

C. FULL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMEMENDMENTS

1. **ZOTA 2017-1: MARKET GARDENS** – petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to define and regulate Market Gardens throughout Lexington-Fayette County.

REQUESTED BY: Urban County Planning Commission

PROPOSED TEXT: Copies available from the staff.

The Zoning Committee Recommended: **Approval**.

The Staff Recommends: **Approval of the Staff Alternative text**, for the following reasons:

1. The 2013 Comprehensive Plan, *Chapter 8: Implementation* recommends updating the community's regulations to permit community gardens in support of Theme A: Growing Successful Neighborhoods. To further implement the Comprehensive Plan, community, and by association market gardens, will help to build stronger neighborhoods by encouraging positive social interactions, reducing food dessert impacts, and promoting sustainable and affordable local food production.
2. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment will help to encourage urban agricultural in Fayette County and also provide appropriate regulations by which agricultural products might be sold on-site, if deemed appropriate by the Board of Adjustment.

Staff Zoning Presentation – Ms. Wade presented and summarized the staff report and recommendations for this text amendment. She said this amendment will allow market gardens, selling of products on site, in particular zones. She said that the Fayette Alliance has submitted a letter of support.

Commission Comments – Mr. Cravens asked if in a residential zone, a person would need to go to the Board of Adjustment. Ms. Wade replied that in order to sell the products, yes, they must go before the Board of Adjustment to request a conditional use permit.

Action – A motion was made by Mr. Owens, seconded by Ms. Plumlee, and carried 9-0 (Brewer and Penn absent) to approve ZOTA 2017-1: MARKET GARDENS, for the reasons provided by the staff.

* - Denotes date by which Commission must either approve or disapprove request, unless agreed to a longer time by the applicant.