



Selling Produce Grown On Pittsburgh's City-Owned Land

Previously, the City of Pittsburgh did not allow people growing food on City-owned land to sell, and in some cases to donate, produce. The City's position on this has changed. People growing food on City-owned land are now allowed to sell that produce off-site to restaurants, grocers, directly to the public, or donate it. This applies to all growing projects on City-owned land - be it a community garden, personal garden or other urban farm.

If a growing project on City land wishes to conduct on-site sales, there is legislation in place to allow for "Market Stands" to be established. Here is a summary of how this works:

1. The growing project will need to have an Adopt-a-Lot lease agreement with the City (see the [Vacant Lot Toolkit](#) for more info).
2. They will need to obtain a Market Stand Lease from the city at a cost of \$25 dollars annually.
3. They will also need to obtain [Outdoor Retail Sales and Services](#) (912.06) zoning permit to consider parking, placement of the Market Stand, n'at.
4. Sales from these Market Stands are limited to \$10,000 annually. Market Stand operators will need to keep track of on-site sales separately from off-site sales. There is no limit to revenue obtained from off-site sales.
5. If a Market Stand operator exceeds \$10,000 annually in on-site sales, they will have to enter into a commercial lease with the city that allows for a higher volume of production and on-site sales.