

**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: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

APPROVED: May 10, 2023



GEORGE WARNER, CHAIRMAN
NORTH LAS VEGAS PLANNING COMMISSION

ATTEST:



ALFREDO MELESIO
LAND DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR