
- b) Institutional designations provided the use is located on the same lot as a community facility;
- c) Commercial and Mixed Use Designations; and,
- d) Opens Space designation, except lands:
 - i) designated Neighbourhood Park or Natural Open Space in secondary plans;
 - ii) identified as Neighbourhood Park or Natural Open Space in Neighbourhood Plans;
 - iii) zoned Neighbourhood Park or Conservation Hazard Lands;

4.1.2 Volume 1, Chapter G – Glossary is amended by the addition of the following definitions:

- a) “**Local agricultural products** shall be defined as fruits, vegetables, grains, seeds, flowers, herbs, dairy, fish, meat and poultry, flowers, maple, or honey bee products that have been grown or produced

as part of farm operations in the Province of Ontario."

- b) "**Urban Farmers Market** shall mean a temporary public market operated by a community organization, or a non-profit corporation, at which the majority of persons who operate the stalls sell local agricultural products, value added local agricultural products, or VQA wines provided the products are produced by persons who operate the stalls."

- c) "**Value-added local agricultural products** shall mean raw local agricultural products that have been grown or produced as part of farm operations in the Province of Ontario which have been transformed into another product."

5.0 Implementation:

An implementing Zoning By-Law Amendment will give effect to the intended uses on the subject lands.

This is Schedule "1" to By-law No. _____ passed on the __ day of _____, 2015.

**The
City of Hamilton**

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