



PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCESS

We call for an urban agriculture committee with representation from Council and residents to study the concerns of residents regarding water quality, air quality and noise and recommend a bylaw supportive of urban agriculture and Lantzville’s unique, semi-rural character.

Such a bylaw must be based on expressed principles and measurable standards and balance the interests of all residents in terms of water safety and conservation, air quality and noise.

The same standards must apply equally to all residential activities.

We want a comprehensive bylaw that includes all aspects of urban agriculture suitable to Lantzville, from urban food gardens to market gardens and small farms and including at least one farmers market.

TUPs AND AGRICULTURE

A Temporary Use Permit (TUP) provides a limited time permit, renewable one time only, and costs \$1,150.00.

Despite residents’ public opposition to the use of TUPs for agriculture, Council has told a market gardener in Lantzville to apply for a TUP or be faced with legal action.

HEALTH AND COMFORT CONCERNS

All residents are equally responsible for health, environment and safety and must be held accountable to expressly-stated and measurable standards.

WHO WE ARE

We are a small group of Lantzville residents who support growing healthy, local food. We invite friends from Lantzville, the Regional District of Nanaimo and elsewhere to join us. We believe urban agriculture is an important community value in Lantzville.

WHY WE ARE CONCERNED

Only about 4% of the food consumed on Vancouver Island is produced here. There will soon be less imported food due to climate change and scarce oil. Industrial farming cannot continue, therefore local farming must be increased. Local food, produced without toxins, is good for our families and our local economy. Lantzville residents need the right to grow our own food and sell any surpluses.

OUR PRINCIPLES

- support urban agriculture
- consider everyone’s interests
- treat everyone with respect
- use accurate information

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DISTRICT OF LANTZVILLE ZONING BYLAW 60, 2005
PROPOSED AMENDMENT BYLAW No. 60.23, 2011

***** There is no context for market gardening and/or small farming here: *****

- a. *Urban food garden* means the use of lands not zoned for *agriculture* on a limited scale for the growing, harvesting and wholesaling of fruits, vegetables, and edible plants.
- b. On parcels where *urban food garden* is a permitted use, the following activities shall be permitted:
- i) Growing and harvesting of fruits, vegetables, and edible plants; and
 - ii) Accessory buildings relating to urban food garden and/or other uses on the parcel are permitted to the maximum floor area applicable to each zone.
- c. Despite Section 3.3.12 b), the following activities are prohibited under the definition of *urban food garden*:
- i) Mushroom farming;
 - ii) Smoking of foods;
 - iii) Wholesale or retail sales on the parcel;
 - iv) Slaughtering or butchering; and
 - v) Activities that meet the definition of *restaurant* or *fast food outlet* as defined in this bylaw.
- d. The uses and activities surrounding *urban food garden* must meet the following regulations:
- i) May be conducted by the permanent residents of the parcel or by an individual with the expressed written permission of the owners of the parcel;
FUAL: Why?
 - ii) No artificial lighting shall be used;
 - iii) No pesticides or herbicides shall be used;
FUAL: Does this apply to all residential gardening? What about toxic fertilisers?
 - iv) Composting shall be contained and limited only to organic plant matter generated on the parcel and shall not create odour detectable off the property or create a nuisance for surrounding properties or uses;
FUAL: What are the standards? How are they measured?
 - v) Must not create noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odours, dust, glare, fire hazards, electrical interference, smoke, or any other hazard to any greater or more frequent extent than that which would usually be experienced by properties within that zone under normal circumstances where no *urban food garden* use or activity exists;

FUAL: Why not establish comprehensive standards for all residential use or activity?

vi) The maximum number of persons permitted to be engaged in the urban food garden occupation on any single parcel is 2, and one person must reside on the lot;

FUAL: Why?

vii) For parcels where *urban food garden* is a permitted use, the total area under cultivation and/or storage and/or activities within buildings and structures shall not exceed 20% of the parcel area;

FUAL: Why?

viii) Fruits, vegetables, or edible plants produced for sale or exchange are not available on the parcel for retail sale to the general public;

FUAL: Is this the same standard for all Home-based business?

ix) Properties growing food for more than the personal use of occupants on that parcel shall not use water from the District of Lantzville community water system for irrigation purposes;

FUAL: What is the definition of "irrigation" and what is the standard for residential use?

x) Off street parking on the parcel must be provided for all non-resident workers and/or employees (employees as defined under the *Home Based Business* provisions of this bylaw), to a maximum of 4 parking spaces per parcel;

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xi) All setback requirements for buildings and structures as defined in this bylaw must be met, including those for watercourses;

xii) No business related materials, including machinery or vehicles, shall be visible at any time on any lot on which an urban farm garden exists; and

FUAL: Is this the same standard for all Home-based business?

e. All provisions of section 3.3.5 **Keeping of Animals** also applies to lands where the keeping of animals is permitted.

f. All provisions of section 3.3.11 **Home Based Business** also applies to lands where a Home Based Business is a permitted use.