



Outdoor Food Growing Rules in Other Cities

Vancouver has four land use definitions in its Zoning and Development bylaw to manage the growing of food indoors and outdoors, including two definitions of “Urban Farm”.

The definition of Urban Farm – Class A in Vancouver is:

Urban Farm - Class A, which means the use of land, with or without a principal building, for the cultivation of fruits or vegetables for sale;

Urban Farm – Class A or B is a listed use in the residential, commercial and fourteen of the fifteen industrial districts.

Edmonton’s Zoning Bylaw includes a use definitions of “Urban Outdoor Farms”. The definition is:

Urban Outdoor Farms means the cultivation and harvesting of plant and/or animal products in urban areas, primarily as an interim Use on idle or under-used land for the primary purpose of wholesale or retail sales. Cultivation and harvesting may occur within unenclosed structures primarily lit by natural light and used for the extension of the growing season, such as cold frames and hoop houses. Accessory structures may include Hen Enclosures or those used for the operation of the Site. Accessory activities may include on-Site sales, composting of plants grown on-Site, or outdoor storage. This Use does not include Livestock Operations, Rural Farms, Recreational Acreage Farms, Urban Indoor Farms, Urban Gardens, or Cannabis Production and Distribution, unless operating pursuant to a registration certificate issued by the Federal Government for personal production or designated personal production for medical Cannabis.

Urban Outdoor Farms is listed in all residential, commercial and industrial districts and seven of sixteen urban service zones.

Victoria’s Zoning bylaw defines “Small Scale Commercial Urban Food Production” as:

- (a) cultivating and harvesting plants or fungi;
- (b) beekeeping and harvesting honey;
- (c) keeping poultry to collect eggs; and
- (d) sorting, cleaning and packaging the items noted above for retail purposes, as well as selling and storing harvesting products on the premises.

“Small-scale commercial urban food production” is a listed and permitted use in all districts in the city.

Finally, Portland in the state of Oregon lists the growing of food using various definitions in all its commercial, employment and industrial zones in its zoning code. “Market Gardens” are defined as:

A site where food is grown to be sold. The food may be sold directly to consumers, stores or other buyers, or at Farmers Markets.

Market Gardens in Portland can include structures and are listed in all commercial, industrial and employment zones with rules managing the sale of value-added products.