

City of Wilmington



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Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Property Owners, Community Groups and Interested Parties

FROM: Wilmington Department of Planning and Development

DATE: June 10, 2019

RE: **CPC Resolution 8-19:** Proposed Amendments to Chapter 48 of the City Code to expand the types of uses permitted as a matter-of-right within the M-1 (Light Manufacturing), C-5 (Heavy Commercial), W-1 (Waterfront Manufacturing), W-2 (Waterfront Commercial/Manufacturing) and W-3 (Waterfront Low Intensity Manufacturing/Commercial Recreation) zoning districts to include "Indoor Commercial Horticultural Operations". Zoning Referral 552-19.

The Wilmington City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, First Floor, Louis L. Redding City/County Building, 800 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware.** At that time, the Commission will receive public comment regarding Resolution 8-19, a proposal to amend Chapter 48 of the City Code (Zoning Code) to define indoor commercial horticultural operations and permit them as matter-of-right uses within the following zoning districts: M-1 (Light Manufacturing); (C-5 Heavy Commercial); W-1 (Waterfront Manufacturing); W-2 (Waterfront Commercial/Manufacturing); and W-3 Waterfront (Low Intensity Manufacturing/Commercial Recreation).

With the onset of innovative indoor horticultural production practices in nontraditional urban settings, such as indoor vertical farming and hydroponic farming, Wilmington's Zoning Code is proposed to be updated to encourage and promote these practices within the City. The proposed amendments will facilitate not only plant cultivation but related practices such as harvesting, transportation, packaging, distribution and marketing. These urban farming practices result in the creation of jobs and development of the workforce; increased local food production and supply; the creation of new markets for agricultural producers, consumers, and businesses; the revitalization of abandoned or underused properties and buildings; and community engagement.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this proposal, please contact the Wilmington Department of Planning at (302) 576-3100. Comments on this proposal may also be submitted in writing to Gwinneth Kaminsky, Planning Manager, Department of Planning and Development, Louis L. Redding City/County Building, 800 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Attachment

cc: Honorable Members of Wilmington City Council
Tanya Washington, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor
Herbert M. Inden, Director, Department of Planning and Development