

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-1
(AMP-03-2023)**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN
TO ADD AN URBAN AGRICULTURE ELEMENT**

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 278.160 allows an urban agriculture element to be included within the Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of North Las Vegas (City); and

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 278.160(1)(i) provides that an urban agricultural element must include a plan to inventory any vacant lands or other real property owned by the city or county and blighted land in the city or county to determine whether such lands are suitable for urban farming and gardening; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Master Plan includes Guiding Principles, Goals and Policies that identify tools for implementation of the City's Vision Statement; and

WHEREAS, Guiding Principle 7, Community Services, Amenities and Environment, contains policies intended to create a healthy, sustainable community with sufficient resources available for future generations; and

WHEREAS, urban agriculture contributes to the social, economic, and environmental goals of this community; and

WHEREAS, the growing awareness that locally grown food positively impacts the environment through the benefits of green space; the economy through the development of small-scale farming opportunities; and food security by increasing the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan for Sustainable Development envisions a community with: a diversified economy with a wide range of job opportunities; high quality education for the City's youth and workforce; housing options for all preferences and budgets; a multi-modal, well connected transit system; strong social service network with high-quality health care and access to healthy food; and vibrant neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the amendment was drafted to comply with the objectives established in the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan for Sustainable Development;

WHEREAS, the amendment will guide the City's decision-makers as they work over the next 20 years to implement the Comprehensive Master Plan and achieve the envisioned future of the City;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on May 10, 2023 to consider this amendment to the Comprehensive Master Plan;

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2023, the Planning Commission reviewed and approved this amendment to the Comprehensive Master Plan incorporating an Urban Agriculture Element as part of Guiding Principle 7; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 278.210(3), any amendment to the Comprehensive Master Plan must be by a Planning Commission resolution carried by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved at the regular meeting of the North Las Vegas Planning Commission, held on the 10th day of May 2023, the Comprehensive Master Plan be amended to reflect the following changes to Chapter 3: Guiding Principle 7:

AMEND: Guiding Principle 7, Community Services, Amenities, and Environment, by striking the first paragraph in that section and replacing it with the following: "North Las Vegas will become 'Your Community of Choice' by creating sustainable amenities that promote a sense of community, support environmental resources and provide efficient and reliable services. This will be accomplished through a series of initiatives focused on education, recreation and the environment. Residents will choose this amenity-driven city as a place to live, work, and play. "

AMEND: Guiding Principle 7, Community Services, Amenities, and Environment by adding "Goal.7.9 Urban Agriculture," followed by, "The City will collaborate with other organizations to identify opportunities to promote urban farming and community gardening."

AMEND: Guiding Principle 7, Community Services, Amenities, and Environment by adding the following policies to Goal.7.9 Urban Agriculture:

- Policy 7.9-1 Community Gardening, Encourage the development of community gardens throughout the City by amending city codes and policies to promote urban farming, farmers markets and farm stands.
- Policy 7.9-2 Garden / Farming Opportunities, Establish a process to inventory vacant city lands for suitability for urban farming and gardening. Consider including parks, community centers and other City facilities in the inventory.
- Policy 7.9-3 Sustainable Gardens / Farms, Encourage the use of alternative farming techniques to promote water conservation. Promote the planting of crops suitable for Southern Nevada's arid climate and extreme heat.
- Policy 7.9-4 Farming Education Programs, Support educational opportunities for urban farming.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th day of May, 2023.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

GEORGE WARNER, CHAIRMAN
NORTH LAS VEGAS PLANNING COMMISSION

ATTEST:

ALFREDO MELESIO
LAND DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR



The Cheyenne Technology Corridor will continue to develop as a key area of employment in the city.

GOAL 6.1 ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

The economy of North Las Vegas will offer a diverse mix of businesses that both serve the needs of residents and supply quality employment opportunities.

Policy 6.1-1 Small Business Development

Create programs and resources to promote small business development.

Policy 6.1-2 Business Attraction

Create a marketing strategy to attract regional, national, and international businesses to locate within the city.

Policy 6.1-3 Research Business Cluster

Work strategically with the University of Nevada, the Veterans Administration and other area hospitals and businesses to develop a research business cluster.

GOAL 6.2 LIFELONG LEARNING

The higher education facilities of the city will promote continued education and training of residents and employees.

Policy 6.2-1 Ongoing Education Programs

Strengthen the relationship between the city and its higher education facilities to promote educational opportunities, such as additional professional training, for local residents and employees to promote a highly skilled workforce.

Guiding Principle 7

Community Services, Amenities, and Environment

~~North Las Vegas will become "Your Community of Choice" through its quality services and cultural amenities that promote and enhance the quality of life of its residents. The city will offer residents an attractive community with a strong educational system: good air and water quality; cultural amenities and celebrations; and an extensive parks and trails system. Residents will choose this amenity-driven city as a place to live, work, and play, whether they are single, married, raising a family, or enjoying their years of retirement.~~

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North Las Vegas will achieve this vision by attaining the following goals:

Transmission Line and Substation Plan shall be processed as a Comprehensive Master Plan amendment.

Policy 7.8-3 Multi-Use Utility Corridors

If existing corridors can not meet utility demand, encourage the development of new multi-use utility corridors that ensure safe siting of transmission lines to minimize impacts on existing development.

Policy 7.8-4 Corridor Coordination

Encourage the development of transmission capability and interconnectivity for distributed energy, cogeneration and alternative energy sources, including regional interconnectivity and transmission capability.

Policy 7.8-5 Recreational Uses

Implement the use of utility corridors for potential active and passive recreational uses.

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Guiding Principle 8

A Safe and Livable Community

North Las Vegas will become "Your Community of Choice" by offering its residents a safe community with a strong sense of unity. Pedestrian-oriented design in line with the 10 Smart Growth principles (see page 16) serves to encourage increased interaction between residents. Residents work to enhance a safe, attractive environment within their neighborhoods. Well-planned safety services offer residents a highly responsive emergency response system when needed.

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Schools are a key component of the quality of life in a city and should be well-planned.

GOAL 7.1 QUALITY SCHOOLS

Work with the Clark County School District to provide high quality education and facilities for all students in North Las Vegas.

(Current and planned school facilities are illustrated in Figure A-2: Schools and Higher Education Institutions in Appendix A.)

Policy 7.1-1 School Planning

Coordinate with Clark County School District and developers on the planning and maintenance of school facilities within the city to keep pace with growth.

Policy 7.1-2 Shared Access to Playgrounds

Continue to collaborate with Clark County School District to facilitate public access to school playground and athletic areas.

Policy 7.1-3 Neighborhood-School Connections

Coordinate land use and transportation planning to achieve a high level of access between residential areas and school facilities.



The city will continue to expand its system of parks and trails (linear parks).

GOAL 7.2 PARKS AND RECREATION

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Improvements along subdivision walls, such as landscaping, foster a more attractive environment.

GOAL 8.1 A SAFE COMMUNITY



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Date: April 19, 2023

To: SNRPC Coalition Board Members

From: Planning Directors

Re: **Conformity Finding – City of North Las Vegas Comprehensive Master Plan Amendment – Urban Agriculture Element**

In accordance with the Plan Amendment Review Process, adopted by the Coalition Board on January 24, 2002, the Planning Directors reviewed the **City of North Las Vegas Comprehensive Master Plan Amendment – Urban Agriculture Element** on April 19, 2023.

The Planning Directors are pleased to report that the **City of North Las Vegas Comprehensive Master Plan Amendment – Urban Agriculture Element** substantially conforms and furthers the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan. According to the Plan Amendment Review Process, this finding represents final action by the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition unless a member of the Coalition Board requests a formal review within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice.

If you believe a formal review is necessary, please contact Jenny Penney at (702) 455-5019 to request that this item be put before the Coalition Board.



Southern Nevada Strong Regional Policy Plan Self Assessment

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Master Plan – Urban Agriculture
Element
AREA AFFECTED: City of North Las Vegas
AGENCY/SPONSOR: City of North Las Vegas

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the Urban Agriculture Element is to establish a policy to identify city owned land for urban agriculture. The Urban Agriculture Element (Element) will also establish policies to promote the production of locally grown fruits and vegetables which will increase food access, food security, and improve community health and nutrition.

The new policies included in the Element are intended to help enhance the environment and provide the community with educational opportunities related to gardening and nutrition. The Element further encourages conservation through the development of innovative desert farming practices that reduce water usage and promote renewable energy. Finally, the Element also promotes the sale of locally grown produce to the community through farm stands and farmers' markets.

Specifically, the City is amending the Comprehensive Master Plan Chapter 3, Guiding Principle 7, Community Services, Amenities and Environment definition and also adding a new goal, 7.9 Urban Agriculture. Goal 7.9 Urban Agriculture will include the following new policies; Policy 7.9-1 Community Gardening, Policy 7.9-2 Garden / Farming Opportunities, Policy 7.9-3 Sustainable Gardens / Farms, and Policy 7.9-4 Farming Education Programs.

The Urban Agriculture Element is intended to be a guide for the City to promote opportunities for urban farming and community farming. The proposed amendment is consistent with and complements the following components of the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Policy Plan visions and goals:

SOUTHERN NEVADA STRONG VISION:

Vision #1 – Improve Economic Competitiveness and Education
Vision #2 – Invest in Complete Communities



SOUTHERN NEVADA STRONG GOAL:

Vision #1 – Improve Economic Competitiveness and Education

Goal 3 – Enhance the role of small businesses and entrepreneurs as leaders in economic diversification and revitalization. (See Objective 3.1)

Vision #2 - Invest in Complete Communities

Goal 3 – Supporting access to healthcare facilities, healthy food, parks and community services. (See Objective 3.2)

SOUTHERN NEVADA STRONG OBJECTIVE:

Vision #1, Goal #3

Objective 3.1 – Determine the building and space needs of entrepreneurs and startups to embolden existing small businesses to participate in revitalization.

3.1.4 – Expand and pursue public market concepts that allow flexibility for a diversity of businesses including micro-business, farmers markets or public markets through a public-private partnership.

Vision #2, Goal #3

Objective 3.2 – Research emerging issues and develop partnerships to improve access to affordable and healthy food options.

3.2.1 – To advance the priorities of Food Security in Nevada, Nevada's Plan for Action, support in-depth research on existing or emerging geographic concentrations within Clark County.

3.2.2 – Support and coordinate with organizations working to increase access to healthy food options, including Southern Nevada Health District, Southern Nevada Food Council and the School of Community Health Sciences at UNLV, to identify underserved areas that could support healthy food outlets, urban agriculture, community gardens and farmer's markets.

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DATE: 4/4/2023



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