

city of **yes** for economic opportunity

Guide to Urban Agriculture

Today's zoning rules put unnecessary constraints on where urban agriculture facilities can find space in NYC. The rules limit business and job growth, and make it harder for communities to expand food access by growing food locally.

*city of **yes** for economic opportunity* is a set of zoning changes to support NYC's economy, including industries like urban agriculture.



The Problem

As technologies change, entrepreneurs can increasingly grow food for their communities indoors — but zoning has not kept up. Urban agriculture in most areas of NYC is only allowed outside or in a greenhouse.

Indoor agriculture is only allowed in Manufacturing Districts. Similarly, businesses that process food or manufacture value-added food products (for example, turning vegetables into salsa) are only allowed in manufacturing districts.

The Solution

*city of **yes** for economic opportunity* would:

- Allow indoor agriculture in Commercial Districts.
- Allow small-scale businesses that process food or manufacture value-added food products in Commercial Districts, and expand an existing cap on how much space commercial bakeries can occupy.

Questions or comments?

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