

PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment
Land Use Control File No. C-782
Urban Agriculture

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m.
John P. Robin Civic Building, 1st Floor
200 Ross Street, Pittsburgh PA

A copy of the proposed text amendment may be reviewed online at www.pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/notices and at the Zoning Office on the 3rd floor of 200 Ross St., Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed text amendments on: **Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 2:00 pm**

If you're interested in testifying, please bring a statement that is **no more than 3 minutes long**, explaining how changes to the code will affect you and/or the city. It's best to focus on the aspects of the code that relate to your work and how you feel it will affect your job, community or your home life. Genuine and from the heart is best! **If you're unable to make the meeting but would like to make a statement, please submit a written statement to Dolores Hanna at dolores.hanna@pittsburghpa.gov by March 23rd**, the day before the hearing.

Sample Testimony - *for written testimony, be sure to include a heading to your page that includes this information and the issue City Council is considering, Proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment Land Use Control File No. C-782 Urban Agriculture, and the date of the hearing:*

[Introduce yourself and state any relevant connection to the issue]

Hello and thank you. My name Dora Walmsley and I am the co-owner of 52nd Street Market, a small corner store in Upper Lawrenceville.

[Provide some additional background as to why this is important to you]

Open for just over a year, we work to provide access to affordable, fresh produce and common grocery items. Whenever possible, we source locally in order to support our local economy, by keeping dollars in our community; encourage and support sustainable farming practices, as many of our local farm partners practice organic growing; increase the safety, health and nutrition of our customers, by removing many parts of the distribution

chain seen in our industrial food system; and building community around food through community events, education, partnerships, and product promotion.

[State the action you would like Council to take and why]

It is from this perspective, that I strongly encourage City Council to pass the proposed zoning code text amendment. Passage of this amendment would not only support my small business, by amplifying Pittsburgh's commitment to urban agriculture and local foods, but allow for increased entrepreneurial activity within the City. Currently, we source from 30 local producers, 16 of which source their ingredients locally. On a weekly basis, we interact with new or future entrepreneurs that want to continue the historical traditions of Pittsburgh being a city and a population that makes things. By reducing the barriers around urban agriculture and land use this will allow for an even greater emergence of small food related businesses; making for a better and more secure food system through increased accessibility and affordability of local food. Thank you.