

**Private Personal Garden or Private Community Garden Self-Certification Checklist**

The City of Sacramento allows for the use of vacant or occupied property for food production when compliant with standards for location and operational characteristics. The City Code defines these as market gardens, public community gardens, private community gardens, and private personal gardens. The purpose of this form is for property owners to self-certify their private personal garden or a private community garden will conform to City Code.

**Project Address:**

By signing below, the applicant certifies they: (a) have read and understand the City Code requirements specified herein; and (b) acknowledge personal responsibility to conduct urban agricultural activities in compliance with those requirements.

**Applicant's Signature:**

**Date:**

**Name of Applicant (Print):**

Review Criteria A or B - <u>Choose One</u> , and Check Box to Acknowledge Compliance. <u>Do Not</u> Check Both Boxes.	
<b>A. Private Garden - <a href="#">Sacramento City Code 17.108.170</a></b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Private garden" means a private food-producing garden that is accessory to the primary use of the site and which is located in the front yard, side yard, rear yard, rooftop, courtyard, balcony, fence, wall, window sill or basement. An example of a primary use is an existing residence.	

**OR**

<b>B. Community Garden – Private - <a href="#">Sacramento City Code 17.108.040</a></b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>"Community Garden, Private" means an otherwise undeveloped lot divided into multiple plots for the growing and harvesting of fruits, vegetables, flowers, fiber, nuts, seeds, and culinary herbs primarily for the personal use of the growers, and that is established, operated, and maintained by a group of persons, other than the city.</p> <p>A community garden does not include a private garden or edible landscaping that is incidental to the primary use of the lot, including a private garden or edible landscaping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) on a lot developed with one or more residences and devoted to the personal use of the occupants of the residences; or</li> <li>(2) on a lot developed with a nonresidential use. Regulation of this use varies, depending on the size of the garden.</li> </ul>	
<i>Urban Agriculture - <a href="#">Sacramento City Code Section 17.228.810</a></i>	
Maintenance. Urban agriculture uses shall be maintained in an orderly manner, including litter removal, irrigation, weeding, pruning, pest control and removal of dead or diseased plant materials.	
<p>A. Equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use of mechanized farm equipment is prohibited in residential districts.</li> <li>2. Exceptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Heavy equipment may be used initially to prepare the land for agriculture use.</li> <li>b. Landscaping equipment designed for household use is permitted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Equipment when not in use must be enclosed or otherwise screened from sight.</p>	

Structures. Structures to support urban agriculture, such as storage sheds, hoop-houses, and greenhouses, are permitted, subject to the regulations of the underlying zone.

**B. Aquaculture operations.**

1. Are allowed as an accessory use in residential and residential mixed use zones (R-1, R-1A, R-1B, R-2, R-2A, R-2B, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-4A, R-5, RMX, and RO). The operation shall be contained entirely within an enclosed structure that meets the requirements of chapter [17.624](#), or in a yard that is screened from view of adjacent streets by fencing or landscaping.

Aquaculture operations in nonresidential zones are allowed, subject to the regulations of the underlying zone.

**C. Urban agriculture stands.**

1. Urban agriculture stands are permitted on the site of an urban agriculture use subject to the following regulations:
  - a. Urban agriculture stands up to 120 square feet are allowed by right.
  - b. Urban agriculture stands larger than 120 square feet shall be subject to the approval of a zoning administrator conditional use permit.
  - c. Urban agriculture stands must be temporary, and must be dismantled and removed during non-operating hours.
  - d. Product sales are limited to produce and value-added products grown and produced on-site.
  - e. Operating hours for an urban agriculture stand are limited to 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. In R-zones, operations shall be further limited to Tuesdays and Saturdays, and a private garden shall be prohibited in the front yard of a lot where an urban agriculture stand is operated. The limitation on the days of operation does not apply to vacant sites in R-zones.
  - f. Parking for two cars shall be available either on-street or provided in an off-street parking facility accessed by an approved driveway.

Urban agriculture stands that sell only fresh produce and are located in residential zones are not home occupations under article II of chapter [17.228](#).

Urban agriculture activities shall include best practices to prevent pollutants from entering the stormwater conveyance system and shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, or regulations, including, but not limited to, the stormwater management and discharge control code in chapter [13.16](#) and the grading, erosion, and sediment control ordinance in chapter [15.88](#). (Ord. 2016-0001 § 32; Ord. 2015-0005 § 43)

*Development Standards for Community Gardens - [Sacramento City Code Section 17.228.820](#)*

Garbage and compost. Garbage and compost receptacles must be screened from the street and adjacent properties by utilizing landscaping, fencing or storage within structures and all garbage shall be removed from the site weekly. Compost piles and containers must be set back at least 20 feet from residential buildings when an urban agriculture use abuts a residential land use.

Fencing not required. Notwithstanding section [17.620.120](#), the development, improvement, or use of a lot for a community garden or market garden does not require the provision of a solid wall along property lines abutting a residential zone or use. (Ord. 2015-0005 § 43)

**City Staff Only**

Garden Type:  Private Personal Garden  Private Community Garden

Project Site Zoning:

Project Site Status:  Vacant  Occupied

Private Garden Allowed?  Yes  No

Private Community Garden Allowed?  Yes  No

Counter Staff (Print Name):