

# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item: 6**

**Title: Community Gardens Criteria**

Action    Discussion    Informational

**Date:** November 24, 2015

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**Attachments:** City Community Garden Criteria

## Requested Action

That the NCEC recommend approval of the Community Gardens Criteria.

## Background

In recent years there has been growing interest in using vacant City-owned parcel for gardening. The Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) has drafted two policies for use of vacant City owned lots:

- One would apply to market gardens and urban farms;
- The other applies to community gardens.

These policies would clarify the use of city property for garden use and potentially open up more space for agriculture in Minneapolis.

The NCEC's Policy Task Force has reviewed these proposals and recommends that the Commission endorses the policies for City Council action.

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